

Suggested Summer Reading List

<i>Author</i>		<i>Title</i>	<i>Genre</i>
Abbott	Tony	Secrets of Droon series	Mystery
Baglio	Ben	Animal Ark series	Fiction
Benton	Jim	Franny K. Stein series	Fantasy
Birney	Betty G.	The World According to Humphrey (and others)	Fantasy
Bishop	Nic	Spiders (and others)	Nonfiction Science
Buckley	Michael	Sisters Grimm series	Mystery
Cowell	Cressida	How To Train Your Dragon series	Fantasy
Greenburg	Dan	The Zack Files series	Fantasy
Hatkoff	Isabella	Owen & Mzee (and others)	Nonfiction
Hale	Bruce	Chet Gecko Mystery series	Mystery Humor
Hunt	Elizabeth S.	Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series	Adventure Fiction
Krulik	Nancy	Katie Kazoo Switcheroo series	Fiction
McCall Smith	Alexander	Akimbo series	Fiction
McDonald	Megan	Judy Moody series; Stink series	Realistic Fiction
McMullan	Kate	The Dragon Slayers' Academy series	Fantasy
Miles	Ellen	The Puppy Place series	Fiction
Osborne	Mary Pope	Magic Tree House Research Guides	Nonfiction
Peirce	Lincoln	Big Nate series	Fiction
Pinkney	Jerry	Aesop's Fables	Fables
Preller	James	Jigsaw Jones Mystery series	Mystery
Prelutsky	Jack	Awful Ogre's Awful Day (and others)	Poetry Humorous
Roy	Ron	A-Z Mystery series	Mystery
Scieszka	Jon	Knucklehead	Biography
Scieszka	Jon	The Stinky Cheese Man	Folklore
Simon	Francesca	Horrid Henry series	Realistic Fiction
Simon	Seymour	Volcanoes and others	Nonfiction Science
St. George	Judith	So You Want To Be An Inventor?	Nonfiction
Van Draanen	Wendelin	Shredderman series	Fiction
Warner	Gertrude C.	Boxcar Children series	Fiction



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2012 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 4

June 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Malden Public Schools' 2012 summer reading list is your ticket to adventurous travels through books. We hope you and your family will read about other countries, cultures, and people all over the world.

Students are required to read for 30 minutes every day during the summer or at least 100 minutes per week. Books can be read by students on their own or with a partner during the summer. Partners for reading out loud can be parents, guardians, brothers, sisters or other interested caregivers.

Students must log their minutes read every night using the enclosed calendar and complete a Reading Response for any one book. Help your child complete the Reading Response by discussing books they have read or books that have been read to them.

We encourage you to visit the Malden Public Library regularly with your child. The library has copies of the summer reading books, offers fun children's activities for free, and runs a 6-week Summer Reading Program (beginning July 2) that provides special incentives to children who read two or more hours each week.

Extra forms will be available at the Malden Public Library and on the Malden Public Schools' website: www.malden.mec.edu. Students must return completed forms to their school in September.

Sincerely,

Dr. David DeRuosi, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

Family Summer Reading Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Children can lose as much as a half a grade level in their reading level during the summer. Between kindergarten and grade 5, not reading over the summer can result in the loss of as much as 3 grade levels of reading growth. The only way to combat summer reading loss is by reading a lot over the summer. Make a plan to read to or with your child everyday for 30 minutes.
- Reading aloud to your child counts as reading. So, if your child isn't reading yet or is reluctant to read on their own, read to them.
- Talk about what you are reading. Give your opinion about the events in the book and ask what your child thinks.
- The best way to learn new words is by reading. Look for words your child may not know as you read. Talk about what they mean. Try to use some of the words later with your child.
- Take books with you wherever you go. Keep books in the car for day trips. Going on errands, take along a set of books to talk about and read as you go. Read at the beach or the park.
- Visit the library as often as possible. If you are having trouble finding books to interest your child, ask the children's librarian for help. They can recommend lots of great books, even for the most reluctant of readers.



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Dream Big
READ!



All students entering grades kindergarten through fourth grade must read at least 30 minutes everyday. All students must turn in a reading calendar when school begins in August and one reader's response.

Need the forms: visit the Malden Public Schools website, www.malden.mec.edu.

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