

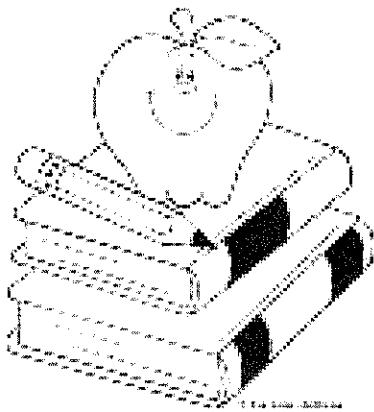
Tanner Williams Elementary

2021 First Grade Summer Reading List

We recommend you read with your child at least 20 minutes each day. Pointing to the words as you read will help your child learn to read. Books in the children's section of the libraries and bookstores are shelved by the authors' last names. Books by any of the following authors are recommended literature for first grade students. Most of these books are meant to be shared aloud with your little one. They will learn to read from left to right, follow a line of print, be familiar with letter sounds, read in phrases, stop at end marks, and recognize the relationship between the words and the pictures by listening to you read to them; all important first grade skills. Most of all your child will learn that reading is fun!

Recommended Authors:

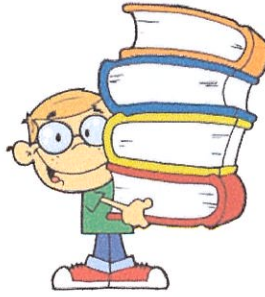
Tedd Arnold
Jim Aylesworth
Jan Brett
Marc Brown
Margaret Wise Brown
Eric Carle
Tomie dePaola
Russell Hoban
Syd Hoff
Leo Lionni
Arnold Lobel
Patricia McKissack
H.A. Rey
Cynthia Rylant
Dr. Seuss



Traditional Fairy Tales, Nursery Rhymes, and Aesop's Fables are also recommended reading for children this age.

The following are things your child should be prepared to do the first week of first grade.

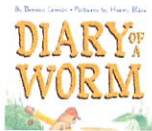
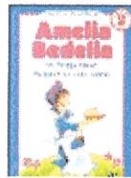
- Preview, or "book walk" the story and discuss the pictures
- Children should reread familiar books to build fluent reading
- Ask your child to name the characters
- Tell what happened first, next and last
- Retell the story in his or her own words
- Draw their favorite part and write about it



Second Grade Summer Reading List

Visit your local library this summer for reading and fun activities! Here is the link to the Mobile Public Library site, www.mobilepubliclibrary.org. Some book ideas to check out are listed below. Remember to invest time this summer reading with and to your upcoming second grader!

- *Amelia Bedila* by Peggy Parish



- *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin

- *The Pigeon Book Series* by Mo Williams



- *Cam Jansen Series* by David A. Adler

- *Frog and Toad Series* by Arnold Lobel



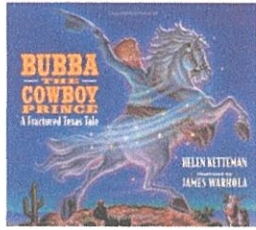
- *Henry and Mudge Series* by Cynthia Rylant

- *Junie B. Jones Series* by Barbra Park

- *Magic Tree House Series* by Mary Pope Osborne

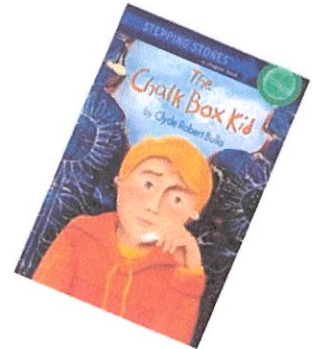


3rd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

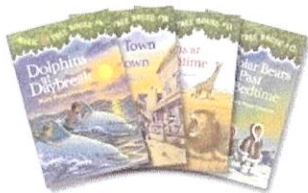


- Bubba the Cowboy Prince by Helen Ketteman

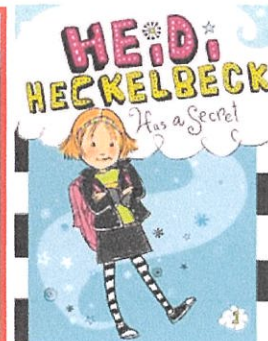
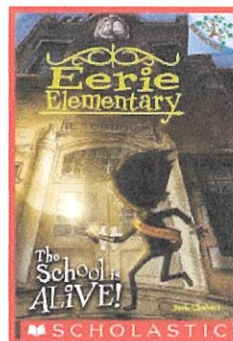
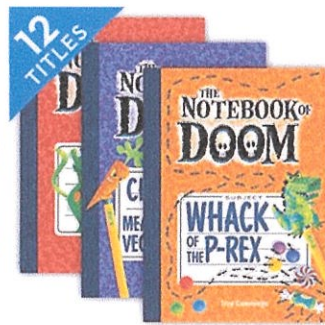
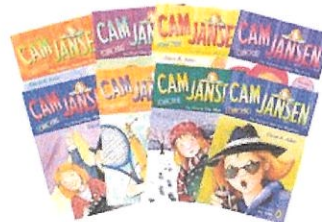
- The Chalkbox Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla



Series Suggestions:



- The Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne
- Cam Jansen books by David A. Adler
- A to Z Mysteries
- Notebook of Doom
- Eerie Elementary
- Heidi Heckelbeck





4th Grade Summer Reading List

We want to encourage all of our students to read, read, and read! Below is a list of suggested books for your child to read this summer. Your child will be able to get a head start on earning AR Points, by taking AR tests on the books they read when school begins in August.

The Magic Tree House Series, Mary Pope Osborne 2.0 - 3.5

Freckle Juice, Judy Blume 3.1

How to Eat Fried Worms, Thomas Rockwell 3.5

I Survived Series, Lauren Tarshis 3.9

Because of Winn-Dixie, Kate DiCamillo 3.9

Satch & Me, Dan Gutman 4.1

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White 4.4

The Chocolate Touch, Doris Gates 4.7

The Family Under the Bridge, Natalie Carlson 4.7

Henry Huggins, Beverly Cleary 4.7

Strawberry Girl, Lois Leenski 4.8

Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls 4.9

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis 5.7

Diary of a Wimpy Kid or Dork Diaries 5.0 - 6.0



Fifth Grade Summer Reading



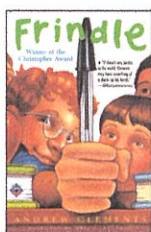
During the summer months, many children lose months of their reading level since they do not read as many books during this time. Therefore, we are asking that each child read **at least** one book during the summer.

They will need to write down the title of this book (or these books) and be

ready to test on them when they return to school in August. This will allow them a jump start on their 1st quarter AR goal. In addition, the students will complete a project on the book that will be presented during the first week of school. They can select **ONE** of the following activities:

- Write a poem about the story and include an illustration. (at least 12 lines long)
- Draw a portrait of the main character and write a summary to accompany the sketch.
- Make a poster advertising the book so someone will want to read it. (include the title, author, and a short summary *without the conclusion*)
- Make a diorama (shoe box scene) from the book and include a summary.

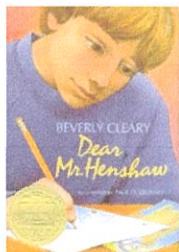
Here are suggested titles:



FRINDLE

by Andrew Clements (book level 5.4, 2.0 points)

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.



DEAR MR. HENSHAW

by Beverly Cleary, Paul O. Zelinsky (illus.) (book level 4.9, 3.0 points)

When fourth grader Leigh Botts asks Mr. Henshaw to write to him personally, he gets more than he bargained for. Mr. Henshaw's letters are full of questions, and Leigh is getting tired of answering them. But as he continues his correspondence with his favorite author, he not only gets plenty of tips on writing, but he also finds a wise and thoughtful friend to whom he can tell his troubles.



THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD

by Lynne Reid Banks (book level 4.6, 6 points)

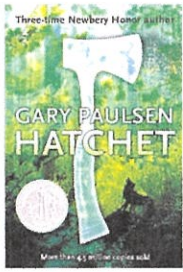
On his ninth birthday a boy receives many presents. Two of them first seem to be less important: an old cupboard from his brother and a little Indian figure made of plastic from his best friend. But these two presents turn out to be much more magic than the rest...



NO TALKING

by Andrew Clements (book level 5.7, 7.0 points)

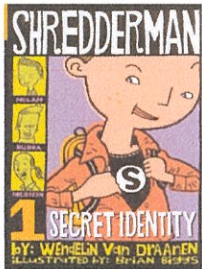
Clements is a master writer for Fifth Graders! In this story, the boys and girls in Dave's class challenge each other to not talk for two days, which has far-reaching and unintended consequences.



HATCHET

by Gary Paulsen (book level 5.7, 7.0 points)

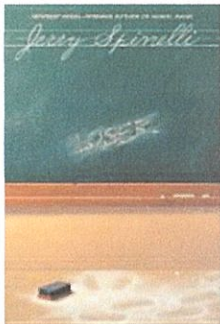
This page-turner is unforgettable! Read about Brian who survives a small plane crash in the wilderness and must learn to survive on his own. You will not want to put this one down until you finish it. Then, you will want to read the sequel: *The River* (book level 5.5, points 4.0) and the alternate ending in *Brian's Winter* (book level 5.9, points 5.0).



SHREDDERMAN

by Wendelin Van Draanen (book level 3.3, 2.0 points)

Read about how Fifth Grader Nolan finds a secret way to expose the class bully who plagues his school. Watch Nolan grow and find himself as he finds an innocent way to fight back.



LOSER

By Jerry Spinelli (book level 4.3, points 5.0)

Just like other kids, Zinkoff rides his bike, hopes for snow days, and wants to be like his dad when he grows up. But Zinkoff also raises his hand with all the wrong answers, trips over his own feet, and falls down with laughter over a word like "Jabip." Other kids have their own word to describe him, but Zinkoff is too busy to hear it. He doesn't know he's not like everyone else. And one winter night, Zinkoff's differences show that any name can someday become "hero."

***If your child is currently reading books in a particular series, it is acceptable for them to continue reading a book from that series as their summer reading. They would complete one of the above projects on it instead of one of the books listed. The book selected must have a point value of at least 2 points. (If your child is a struggling reader, they may read two-1 point books. They can do the project on either book.) You can check the level and point value by looking on www.arbookfinder.com.