

SUMMER READING LIST 2021

Valley Preparatory School

Incoming 1st Graders



Having trouble looking for a good book? The following is a list of books and authors that are **recommended (but not required)** for the interest level of incoming and outgoing first graders. Book ranges are approximate. If you know your child's recent AR level, you may check for the levels of many books online at www.arbookfind.com. Happy reading!

AR LEVEL 1.0 AND BELOW

Story/Picture Books

- At the Carnival by Kirsten Hall
- The Ball Game by David Packard
- A Birthday for Cow! by Jan Thomas
- Duck and a Book by David Shannon

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Step into Reading books, Level 1
- Puppy Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Biscuit series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

AR LEVEL 1.0 TO 2.0

Story/Picture Books

- Clifford books by Norman Bridwell
- Mrs. McNosh books by Sarah Weeks
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
- Sheep in a... books by Nancy Shaw
- Pete the Cat books by James Dean or Eric Litwin

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Scholastic Readers, Level 1 or 2
- Most Step into Reading books, Level 2
- Pinkalicious / I Can Read books by Victoria Kann
- Fancy Nancy / I Can Read books by Jane O'Connor
- Sam series by Mary Labatt
- Fly Guy books by Ted Arnold
- Pete the Cat books by James Dean

AR LEVEL 2.1 TO 3.0

Story/Picture Books

- If You Give A... books by Laura Numeroff
- Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander Steffensmeier
- Froggy books by Jonathan London

Early Chapter Books

- Splat the Cat / I Can Read books by Rob Scotton
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Annie and Snowball series by Cynthia Rylant
- Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Amelia Bedelia / I Can Read books by Peggy Parish
- Most DK Readers, Level 1
- Pete the Cat books by James Dean

Chapter Books

- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Flat Stanley / I Can Read books by Jeff Brown
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline

WONDERFUL AUTHORS TO ENJOY

Books range throughout all levels:

Shel Silverstein	Dr. Seuss
Doreen Cronin	Stan Berenstain
Ian Falconer	Marc Brown
Mercer Mayer	Jack Prelutsky

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Incoming 2nd Graders



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AR LEVEL 1.0 AND BELOW

Story/Picture Books

- Biscuit books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- At the Carnival by Kirsten Hall
- The Ball Game by David Packard
- Big and Little by Joy Cowley
- A Birthday for Cow! by Jan Thomas
- Duck and a Book by David Shannon
- There's a Hole in My Pocket by Akimi Gibson

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Step into Reading books, Level 1
- Puppy Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant

AR LEVEL 1.1 TO 2.0

Story/Picture Books

- Clifford books by Norman Bridwell
- Mrs. McNosh books by Sarah Weeks
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
- Sheep in a... books by Nancy Shaw

Early "Chapter" Books

- Most Scholastic Readers, Level 1 or 2
- Most Step into Reading books, Level 2
- Sam series by Mary Labatt
- Fly Guy books by Ted Arnold

AR LEVEL 2.1 TO 3.0

Story/Picture Books

- The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein
- If You Give A... books by Laura Numeroff
- Millie Waits for the Mail by Alexander

Steffensmeier

- Froggy books by Jonathan London

Early Chapter Books (less than 40 pages)

- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Annie and Snowball series by Cynthia Rylant
- Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa by Erica Silverman
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Young Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler

Chapter Books

- Flat Stanley & the Haunted House by Jeff Brown
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Black Lagoon chapter series by Mike Thaler
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- Pain & the Great One series by Judy Blume

AR LEVEL 3.1 TO 4.0

Story/Picture Books

- Strega Nona books by Tommie DePaola
- Skippyjon Jones books by Judy Schachner
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Chapter Books

- Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler
- Rainbow Fairy series by Daisy Meadows
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Stanley books by Jeff Brown
- Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows
- Black Lagoon series by Mike Thaler
- Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger
- Geronimo Stilton series by Geronimo Stilton

AR LEVEL 4.0 AND HIGHER

Chapter Books

- Wilbur's Adventure by E.B. White
- Some Pig! by E.B. White
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker
- Rainbow Fairy series by Daisy Meadows
- Stanley books by Jeff Brown
- Scooby-Doo! books by James Gelsey
- Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol
- Ramona Quimby series by Beverly Cleary

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- Ian Falconer - Marc Brown
- Mercer Mayer - Jack Prelutsk

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Incoming 3rd Graders

Recommended (but not required)



TRANSITIONAL

- **Henry and Mudge** series by Cynthia Rylant
- **Ready Freddy** series by Abby Klein
- Hello Readers Levels 3 and 4
- Harper All I Can Read Books Level 2 and 3

INTERMEDIATE

- **Horrible Harry** series by Suzy Kline
- **Black Lagoon series** by Mike Thaler
- **Magic School Bus series** by Eva Moore
- **Owl Diaries series** by Rebecca Elliot
- **Magic Treehouse series** by Mary Pope Osborne
- **The Boxcar Children series** by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- **Cam Jansen chapter book series** by David Adler
- **A to Z Mysteries series** by Ron Roy
- **The Kids in Ms. Coleman's Class series** by Ann Martin
- **Pinky and Rex series** by James Howe
- **Commander Toad series** by Jane Yolen
- **Zack Files** by Dan Greenburg
- **Annie Bananie** by Leah Komaiko
- **Flat Stanley series** by Jeff Brown
- **Nate the Great series** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

CHALLENGING

- **Time Warp Trio** by Jon Scieszka
- **Dragon Slayers' Academy** by K.H. McMullan
- **American Girl** series
- **Encyclopedia Brown series** by Donald Sobel
- **Geronimo Stilton series** by Geronimo Stilton (Elisabetta Dami)

NONFICTION BOOKS

If You Lived in the Time Of...series
I Can Read About...series by David Knight
Let's Read and Find Out Science series
Who (What) Is/Was... series
I Survived... series

OTHER CHOICE AUTHORS

Beverly Cleary
Patricia Reilly Giff
Johanna Hurwitz
Patricia Polacco
Roald Dahl

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Incoming 4th Graders

Recommended (but not required)



SERIES:

Warriors

Seekers

Percy Jackson

American Girl

Magic Tree House

Harry Potter

Franny K. Stein

Sisters Grimm

Chronicles of Narnia

Biography series "Who Was..."

"What Is/Was..."

Shark Wars series

Lemony Snicket

39 Clues

Land of Stories

Kane Chronicles

Choose Your Own Happily Ever After

Ranger's Apprentice

Chris Grabenstein series

AUTHORS:

Avi

Jerry Spinelli

Lois Lowry

Kate Di Camillo

Betty Bao Lord

Jon Scieszka

Robert Mc Closkey

Marguerite Henry

Beverly Cleary

Astrid Lindgren

Phyllis Naylor

Sharon Creech

William Longstrong

Eve Bunting

Jean George

Patricia MacLachlan

Andrew Clements

Dick King-Smith

Carl Hiasen

Brian Selznick

Liz Kessler

Cressida Cowell

Pam Munoz Ryan

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Incoming 5th Graders

Recommended (but not required)



From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Koningsbury

Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars

Dead End in Norvelt by Jack Gantos

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall

The Higher Powers of Lucky by Susan Patron

Loch by Paul Zindel

The Lost Years of Merlin by T.A. Baron

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

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Incoming Middle School students



Incoming Sixth Grade: Recommended (but not required)

- *Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulson
- *A View from Saturday* by E.L. Konigsburg
- *The Moorchild* by Eloise McGraw
- *Belle Prater's Boy* by Ruth White
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead
- *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne?
- *Three Times Lucky* by Sheila Turnage
- *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Debora Bogart
- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia
- *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Under the Blood Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury
- *Afternoon of the Elves* by Janey Taylor Lisle
- *The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *Doll Bones* by Holly Black
- *Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar

Incoming Seventh Grade: Recommended (but not required)

- *The Midwife's Apprentice* by Karen Cushman
- *Shadow Spinner* by Susan Fletcher
- *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt
- *A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck
- *Sasquatch* by Roland Smith
- *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry
- *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Transall Saga* by Gary Paulson
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech
- *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *The Percy Jackson* series by Rick Riordan
- *One of us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- *13 Little Blue Envelopes* by Maureen Johnson

Incoming Eighth Grade Recommended (but not required)

- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques
- *The Shadow Club* by Neal Schusterman
- *Dacey's Song* by Cynthia Voigt
- *The Iron Ring* by Lloyd Alexander
- *River Boy* by Tim Bowler

- *Dovey Coe* by Frances O’Roark Dowell
- *The Skin I’m In* by Sharon Flake
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Bomb: The Race to Build—and Steal—the Worlds Most Dangerous Weapon* by Steven Sheinkin
- *Okay for Now* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Sold* by Patricia McCormick
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak.
- *Asylum* by Madeleine Roux
- *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds