

Tewksbury Public Schools
Summer Reading Program for Students Entering Grades K-4

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Summer Reading Program! Reading is not just a pastime; it's a cornerstone of academic achievement. Research consistently shows that students who read regularly perform better in school, making it a priority for us to encourage and nurture this habit.

We kindly request all children to participate in our program by reading **daily** over the summer months. For incoming students in Grades K & 1, we suggest reading to your children for 10-15 minutes a day. For students in incoming Grades 2 -4, we suggest that they read for 15-20 minutes a day. Families and students can showcase their reading by completing/signing the [Bingo Board and Book Log](#). *Students who are currently in Grades 2-4 will also have access to their online Lexia accounts through August 31st to continue practicing reading skills.*

We've compiled a list of suggested authors for students in [Kindergarten and Grade 1](#) and students in [Grades 2-4](#) to assist you and your child in finding engaging reads suitable for their grade level. However, feel free to explore any book that sparks their interest. To help you kick-start your child's reading journey, here are some tips:

- **Follow Their Interests:** Choose books on topics that resonate with your child's interests. Frequent visits to the public library can expose them to a wide array of subjects and genres.
- **Encourage Curiosity:** Children are naturally curious beings. Encourage them to ask questions about the stories they're reading. Engaging in discussions about the plot, characters, and their opinions fosters critical thinking skills.
- **Ask Thoughtful Questions:** Encourage your child to reflect on their reading by asking open-ended questions. Questions like "What do you think will happen next?" or "Why did you like that character?" stimulate their comprehension and analytical skills.
- **Diversify Reading Material:** Encourage your child to explore different genres and formats, from poetry to non-fiction. Varying their reading selections keeps them engaged and broadens their literary horizons.

To ensure participation, please assist your child in reading daily over the summer. Come fall, teachers will collect each child's Bingo Board and Book Log, which should be turned in with a parent/guardian signature. Students who meet this summer's reading requirement will receive a small prize! More importantly, consistent reading over the summer months will better prepare students for a successful school year ahead.

Thank you for your support in cultivating a love for reading in our students. Together, we can inspire a lifelong passion for learning!

Entering Grades 2-4

Suggested Authors for Summer Reading

Picture Books

Agee, Jon
Barnett, Mac
Brett, Jan
de la Peña, Matt
Fogliano, Julie
Gianferrari, Maria
Jenkins, Emily
Lindstrom, Carole
Phùng Nguyễn Quang
Shea, Bob

Easy Readers

Krishnaswami, Uma
Ruzzier, Sergio
Tabor, Corey R.
Willems, Mo
Windness, Kaz

Chapter Books

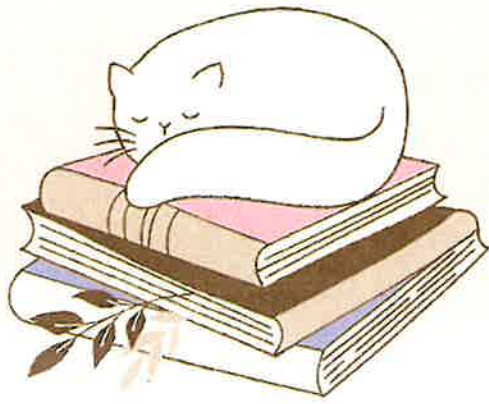
Adler, David A. (*Cam Jansen* series)
Bailey, Jenn (*Henry, Like Always*)
Barrows, Annie (*Ivy + Bean; Iggy* series)
Blabey, Aaron (*Bad Guys* series)
Cummings, Troy (*Notebook of Doom; Binder of Doom* series)
DiCamillo, Kate
Florence, Debbi Michiko (*Jasmine Toguchi* series)
Faruqi, Saadia (*Yasmin and Ali the Great*)
Green, John Patrick (*InvestiGators* series)
Magic Tree House series
McDonald, Megan (*Judy Moody; Stink*)
Park, Barbara (*Junie B. Jones* series)
Ruths, Mitali Banerjee (*The Party Diaries* series)
Selznick, Brian
Sutherland, Tui T. (*Wings of Fire*)
West, Tracey (*Dragon Masters*)
Winick, Judd (*Hilo* series)

Graphic Novels

Baby-Sitters Club series
Baby-Sitters Little Sister series
Brockington, Drew (*CatStronauts; Waffles and Pancake*)
Lowery, Mike (*Bug Scouts and Gingerbread Man* series)
Sutherland, Tui T. (*Wings of Fire* graphic novel version)

Nonfiction

Bishop, Nic
Chin, Jason
Ho, Richard
Keating, Jess
Krull, Kathleen
Leung, Julie
Meltzer, Brad
Pallotta, Jerry
Sorell, Traci
Stewart, Melissa
Tang, Gregory
Weatherford, Carole Boston
Weird but True... series
Who / What Was... series
Who Would Win? series



BOOK BINGO

Kids. this summer try
reading...

A book with a one-word title	A book set in a different country	To a stuffed animal	A book outside, maybe at the beach or by the pool!	A book about animals
A book published in the year you were born	With a grandparent or other older relative	On a rainy day	A book with a number in the title	Using a flashlight
In a swimsuit	At the Tewksbury Public Library or another library	FREE SPACE	A cookbook and make one of the recipes	In your pajamas
A book that won an award like the Caldecott Medal	A biography (that means the story of someone's life!)	A book with a magical creature	A book with a character who is a musician	A book with a title that starts with the first letter of your name
With a friend	In a pillow or box fort	A folktale or fairy tale	A book with flowers or another plant on the cover	A funny book

Name: _____

Tell us what you read!

Two fiction books I read were:

1. _____

2. _____

Two nonfiction books I read were:

1. _____

2. _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____