

Fourth Grade Reading List

All students preparing for fourth grade must read the required English book and at least one book from the supplemental reading options listed below.

Required English Reading

The Sign of the Beaver
by Elizabeth Speare

Supplemental Reading

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Skinnybones by Barbara Park

Call It Courage by Armstrong Sperry

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

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

Prairie School by Lois Lenski

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

On the Far Side of the Mountain by Jean George

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

James and the Giant Peach by Lane Smith

Matilda by Ronald Dahl

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Fifth Grade Reading List

All students preparing for fifth grade must read the required English book and at least one book from the supplemental reading options listed below.

Required English Reading

Gregor the Overlander by Susan Collins

Supplemental Reading

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brien

Heir Apparent by Vivian Van de Velde

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

P.S. Longer Letter Later by Anne Martin

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

A Family Apart by Joan Lowery Nixon

Apollo 13 by James Lovell

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

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

Wringer by Jerry Spinelli

Savvy by Ingrid Law

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

My Brother Sam Is Dead by James Lincoln Collier

The Giver by Lois Lowry



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**Lower School
Summer
Reading List
2010**

Introduction

The Summer Reading Program at Allen reflects several important aims. First, we want to encourage our students to read outside of the classroom and beyond the school year. We also hope to promote an appreciation for a diversity of writing and, as such, offer our students a range of suggested titles. Finally, we value the shared experience of faculty and students reading a common text.

Allen students are expected to read and enjoy books over the course of the summer. Students entering third through fifth grade are **required** to read the **assigned English selection** at their grade level, and **one book of choice** from the selected reading list.

Students should prepare to complete a reading activity to assess their understanding of the literature upon their return to school following the summer vacation.

Students should expect to write/discuss both books during the first week of fall-term classes.

Lower Elementary Reading List

All students preparing for Kindergarten through Second Grade are strongly encouraged to read this summer. Reading lists should be accessed from the Allen Academy website and should be used as a guide as you select books to read to your child and for your child to read. It is not our intent that students read every title on this suggested list. We update the list each year to add recently published titles of merit. Our lists are distributed to all the local public libraries for your convenience. It is our hope that children who attend Allen have the opportunity to use their public library this summer.

- Tips for parents to stimulate children's reading
- Choose books related to the child's interests.
 - Offer several choices without imposing your own preferences.
 - Invite children's opinions on the books they have liked or disliked having them give reasons for their opinions.
 - Read aloud or read together an especially interesting part of the book.
 - Continue to read aloud to your children even after they can read on their own.
 - Help children choose books within their independent reading range.
 - Encourage the child to choose a book to read aloud to someone else.
 - Broaden children's horizons by helping them select from a wide range of subjects.
 - Celebrate reading and instill pride of ownership by giving gifts of books on special occasions.

Have a summer filled
With "great reads!"

Third Grade Reading List

All students preparing for third grade must read the required English book and at least one book from the supplemental reading options listed below.

Required English Reading

Shiloh -Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Supplemental Reading

Ralph S. Mouse - Beverly Clearly

George's Marvelous Medicine – Roald Dahl

Mrs. Piggy Wiggle – Betty McDonald

Martin's Mice – Dick King Smith

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog #1 – John R. Erickson

The Tale of Despereaux – Kate Di Camillo

Judy Moody – Megan McDonald

Who was King Tut? Historical biographies series-Roberta Edwards

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon-Paula Danziger

Sideways Stories From Wayside School-Louis Sachar.