



VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

Entering Grade 1 SUMMER READING LIST

There is nothing more special than creating a lifelong love of reading! Research shows that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Summer is a great time to continue the reading road to success!

Reading is a very developmental skill that children master at different ages. There are many different levels of readers among beginning first graders ranging from non-readers to fluent readers. By the end of first grade the gap closes, and all children will be reading.

We encourage you to keep track of the books your child has read over the summer. We are not requiring a specific number of books to read. This will vary based on the reading level of the child and whether you are reading to/with your child or if he/she is reading independently. Either method will benefit your child!

Here are some tips to encourage reading:

- Set aside a regular family reading and/or read aloud time.
- Read to your child, even the older ones.
- Your child's own choice and interests are important ingredients for reading enjoyment.
- Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.
- Participate in activities at the local library.
- Remember that you have access to MackinVia eBooks all summer long.

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While we have listed suggestions below, there are many wonderful books available in bookstores and at the library.

Sunshine State Young Readers Award Jr, 2016-2017 Book List

The Skunk by Mac Barnett

The Princess and the Pony by Kate Beaton

I Yam A Donkey by Cece Bell

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Duncan the Story Dragon by Amanda Driscoll

Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins

Toys Meet Snow by Emily Jenkins

Sparky! By Jenny Offill

The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires

Interstellar Cinderella by Deborah Underwood

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure by Doreen Cronin

Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman

Amy Namey in Ace Reporter by Megan McDonald

Monkey Me and the Golden Monkey by Timothy Roland

The Yeti Files: Meet the Bigfeet by Kevin Sherry

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Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel

The Mitten by Jan Brett

The Hat by Jan Brett

Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullan

A Butterfly Called Hope by Mary Alice Monroe

Balloon Trees by Danna Smith

Nate The Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin

Tacky the Penguin by Helen Lester

Froggy by Jonathan London

Favorite Authors:

Tedd Arnold

Arnold Lobel

Dr. Seuss

Marc Brown

Robert McCloskey

Shel Silverstein

Nancy Carlson

Beatrix Potter

William Steig

Kevin Henkes

Cynthia Rylant

Don and Audrey Wood

Favorite Series:

Arthur, Marc Brown

Frog and Toad, Arnold Lobel

Biscuit, Alyssa Capucilli

Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parish

Franklin, Brenda Clarke

Curious George, H. A. Rey

Danny and the Dinosaur, Syd Hoff

Little Bear, Maurice Sendak