



# VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

## Entering Grade 3 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!

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!

The “*Five Finger Rule*” may help in selecting appropriate books for your child. If your child reads the first page and makes more than five mistakes, the book is not a good book for your child to read independently. However, it would be a good book for you to read to 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.

On VRA website → Departments → Media Center → MackinVia  
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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 Books, 2016-2017**

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff

All Four Stars by Tara Dairman

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

Dinosaur Boy by Cory Putman Oakes

Eddie Red Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile by Marcia Wells

Fish Finelli: Seagulls Don't Eat Pickles by E.S. Farber

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Gabby Duran and the Unsittables by Daryle Conners and Elise Allen

Half A Chance by Cynthia Lord

The Pet War by Allen Woodrow

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures by Maggie Stiefvater and Jackson Pearce

Prairie Evers by Ellen Airgood

Serafina's Promise by Ann Burg

The Terrible Two by MacBarnett and Jory John

The Worm Whisperer by Betty Hicks

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**by Mary Pope Osbourne**

Any of the Magic Tree House books

**by Linda Gondosch**

Brutus the Wonder Poodle

The Monsters of Marble Avenue

**by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

The Different Home

**by Betsy Sachs**

The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits

Mountain Bike Madness

**by Barbara Parks**

Any of the Junie B. Jones series

**Magazines are always great for reading!**

**by William Hooks**

Pioneer Cat

**by Clyde Robert Bulla**

The Chalk Box Kid

Shoeshine Girl

**by Harry Mazer**

When the Phone Rings

**by Judy Blume**

Fudge-a-Mania

It's Not the End of the World

**By Jerry Spinelli**

Totter Pepperday

The Bathwater Gang

There's a Girl in my Hammerlock!

Crash!