



VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

Entering Grade 5 SUMMER READING LIST

There is nothing more special than creating a lifelong love of reading! It is very important to help your child understand that summer reading can be fun and beneficial at the same time. Children who develop the habit and love of reading not only learn to be better readers, but also achieve success in school.

As your child is becoming a more proficient reader he/she should read from various genres. This can include fiction books, non-fiction books, biographies, magazines, newspapers, etc.

Children entering Grade 5 should **read at least two books from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Book List (SSYRA), 2016**. In addition, your child should read at least 30-minutes a day. A book log should be maintained throughout the summer.

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 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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Favorite Series, Books, and Authors:

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene

The Hardy Boys series by Franklin Dixon

Narnia series by C. S. Lewis

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Spears

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

My Side of the Mountain by J. C. George

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

A Long Way From Chicago by Richard Peck

The View from Saturday and other books by E.L. Konigsburg

Treasury of Children's Classics—*Tom Sawyer*, *Huckleberry Finn*, *Little Women*

Non-Fiction Books/Series:

Eyewitness Books

Dorling Kindersley Book

Kingfisher Knowledge

Usborne Discovery Books