



# VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

## Kindergarten 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 young children 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.

On VRA website → Departments → Media Center → MackinVia  
User name: vra Password: hawks

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

## **Kindergarten**

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

We Are In a Book by Mo Willems

I Can Read With My Eyes Shut by Dr. Seuss

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Willems

My New Friend is So Fun by Mo Willems

One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss

Rumble in the Jungle by Giles Andreae

Beatrice Doesn't Want To by Laura Numeroff

Froggy by Jonathan London

### **Favorite Authors:**

Jan Brett

Kevin Henkes

Laura Numeroff

Eric Carle

Leo Lionni

Jane O'Connor

Lois Ehlert

Bill Martin

Cynthia Rylant

Don Freeman

Robert Munsch

Dr. Seuss

### **Concept Books/Genre:**

Counting Books

Alphabet Books

Color Books

Picture Books

Fairy Tales

Shape Books

Rhyming Books