



# 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.

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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, 2017-2018 Book List**

*Allie, First at Last* by Angela Cervantes

*Almost a World Record Breaker* by Molly Burnham

*Castle Hangnail* by Ursula Vernon

*A Dragon’s Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans* by Laurence Yep and Joanna Ryder

*Framed!* by James Ponti

*The Hero Two Doors Down* by Sharon Robinson

*Maxi’s Secrets: Or What You Can Learn From a Dog* by Lynn Plourde

*My Brother is a Superhero* by David Solomons

*Night of the Living Worms* by Dave Coverly

*Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre

*Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

*The Vanishing Coin* by Kate Egan with Mike Lane

*A Whole New Ballgame* by Phil Bildner

*The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

*Willy Maykit in Space* by Greg Trine

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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!