



# 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), 2017**. In addition, your child should read at least 30-minutes a day. A book log is encouraged 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.

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, 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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## **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