



VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

Entering Grade 2 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
User name: student number Password: school computer password

While we have listed suggestions below, there are many wonderful books available in bookstores and at the library.

Book and Author Suggestions

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

Dogku by Andrew Clements

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Matilda by Roald Dahl

Dinosaurs Before Dark by Mary Pope Osbourne

Cam Jansen by David Adler

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber

Nate The Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Tacky the Penguin By Helen Lester

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon

Favorite Authors:

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| Tedd Arnold | Tomie de Paola | Leo Lionni | Cynthia Rylant |
| Jose Aruego | Lisa Campbell Ernst | James Marshall | Robert D. San Souci |
| Jane Brett | Jules Feiffer | Susan Meddaugh | David Shannon |
| Marc Brown | D.B. Johnson | Matt Novak | William Steig |
| Ann Cameron | Tony Johnston | Laura Numeroff | Rosemary Wells |
| Peter Catalanotto | Barbara Joosse | Margie Palatini | David Wiesner |
| Lauren Child | Kathryn Lasky | Bill Peet | Audrey Wood |

Nonfiction Books by Authors:

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| Jim Arnosky | Douglas Florian | Deborah Heiligman | Seymour Simon |
| David Adler | Gail Gibbons | Jerry Pallotta | Greg Tang |

Favorite Series:

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| All About Science Reader | Froggy | Junie B. Jones | Rookie Biographies |
| Any Caldecott Book | George and Martha | Judy Moody | Rookie Read-About.. |
| Boxcar Children Mysteries | Gus and Grandpa | Little Bill Books | Rookie Reader |
| Curious George | Henry and Mudge | Minnie and Moo | Step into Reading |
| Dial Easy-to-Read | Horrible Harry | Mr. Putter and Tabby | Time for Kids |
| DK Readers | I Am Reading | Nate the Great | Toot and Puddle |
| Frog and Toad | Iris and Walter | Readt-to-Read | Young Cam Jansen |

Magazines are always a great for children to engage children in reading!

Keep in mind some authors write for older children too.

Be sure to check the appropriateness for your child.