



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.

On VRA website → Departments → Media Center → MackinVia

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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 2018-2019 List for Grades 3-5

The Ark Plan by Laura Martin

The Doublecross: (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy) by Jackson Pearce

Dragons and Marshmallows by Asia Citro

The Great Treehouse War by Lisa Graff

Home Sweet Motel by Chris Grabenstein

I Love you, Michael Collins by Lauren Baratz-Logsted

Lemons by Melissa Savage

Lights, Camera, Cook! by Charise Mericle Harper

Overboard! by Terry Lynn Johnson

Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood

Spirit Week Showdown by Crystal Allen

The Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston

A True Home by Kallie George

Ugly Cat & Pablo by Isabel Quintero

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

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Mary Pope Osbourne

Magic Tree House books

Linda Gondosch

Brutus the Wonder Poodle

The Monsters of Marble Avenue

Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

The Different Home

Betsy Sachs

The Boy Who Ate Dog Biscuits

Mountain Bike Madness

Barbara Parks

Junie B. Jones series

Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan

Patricia MacLachlan

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Kate Dicamillo

Because of Winn-Dixie

Flora & Ulysses

The Magicians Elephant

The Tale of Despereaux

William Hooks

Pioneer Cat

Clyde Robert Bulla

The Chalk Box Kid

Shoeshine Girl

Harry Mazer

When the Phone Rings

Judy Blume

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

Fudge-a-Mania

It's Not the End of the World

Jerry Spinelli

Totter Pepperday

The Bathwater Gang

There's a Girl in my Hammerlock!

Crash!

E.B. White

Charlotte's Webb

Stuart Little