



# VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

## Entering Grade 4 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 4 should **read at least two books from the Sunshine State Young Readers Award Book List (SSYRA)**. In addition, your child should read at least 30-minutes a day. A book log should be maintained 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: student number Password: school computer password

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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## **Favorite Authors:**

Roald Dahl  
Phyllis Naylor  
C. S. Lewis  
Judy Blume  
Kate DiCamillo  
Matt Christopher  
Andrew Clements  
Gordon Korman  
Dan Gutman  
Scott O'Dell  
Robert O'Brien  
Avi  
Tony DiTerlizzi  
Rick Riordan  
Blue Balliett

## **Favorite Series:**

*Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer  
*Little House on the Prairie* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*I Survived* series Lauren Tarshis  
*Dork Diaries* series by Nikki Maxwell  
*Captain Underpants* series by Dav Pilkey  
Treasury of Children's Classics

- *Tom Sawyer*
- *Little Women*
- *Swiss Family Robinson*

## **Non-Fiction Books/Series:**

Discovery Channel Books  
Eyewitness Books  
Dorling Kindersley Books  
Kingfisher Knowledge  
Usborne Discovery Books