



# 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)**. 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 Series, Books, and Authors:**

Roald Dahl

Phyllis Naylor

Judy Blume

Kate DiCamillo

Matt Christopher

Andrew Clements

Gordon Korman

Dan Gutman

Scott O'Dell

Robert O'Brien

Avi

Tony DiTerlizzi

Rick Riordan

J.K. Rowling

*Land of Stories* series by Chris Colfer

*Little House on the Prairie* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*I Survived* series Lauren Tarshis

*Chronicles of 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

*Wonder* by R.J. Polacco

*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