



# 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

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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## **Mary Pope Osbourne**

*Magic Tree House books*

## **Linda Gondosch**

*Brutus the Wonder Poodle*

*The Monsters of Marble Avenue*

## **Marjorie Weinman Sharrmaty**

*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*