



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

Entering Grade 4

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