

Rio Grande School Summer Reading

We know that when children read what they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers. Reading is the key to all learning! Read with your child and to your child every day! Even older children love being read to. This summer, set a reasonable goal of one picture book per day for younger readers, and one chapter book every week or two for older readers. Follow up by discussing what you've read – a proven and easy way to strengthen comprehension skills. Keep track of your reading with the attached RGS Summer Reading Log.

The authors below represent some great choices for each grade level. Their books are widely available at libraries and bookstores and in ebook editions. Looking for more specific titles? Try this website of recommended reading lists created by the Houston Area Independent Schools Library Network. <http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>

Please **do not read** the following authors or titles as they will be covered in class:

Entering K-2: Ruth Stiles Gannett, L. Frank Baum, Ursula LeGuin's Catwings series, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Greek mythology, James Howe's Bunnica series, Tomie dePaola's Fairmount Avenue series

Entering 3-4: John Gardiner, Susan Wojciechowski, Betsy Duffey, Beverly Cleary (Ramona Quimby, Age 8), Andrew Clements, Roald Dahl, Carl Hiaasen, Ellen Raskin, Richard Atwater, Zilpha Snyder (The Egypt Game)

Entering 5-6: Lois Lowry, Robert O'Brien, Elizabeth Speare, E. L. Konigsburg, Eleanor Coerr, Scott O'Dell (Sing Down the Moon), Anne Frank, Christopher Paul Curtis (Elijah of Buxton, The Watsons Go to Birmingham), Clyde Robert Bulla (A Lion to Guard Us), Avi (Night Journeys), Jerry Spinelli (Maniac Magee), Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (Shiloh series), James Collier (My Brother Sam is Dead)

K-2 Fiction

Kevin Henkes
Cynthia Rylant
Jerry Pinkney
Donald Crews
Mother Goose
Folk & Fairy Tales
Mary Ann Hoberman
Pat Mora
Steven Kellogg
Rosemary Wells
Ed Young
Jack Prelutsky
Tomie dePaola
Louise Ehlert

K-2 Nonfiction

Nic Bishop
Steve Jenkins
Gail Gibbons
Aliki
Bruce McMillan
Tana Hoban
Anne Rockwell
Franklyn Branley
Lauren Leedy

2-3 Fiction

Mary Pope Osborne
Barbara Park
Shel Silverstein
Megan McDonald
Annie Barrows
Gertrude Chandler Warner
Charise Mericle Harper

Katy Kelly
Sara Pennypacker
John Peterson
Paula Danziger
Carolyn Keene
Franklin Dixon
Bruce Coville
Gail Carson Levine

3-4 Fiction

Dick King-Smith
John Scieszka
Patricia Polacco
Louise Erdrich
Hans C. Andersen
E.B. White
Kate DiCamillo
Pam Munoz Ryan
Matt Christopher
Grace Lin
Eleanor Estes
Patricia Reilly Giff
E.D. Baker

3-4 Nonfiction

Seymour Simon
Kadir Nelson
Jeanette Winter
Sandra Markle
Demi
George Ancona
Jean Fritz
Diane Stanley
Kathleen Krull
Peter Sis

5-6 Fiction

Karen Hesse
Linda Sue Park
Walter Dean Myers
Sharon Creech
Jack Gantos
Paul Fleischman
Karen Cushman
Cynthia Kadohata
Gary Paulsen
Nancy Farmer
Naomi Shihab Nye
Jules Verne
Joseph Bruchac
Laurence Yep
Virginia Hamilton

5-6 Nonfiction

Jean Fritz
Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
David Macaulay
Jim Murphy
James Cross Giblin
Russell Freedman
Shelley Tanaka
Patricia McKissack