

Each summer WCA's students are expected to participate in our summer learning program. The purpose of the program is to create connections with our curriculum, expose students to quality literature, cultivate a love of reading, and prevent loss of skills over summer. All students are required to complete their respective assignments listed below.

Books in bold have an accompanying activity found below, this is due the first day of school. These activities will be your child's first literature grades in their new class for all students admitted prior to July 1st.

Incoming 1st	We do not expect reading fluency at this point. Your young reader may require some assistance as
	they decode words, which is to be expected after the kindergarten year. Consider helping your
	child read through any number of books selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List while
	focusing particularly on his/her development of decoding skills.

Read and/or listen to *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones **Read Go Dog Go by P.D. Eastman.** Complete 1st/2nd activity.

Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List

Incoming 2nd	Read and/or listen to J	<i>Jesus StorvBook Bible</i> b	v Sally Lloyd-Jones.

Read Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile by Tommy DePaola. [Complete 1st/2nd activity.]

Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List.

Incoming 3rd Read Mr Popper's Penguins by Richard & Florence Atwater. [Complete 1 activity.]

Read an Encyclopedia Brown, Boxcar Children, or Beverly Cleary book. [Complete 1 activity.]

Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

Incoming 4th Read Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder. [Complete 3rd/4th activity.]

Read a Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Roald Dahl book. [Complete postcard activity.]

Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

Incoming 5th Read Guns for General Washington by Seymour Reit. [Complete 5th/6th activity.]

**Read** *Tuck Everlasting* **by Natalie Babbitt.** [Complete word art poem activity.]

Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

Incoming 6th Read My Side of the Mountain by Elizabeth George. [Complete 5th/6th activity.]

**Read** *Number the Stars* by **Lois Lowry.** [Complete word art poem activity.]

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### **BOOK RECOMMENDATION LISTS**

# Incoming 1st

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Mike Mulligan & the Steam Shovel Virginia Lee Burton Don Freeman Cordurov Hop on Pop Dr. Seuss Bedtime for Frances Russell Hoban Mouse Tales Arnold Lobel Blueberries for Sal Robert McCloskey The Little Red Hen Diane Muldrow If You Give a Mouse a Cookie Laura Joffe Numeroff Esphyr Slobodkina Caps for Sale

Giant Treasury of Peter Rabbit Beatrix Potter

# Incoming 2nd

Emperor's New Clothes Hans Christian Anderson
Blaze and the Gray Spotted Pony C.W. Anderson

MadelineLudwig BemelmansCul de Sac Kids seriesBeverly LewisSarah, Plain & TallPatricia MacLachlanMake Way for DucklingsRobert McCloskeyMagic Tree House seriesMary Pope OsborneNate the Great seriesMarjorie Weiman Sharmat

City Mouse, Country Mouse John Wallner

#### 1st / 2nd Book Activity

Draw a picture of your favorite character from the book. On the picture, write (or dictate) three words to describe it. On the back write (or dictate), why this character is your favorite.

#### Rising 1st / 2nd Grade Summer Math Work

Practice facts at home, <u>addition 0-10 (rising 1st & 2nd) and subtraction of 0-10s (rising 2nd only)</u>. Students should practice Math facts 5 minutes 3-4 times per week. Suggestions for practice:

- Flashcards
- Printable worksheets available in the WCA Parent Library folder
- Math games
- Math game websites like <a href="https://www.mathplayground.com/">https://www.mathplayground.com/</a> or <a href="www.mrnussbaum.com/math-for-kids">www.mrnussbaum.com/math-for-kids</a>
- Math practice websites like <a href="https://xtramath.org">https://www.math-drills.com/</a>
- Math apps like Monster Math or Splash Learn

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Incoming 3rd

Magic Treehouse: Hour of the Olympics Mary Pope Osborne Rabbit Hill Robert Lawson The Moffats Eleanor Estes Hundred Dresses Eleanor Estes Misty of Chincoteague Marguerite Henry The Indian in the Cupboard Lynne Banks Letters to Levi Elvira Woodruff Henry Huggins Beverly Cleary

The Mouse and the Motorcycle,Beverly ClearyThe BorrowersMary NortonCul-de-Sac Kids SeriesBeverly Lewis

Incoming 4th

Just So StoriesRudyard KiplingLittle House on the Prairie SeriesLaura Ingalls WilderAnne of Green GablesL.M. MontgomeryBlack BeautyAnna Sewell

Island of the Blue Dolphins Scott O'Dell

Twenty-one Balloons William Pene DuBois

The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow
The Magna Carta
Son of Charlemagne
Augustine Came to Kent
Allen French
James Daugherty
Barbara Willard
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#### 3rd / 4th Book Summary Activity

Write a summary of the book, including the beginning, middle and end. Read the summary aloud to a family member to practice before school.

#### 3rd / 4th Postcard Activity

Create a postcard size illustration inspired by the book. On the back, write 3-4 sentences describing your favorite part of the book.

#### Rising 3rd / 4th Grade Summer Math Work

Practice **addition**, **subtraction**, & <u>multiplication</u> (only 0-5s for 3rd) and division (rising 4th only) facts at home. Students should practice Math facts 5-10 minutes 3-4 times per week. Suggestions for practice:

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**Incoming** 5th

Mandy Blue Willow Incredible Journey Owls in the Family The Wizard of Oz The Book of Three Caddie Woodlawn Swiss Family Robinson

Little Women

Lassie. Come Home

Heidi

The Little Princess

Sounder Old Yeller A Jar of Dreams Snow Dog

Banner in the Sky

Incoming 6th

Air Raid, Pearl Harbor Six Sherlock Holmes Stories

Kidnapped Call It Courage

Lord of the Rings Trilogy White Fang

The Prince and the Pauper Around the World in 80 Days

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea

Julie Andrews Edwards

**Doris Gates** Sheila Burnford Farley Mowat L. Frank Baum Lloyd Alexander Carol Ryrie Brink Johann David Wyss Louisa May Alcott Eric Knight Johanna Spyri Frances Burnett William H. Armstrong

Fred Gipson Yoshiko Uchida Jim Kjelgaard

James Ramsey Ulman

Theodore Taylor Arthur Conan Doyle Robert Louis Stevenson Armstrong Sperry J.R.R. Tolkien Jack London

Mark Twain Jules Verne Jules Verne

### 5th / 6th One-Page Book Activity

Create a one page summary of the story elements (Setting, Conflict, Character, Dialogue, Theme, Plot, Climax) you may divide the paper anyway you would like but all elements should be represented. See the first two samples below.

#### 5th / 6th Word Art Activity

Create a picture that symbolizes a theme or character from this book using only important words, phrases, and sentences found in the book. The words will form the outline of your picture like this. See the last two samples below.









#### Rising 5th & 6th Grade Summer Math Work

It is recommended that students spend 10-15 minutes 2-3 days per week practicing Math skills. This is best done using the packets provided in the WCA Parent Library folder labeled Rising 5th and Rising 6th Summer Math Practice but may be done however the parent deems. The answers keys for parents are provided in the folder. Students who struggle with fluency should also practice Math facts in the areas they struggle.