

WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Reading & Math Assignments for Rising Students



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.

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| <i>Incoming 1st</i> | <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Read and/or listen to <i>The Jesus Storybook Bible</i> by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Read <i>Go Dog Go</i> by P.D. Eastman. Complete 1st/2nd activity.
Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List</p> |
| <i>Incoming 2nd</i> | <p>Read and/or listen to <i>Jesus Storybook Bible</i> by Sally Lloyd-Jones.
Read <i>Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile</i> by Tommy DePaola. [Complete 1st/2nd activity.]
Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List.</p> |
| <i>Incoming 3rd</i> | <p>Read <i>Mr Popper's Penguins</i> by Richard & Florence Atwater. [Complete 1 activity.]
Read an <i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>, <i>Boxcar Children</i>, or <i>Beverly Cleary</i> book. [Complete 1 activity.]
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.</p> |
| <i>Incoming 4th</i> | <p>Read <i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> by Laura Ingalls Wilder. [Complete 3rd/4th activity.]
Read a <i>Nancy Drew</i>, <i>Hardy Boys</i>, <i>Roald Dahl</i> book. [Complete postcard activity.]
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.</p> |
| <i>Incoming 5th</i> | <p>Read <i>Guns for General Washington</i> by Seymour Reit. [Complete 5th/6th activity.]
Read <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> by Natalie Babbitt. [Complete word art poem activity.]
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.</p> |
| <i>Incoming 6th</i> | <p>Read <i>My Side of the Mountain</i> by Elizabeth George. [Complete 5th/6th activity.]
Read <i>Number the Stars</i> by Lois Lowry. [Complete word art poem activity.]
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.</p> |

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BOOK RECOMMENDATION LISTS

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Mike Mulligan & the Steam Shovel
Corduroy
Hop on Pop
Bedtime for Frances
Mouse Tales
Blueberries for Sal
The Little Red Hen
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
Caps for Sale
Giant Treasury of Peter Rabbit

Virginia Lee Burton
Don Freeman
Dr. Seuss
Russell Hoban
Arnold Lobel
Robert McCloskey
Diane Muldrow
Laura Joffe Numeroff
Esphyr Slobodkina
Beatrix Potter

Incoming 2nd

Emperor's New Clothes
Blaze and the Gray Spotted Pony
Madeline
Cul de Sac Kids series
Sarah, Plain & Tall
Make Way for Ducklings
Magic Tree House series
Nate the Great series
City Mouse, Country Mouse

Hans Christian Anderson
C.W. Anderson
Ludwig Bemelmans
Beverly Lewis
Patricia MacLachlan
Robert McCloskey
Mary Pope Osborne
Marjorie Weiman Sharmat
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, **addition 0-10 (rising 1st & 2nd) and subtraction of 0-10s (rising 2nd only)**. 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 <https://www.mathplayground.com/> or www.mrnussbaum.com/math-for-kids
- Math practice websites like <https://xtramath.org> or <https://www.math-drills.com/>
- Math apps like Monster Math or Splash Learn

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Incoming 3rd

Magic Treehouse: Hour of the Olympics
Rabbit Hill
The Moffats
Hundred Dresses
Misty of Chincoteague
The Indian in the Cupboard
Letters to Levi
Henry Huggins
The Mouse and the Motorcycle,
The Borrowers
Cul-de-Sac Kids Series

Mary Pope Osborne
Robert Lawson
Eleanor Estes
Eleanor Estes
Marguerite Henry
Lynne Banks
Elvira Woodruff
Beverly Cleary
Beverly Cleary
Mary Norton
Beverly Lewis

Incoming 4th

Just So Stories
Little House on the Prairie Series
Anne of Green Gables
Black Beauty
Island of the Blue Dolphins
Twenty-one Balloons
The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow
The Magna Carta
Son of Charlemagne
Augustine Came to Kent

Rudyard Kipling
Laura Ingalls Wilder
L.M. Montgomery
Anna Sewell
Scott O'Dell
William Pene DuBois
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, & multiplication (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.

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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

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

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

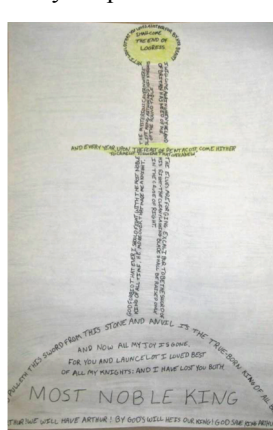
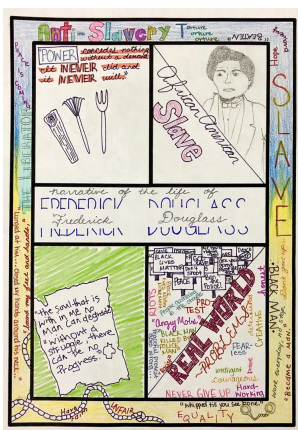
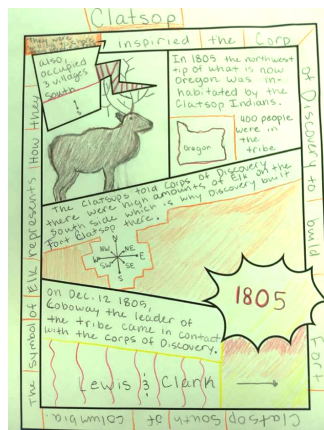
Theodore Taylor
Arthur Conan Doyle
Robert Louis Stevenson
Armstrong Sperry
J.R.R. Tolkien
Jack London
Mark Twain
Jules Verne
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5th / 6th One-Page Book Activity

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.