



Entering 1st or 2nd Grade Suggested Reading

Summer reading is **required** for students entering grades 1 and grade 2 with prize incentives for students at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year. Students **entering grade 1** are required to accumulate a minimum of **900 minutes**. Students entering **grade 2** are required to accumulate a minimum of **1,000 minutes**. Minutes read over the summer beginning June 3 and ending August 28, 2023, can be counted. Students will earn **a grade** for the completion of the required summer reading.

For your convenience, students can log their reading minutes on the calendar provided. Please total the minutes at the end of the summer and record in the link by Friday, September 1, 2023. <https://forms.office.com/r/mTyukZbMTu>. You do not need to return the paper calendar.

The following is a list of suggested books to read and includes some of our favorite authors. Books labeled in red are new books added to the list this year. This list is also located at www.mcamustangs.org

Check out our Padlet that highlights books from our suggested reading list. You'll find book talks and book readings. Click here: https://padlet.com/stacy_huether/uxuuj37p3v689fzj

Suggested Bible Reading:

The Growing Reader Phonics Bible by Joy MacKenzie

The Beginners Bible by Zondervan

Heaven: God's Promise for Me by Ann Graham Lotz

Adventures Odyssey series by Focus on the Family

Happy Days Books by Tyndale

Favorite Authors:

Virginia Lee Burton

Brad Herzog

Cynthia Rylant

Kate DiCamillo

Susan Hill

William Steig

Paul Galdone

Steven Kellogg

Chris Van Dusen

Gail Gibbons

Mercer Mayer

Rosemary Wells

Deborah Guarino

Matt Napier

Karma Wilson

Kevin Henkes

Jerry Pinkney

Jane Yolen

Award Winning Books:

510L- *Hello Lighthouse* by Sophie Blackall

660L- *Going Down Home with Daddy* by Kelly Lyons

610L- *Watercress* by Andrea Wang

Friday Night Wrestlefest by J.F. fox

Magnificent Homespun Brown: A Celebration by Samara Cole Doyon

Outside In by Deborah Underwood

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell

Favorite Series for Independent Reading and Reading Together (arranged by Lexile):

100-200

180-330L- *Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems
180-460L- *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold

180-480L- *If you give...* by Laura Numeroff

200-300

210-650L- *Froggy* by Jonathan London
270-520L- *Click, Clack, Moo* by Doreen Cronin
270-620L- *Curious George* by H.A. Rey

280-520L- *Nate the Great* by Margorie Sharmat
280-570L- *Jigsaw Jones Mysteries* by James Preller

300-400

340-710L- *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy & Herman Parish
340-470L- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik

380L- *Where, oh where, is baby bear* by Ashley Wolff

400-500

410-720L- *Berenstain Bears* by Jan & Mike Berenstain
410-810L- *Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton
430-510L- *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion
440-510L- *Amanda Pig* by Jean Van Leeuwen
460-550L- *Katie Woo* by Fran Manushkin

480-550L- *Fancy Nancy* by Robin Preiss Glasser
480-690L- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
480-700L – *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
500L- *Snipp, Snapp, Snurl* by Maj Lindman
500-530L- *Mother Bruce* and other Bruce stories by Ryan T. Higgins

500-600

520L- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo
530-580L- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliot
540-660L- *Here's Hank* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
540-690L- *My First Little House* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

540-870L- *Fly Guy Presents...* by Tedd Arnold
550-660L- *Billy and Blaze* by C.W. Anderson
580-620L- *Humphrey's Tiny Tales* by Betty G. Birney
570-760L- *Puppy Place & Kitty Corner* by Ellen Miles

600-700

610-950L- *Who was.....* series (biographies)
610-950L- *What If You Had...* by Sandra Markle
710-840L- *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* by Bernard Waber
730-790L- *Claude* by Alex T. Smith
True Books series (non-fiction)

730-820L- *Great Mouse Detective* by Eve Titus
770-1200L - *You Wouldn't Want to....* (Multiple authors)
770-950L- *Where was....* Series (geography)
Blastoff! Readers (State history series)

Single titles great for Reading Together (arranged by Lexile):

200-430L

250L- *I'm Bored* by Michael Ian Black

400L- *Danny and the Dinosaur* by Syd Hoff

340L- *If You Plant A Seed* by Kadir Nelson

410L- *Good Night Owl* by Greg Pizzoli

370L- *We're All Wonders* by R. J. Palacio

440- 500L

440L- *Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present* by Charlotte Zolotow

480L- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina

440L- *King Who Rained* (others) by Fred Gwynne

480L – *Give Me Back My Book* by Travis Foster

450-460L *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* by M.J. Thomas

490L- *What Do You Do with An Idea?* by Kobi Yamada

460L- *Important Book* by Margaret Wise Brown

510-600L

530L- *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* by Hildegarde H. Swift

580L- *Fannie in the Kitchen* by Deborah Hopkinson

530L- *What Do You Say, Dear?* by Sesyle Joslin

590L- *Three Hens and a Peacock* by Lester Laminack

530L- *Josephina Story Quilt* by Eleanor Coerr

590L- *The Somewhat True Adventures of Sammy Shine* by Henry Cole

540L- *Wednesday Surprise* by Eve Bunting

590L- *Sam, Bangs and Moonshine* by Evaline Ness

540L- *Winnie* by Sally Walker

590L- *Star Spangled Banner* by Peter Spier

540L- *Bear Came Along* by LeUyen Pham

590L- *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick

550L- *Blizzard* by John Rocco

600L- *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey

550L- *Knots on a Counting Rope* by Bill Martin Jr.

620L- *Keena Ford and the Second-Grade Mix-Up* by Melissa Thompson

570L- *Ninja Red Riding Hood* by Corey Rosen Schwartz

670L- *Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* by Paul Goble

570L- *The Night Gardener* by Terry Fan

610-900L

610L- *Tale of Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter

730L- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett

650L- *Robins! How they Grow Up* by Eileen Christelow

730L- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt

670L – *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt

750L- *A Seed Is Sleepy* by Dianna Hutts Aston

710L- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey

880L- *First Dog Fala* by Elizabeth Van Steenwyk

No Lexile Level

A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood by Fred Rogers

Being Frog by April Pulley Sayre

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy

I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

Madame Badobedah by Sophie Dahl

Vamos! Let's Go Eat by Raúl the Third

Sorry (Really Sorry) by Joanna Cotler

The Dead Sea Squirrels (series) by Mike Nawrocki

Books on the Paperpie Book Fair

Pup Patrol series by Sally and Darrel Odgers

Shine-A-Light Book series Carron Brown

Ella Diaries series by Meredith Costain

Olivia's Secrets Scribbles by Meredith Costain

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