



Schneckenburger's Summer Reading Program



The summer reading program at Schneckenburger Elementary School is a way to develop a love for reading and literacy and to maintain as well as improve the current level of skills that your student has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your student's summer.

Read as many books as you can, but try to read a minimum of 3 books. A list of suggested book titles is provided, but any other grade appropriate books or books at your student's reading level will be accepted.

We know that your student may need or want you to read some of these books to him/her or with him/her. Reading to your student is special, and we highly recommend it. Students are not required to do a book report, but it is important that they practice their reading skills as well as listen to adults read.

Happy reading!

How To Help Your Student Select A Book:

YOU are the key in helping your student select summer reading books which will be of high interest and will also be at your student's independent reading level.

The independent reading level is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material. Please use these guidelines in helping your student select appropriate reading material.

- Find books about your favorite topic or hobby.
- Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator.
- Browse through the book to see if the illustrations are interesting.
- Read the book summary on the back cover or book jacket.



Use the "Five Finger Rule".

Choose a book that you think you would like to read. Open to any page and begin reading. As you come to words you can't pronounce or don't understand, put up a finger. If you put up five fingers put the book back. It's too difficult for you at this time.

SCHNECKENBURGER SUMMER READING LOG

- Select books from the list provided.
- Record the books you read this summer on this reading log.
- For reading at least 3 book titles and having a parent/guardian sign your reading log, you will receive a special prize reward at the beginning of the school year!
- Keep your reading log somewhere you will not misplace it during the summer.
- **Reading logs are due NO LATER THAN Friday, August 18, 2017.**

Parents/Guardians:















Please sign here validating what your child has completed.
 Reading logs without a signature will not be accepted.




Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____				17-18 Grade Level: _____			
Book	Date Started	Date Completed	Book Title	Author	Genre	# of Pages	Rate the Book (1-5)
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READING GENRES

Genre	Definition	Popular Titles	Similarities
	Uses magic and other supernatural phenomena as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many works within the genre take place in fictional worlds where magic is common.	Lord of the Rings-J.R. Tolkien Harry Potter (series)-J.R. Rowlings Fablehaven-Brandon Mull Percy Jackson (series)-Rick Riordan	
	Uses scientific concepts as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many of these books are set in the future with new innovations in science and technology.	The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy-Douglas Adams A Wrinkle in Time-Madaline L'Engle	
	The events people and places might be real, but the story is fiction. Realistic Fiction can appear to the reader to be something that is actually happening.	Bridge to Terabithia-Katherine Paterson Shiloh-Phyllis Naylor My Side of the Mountain-Jean George Walk Two Moons-Susan Creech	
	These stories usually take place in the past. These books can contain actual settings and historical characters however main characters and the story line are made up.	The Whipping Boy -Sid Fleischman Between Shades of Gary -Ruta Sepetys Little House on the Prairie -Laura Ingalls The Magic Tree House Series -Mary Pope Osbourne Sarah, Plain and Tall -Patricia MacLachlan	
	Are stories that were passed down from one group to another. These stories were told orally and written down at a later date. Fairy tales, and folk tales, and legends are classified as traditional literature.	Little Red Riding Hood -Brothers Grimm The Ugly Duckling -Hans Christian Andersen The Velveteen Rabbit -Margery W. Bianco	
	These texts are written to provide information about a variety of topics (animals, science sports, space, and many more).	The Umbrella-Jan Brett Chameleon, Chameleon-Joy Cowley Prehistoric Actual Size-Steven Jenkins Zoo in the Sky-Jacqueline Mitton	
	Biographies are stories written about a real person's life by another person.	LeBron James-Ken Rapoport Abraham Lincoln-Justine Fontes Taylor Swift-Lexi Ryals The Diary of a Young Girl-Anne Frank Theodore Roosevelt-Sindy Mckay	

				
Fiction	Non-Fiction	May Contain Real Characters and Real Situations	May Contain Made up Characters and Made up Situations	May Contain Made up Characters in Real Situations

First Grade Summer Reading List

- **Frog & Toad Series (any book titles in the series)**
Frog and Toad are the main characters in a series of easy-reader children's books, written and illustrated by Arnold Lobel. Each book contains simple, funny short stories about the adventures of a frog and his friend, a toad.
- **Little Bear Series (any book titles in the series)**
The five classic Little Bear books are lovingly, playful simple stories designed for beginning readers. Little Bear is a playful bear who has many new experiences and Mother Bear is there whenever her Little Bear needs her. The gentle, teasing relationship between Little Bear and his mother will delight readers and encourage them to keep on reading!
- **Rookie Readers (any book titles from the sets)**
Rookie Reader titles are perfect for the emergent reader. The simple and repetitive text makes reading easy while describing familiar ideas, actions, and vocabulary.
- **Elephant & Piggie Books (any book titles from the series) by Mo Willems**
(Titles include *My Friend is Sad*, *Waiting is Not Easy*, *The Thank You Book*, etc.)
These are humorous, easy-to-read books about simple and fun ideas and short stories to act out.
- ***Pete the Cat* (any book titles in the set) by James Dean and Eric Litwin**
Pete the Cat is a groovy, cool cat who sings, plays guitar, explores different things, and has many great adventures in the rhyming, engaging book sets.
- ***The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister**
This book about a beautiful fish who finds friendship and happiness when he learns to share is now available in a board book edition for the youngest child.
- ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (and any book titles) by Eric Carle**
This book follows the ravenous caterpillar's path as he eats his way through one apple (and the pages of the book itself) on Monday, two pears on Tuesday, three plums on Wednesday, and so on, through cherry pie and sausage--until he has a stomachache and is ready to complete the final stages of the butterfly metamorphosis!
- **Any nonfiction book titles**
Any book titles about different topics and information at your student's reading level are great reading materials to prepare your student for the first grade curriculum. Science and Social Studies themes include community, plants/animals, environments/habitats, space, weather, water cycle, and more!



Second Grade Summer Reading List

- **Any book titles by Dr. Seuss**

Dr. Seuss books provide exciting stories with rhyme and repetition that engage readers.

- ***Bad Kitty* (any book titles in the series) by Nick Bruel**

Bad Kitty is a series of books about a mischievous cat and the antics that ensue in her crazy adventures. *Bad Kitty's* naughty and hilarious troublemaking ways with the vet, her birthday, bathtime, and other adventures make these stories fun for readers.

- ***Flat Stanley* (any book titles in the series) by Jeff Brown**

Flat Stanley is a series of books about Stanley Lambchop. An ordinary boy until the night his bulletin board fell off the wall and flattened him. At only half an inch thick, Stanley can slide under doors, mail himself across the country in an envelope, and fly like a kite! This series of books highlights Stanley's outrageous adventures.

- ***Fly Guy* (any book title in the series) by Ted Arnold**

Buzz and his pet, Fly Guy, have many fun adventures. Some of the book titles in the Fly Guy series focus on nonfiction topics and provide information about snakes, weather, firefighters, space, etc.

- ***Nate the Great* (any book titles in the series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat**

In this series, Nat the Great, a young detective, solves mysteries for his friends.

- ***Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon**

While out searching for food, fruit bat Stellaluna and her mother are attacked by a vicious owl. Stellaluna is separated from Mother Bat and taken in by a family of birds where she must put aside her bat habits to fit in with her new family. But one fateful flight when she is separated from her adoptive siblings, Stellaluna is reunited with her bat family and learns that even though we're different, we're very much the same.

- **Multicultural fairy tales (any book titles)**

(Cinderella Stories Around the World: 4 Beloved Tales (Multicultural Fairy Tales) by Cari Meister

Cultures all around the world have their own Cinderella stories. Visit Canada, China, Egypt, and France, and find out whose "glass slippers" are made of red silk, and whose "fairy godmother" is a fish.

- **Any nonfiction book titles**

Any book titles about different topics and information at your student's reading level are great reading materials to prepare your student for the second grade curriculum.

Science and Social Studies themes include community, plants/animals, environments/habitats, space, weather, and more!



Third Grade Summer Reading List

- ***We the Kids: the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States* by David Catrow**
A long time ago our forefathers wrote the Preamble to the Constitution. You have probably read it before, but do you know what it means? This book introduces the constitution through a fun-filled, exciting, and humorous read with cheerful illustrations!
- ***The Fourth Little Pig* by Teresa Celsi**
The sister of the three little pigs comes to visit and tries to persuade her brothers, who have been hermits since an episode with a wolf, to overcome their fears
- ***Stuart Little* by E.B. White**
Stuart Little It is a realistic fantasy about a boy who, though born to human parents in New York City, “looked very much like a rat/mouse in every way.”
- ***No Flying in the House* by Betty Brock**
Annabel Tippens seems like an ordinary little girl; however, she has an unusual life. Instead of parents, she has Gloria, a tiny white dog who talks. One day she learns the truth...she’s half fairy!
- ***Junie B. Jones (any book titles in the series)* by Barbara Park**
Junie B. Jones is one of the funniest students who is honest and sassy and will keep you laughing with her silliness and unique take on school, celebrations, and the world in general.
- ***Magic Tree House (any book titles in the series)* by Mary Pope Osborne**
The series follows Jack and Annie who discover a mysterious tree house filled with books that take them on exciting adventures around the world and through history!
- **Any nonfiction book titles**
Any book titles about different topics and information at your student’s reading level are great reading materials to prepare your student for the third grade curriculum. Science and Social Studies themes include Louisiana, citizenship, government, plants/animals, environments/habitats, space, forces and motion, types of energy, weather, and more!



Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

Fiction Book Titles

- **A to Z Mysteries (any book titles in the series) by Ron Roy**
These 26 books feature a mystery title for each letter of the alphabet.
- ***I Survived* (any book titles in the series) by Lauren Tarshis**
Lauren Tarshis brings history's most exciting and terrifying events to life in this bestselling series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing kids and how they survived!
- ***Who Would Win?* series (any book titles in the series) by Jerry Pallotta**
This series puts various animals against one another in battles with great illustrations and fun facts about each animal. Though it is a fiction book series, it provides nonfiction animal information and allows students to compare and contrast different animal features.
- **Fairy Tale book titles**
 - *Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, etc.*
- **Fractured fairy tale book titles**
Fractured fairy tales are stories that use fairy tales you know and change the characters, setting, points of view, or plots.
 - **The Other Side of The Story series by multiple authors**

Nonfiction Book Titles

- **"Who Was" Biography Series (any book titles in the series)**
 - *Who Was Princess Diana?* By Ellen Labrecque
 - *Who was Dr. Seuss?* By Janet Pascal and Nancy Harrison
 - *Who were the Beatles?* By Geoff Edgers and Jeremy Tugeau

The "Who Was" series is a biography series for children that chronicles the lives of both past and present people who have made an impact in our world.

- **Any nonfiction book titles**

Any book titles about different topics and information at your student's reading level are great reading materials to prepare your student for the fourth grade curriculum. Science and Social Studies themes include World War II, biographies, citizenship, immigration, economy, the 50 states, regions, plants/animals environments, the environment, weather, and more!



Fifth Grade Summer Reading List

Nonfiction Book Titles

- **Any book titles about Galileo**

Galileo is a Renaissance great known just by his first name--a name that is synonymous with scientific achievement. Born in Pisa, Italy, in the sixteenth century, Galileo contributed to the era's great rebirth of knowledge. He invented a telescope to observe the heavens. From there, not even the sky was the limit! He turned long-held notions about the universe upside down with his support of a sun-centric solar system.

- *Who Was Galileo?* by Patricia Brennan Demuth and John O'Brien
- *Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei* by Peter Sis

- ***Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary* by Patricia Hermes**

Elizabeth is only nine when she and her parents leave Plymouth, England for Jamestown, Virginia, to establish America's first permanent English colony. Through her diary entries readers meet such important historical figures as Captain John Smith, Pocahontas, and Chief Powhatan. Young Elizabeth writes of lazy settlers who steal from the Indians and the horrors of watching friends die from disease and starvation. But she also writes of the joys of a new baby being born, the courage and resourcefulness of the settlers, and the leadership qualities of people like Captain John Smith.

- ***Standing in the Light: the Captive Diary of Catharine Carey Logan* by Mary Pope Osborne**

A Quaker girl's diary reflects her experiences growing up in the Delaware River Valley of Pennsylvania and her capture by Lenape Indians in 1763.

- ***You Wouldn't Want to Be an American Colonist!: a Settlement You'd Rather Not Start* by Jacqueline Morley**

This book in the humorous history series engages readers by making them part of the story. Readers will become the main character and can revel in the gory and dark sides of life in the American colonies.

- **Any nonfiction book titles**

Any book titles about different topics and information at your student's reading level are great reading materials to prepare your student for the fifth grade curriculum. Science and Social Studies themes include ancient civilizations, New World, colonial period, immigration, economics, scientists, solar system, energy, weather, and more!



Fifth Grade Summer Reading List (continued)

Fiction Book Titles

- **The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick**

Hugo is an orphan, clock keeper, and thief who lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. His world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric, bookish girl and a bitter old man who runs a toy booth, and Hugo's undercover life and his most precious secret are put in jeopardy.

- ***I Funny (any book title in the series) by James Patterson***

Jamie Grimm is a middle schooler on a mission: he wants to become the world's greatest standup comedian—even if he doesn't have a lot to laugh about these days. When Uncle Frankie mentions a contest called The Planet's Funniest Kid Comic, Jamie knows he has to enter. But are the judges only rewarding him out of pity because of his wheelchair? Will Jamie ever share the secret of his troubled past instead of hiding behind his comedy act?

- ***Middle School: the Worst Years of My Life (any book title in the series) by James Patterson***

Rafe Khatchadorian is a student at Hills Village Middle School who deals with middle school, family, and everyday school and family realities using a variety of coping mechanisms and creative strategies.

- ***Emily Windsnap (any book in the series) by Liz Kessler***

A young girl learns she's half mermaid and plunges into a scheme to reunite with her father in this entrancing, satisfying tale that beckons readers far below the waves.

