

2019 Summer Reading Challenge

As our school year comes to a close, we all look forward to summer, a time that affords us a chance to relax and have fun with family and friends. In addition, summer is a great opportunity to encourage your child to explore great books. WTS students are encouraged explore a variety of literary genres this summer. Books will take them to places near and far, without ever leaving home. Summer reading is the perfect vacation destination for everyone!

At White Township School, literacy is a priority at every grade level. We are enlisting families' help to ensure our children are reading over the summer. WTS invites students to challenge themselves as readers throughout the summer. With the help of our teachers, we have compiled suggested reading lists by grade level. Local libraries are also excellent resources for recommended books. As your child reads, record books on the 2019 Summer Reading Log that was sent home with your child and can be found on our website. Remember to turn in your summer reading log in September so we may recognize your child's efforts in the fall. Supporting and encouraging your child to grow as a reader is very much appreciated!

Find "Just Right Books" with the...

FIVE FINGER RULE!

Choose a book and read the first page or two.

Put one finger up for every word you don't know.

If five of your fingers go up while reading, choose another book.

If only two or three fingers go up, you've found a "just right" book.

Links below are for additional summer reading lists and resources to help with summer reading selections.

* **Book recommendations by grade level:**
<https://www.the-best-childrens-books.org>

* **Audio books for reluctant readers:**
<https://librivox.org/>

* **Books and reviews, authors, and children's books:**
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

* **Tool to help find a book that's just right:**
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/>

* **Summer reading lists and book-inspired activities:**
<https://www.thechildrensbookreview.com>

* **Children's reading lists by grade level and topic/genre:**
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/>

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2019 Suggested Summer Reading Book List

Entering Grades 6 -8



Entering Grade 6 Fiction:

Artemis Fowl by Colter
Birdwing by Martin
Boy at War by Mazer
Bridge to Terabithia by Paterson
Dragon Rider by Funke
Edge Chronicles, The by Stewart & Ridell.
Hatchet by Paulsen
Last Apprentice, (Series) by Delaney
Magician's Elephant by DiCamillo
Mike Lupica's Comeback Kids (Series) by Lupica
Missing May by Rylant
One for the Murphys by Hunt
Ruby Holler by Creech
Runaway Twin by Kehret
Spiderwick Chronicles, The by .Black & DiTerlizzi
Summer Ball, Heat, Game Changer, & Travel Team ~ ALL by Mike Lupica
Summer of the Swans by Byars
Swindle by Korman
The Lightning Thief & Red Pyramid Both by Riordan
Throne of Fire, The by Riordan
When You Reach Me by Stead
Waiting for Normal by Connor
Zach's Lie by Smith

Historical Fiction:

Bat 6 by Wolff
Countdown by Willes
Heart of Samurai by Press
Roof Toppers by Rudell
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Philbrick

Non -Fiction:

Genius! The Most Astonishing Inventions of All Times by Kespert
Swimming with Sharks by Lang
Untamed by Silvey
The Real Princess Diaries by Norwich

Entering Grade 7 Fiction:

Amber Spyglass by Pullman
East by Pattou
Elephant Run by Smith
Golden Compass, The by Pullman
Hero and the Crown by McKinley
How I Live Now by Rosoff
Percy Jackson & The Olympians, Series by Riordan
Homecoming by Voight
Talent by Dean
Touching the Spirit Bear by Mikaelson
The Last Guardian by Colfer
Red Kayak by Cummings
Small Steps by Sschar
Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Bowling
Booked by Kwame Alexander
Out of My Mind by Draper
The Lions of Little Rock by Levine
Walker's Crossing by Naylor
Road to Memphis, The by Taylor
Ring of Endless Light by L'Engle

Historical Fiction/ Informational:

Across Five Aprils by Hunt
Boy Who Dared, The by Bartoletti
Clockwork by Pullman
The Great Chicago Fire, 1871 by Massi
Lord of the Nutcracker Men by Lawrence
Summer of My German Soldier by Green
Almost Astronauts by Stone
Ben Franklin's Almanac by Fleming
Good Brother, Bad Brother by Giblin
Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
Left for Dead by Pete Nelson
Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat
Revenge of the Whale: The True Story of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick

Entering Grade 8 Fiction:

Absolutely Normal Chaos by Creech
Ender's Game by Card
Evermore by Noel
Everlost by Shusterman
Forest of Hands & Teeth, The by Ryan
Gossamer by Lowry
Hobbit, The by Tolkien
Just Listen by Dessen
Looking for Alaska by Green
Lord of the Rings, The by Tolkien
Messenger by Lowry
Heart of a Champion by Deucker
Misfits, The by Howe
Rules of the Road by Bauer
Soldier Dog by Angus
Summer Ball by Lupica
Taming the Star Runner by Hinton
That Was Then, This Is Now by Hinton
Year of the Hangman by Blackwood
Yearling, The by Rawling

Historical Fiction:

April Morning by Fast
Boy Who Dared, The by Bartoletti
Christy by Marshall
Daniel Half Human by Chotjewitz
Milkweed by Spinelli
The True Adventure of Nicolo Zen by Christopher
We are Witnesses by Boas

Classics:

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The by Doyle
Around the World in Eighty Days by Verne
Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Twain
Call of the Wild by London
Dandelion Wine by Bradbury
Little Women by Alcott
Pearl, The by Steinbeck
White Fang by London
Robinson Crusoe by Defoe