

Suggested Summer Reading

Author		Title	Genre
Barnett	Mac	The Terrible Two's and sequel	Fiction
Bell	Cece	El Deafo	Graphic Novel
Birdsall	Jeanne	Penderwick series	Fiction
Bosch	Pseudonymous	The Name of This Book is Secret series	Fiction
Bryant	Jen	The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus	Non-Fiction
DiCamillo	Kate	Tale of Despereaux (and others)	Fantasy
		Dear Diary series	Historical Fiction
DiTerlizzi	Tony	Spiderwick Chronicles	Fantasy
Garden	Nancy	My Sister the Vampire series	Fantasy
Grabenstein	Chris	Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Fiction
Grandits	John	Technically, It's Not My Fault	Poetry
Hale	Shannon	Rapunzel's Revenge	Graphic Novel
Hopkinson	Deborah	Titanic: Voices from the Disaster	Non-Fiction
Hunter	Erin	The Warriors series	Fantasy
Kessler	Liz	Emily Windsnap series	Fantasy
Law	Ingrid	Savvy and others	Fiction
L'Engle	Madeleine	A Wrinkle in Time	Science Fiction
Lin	Grace	The Year of the Dog	Realistic Fiction
Lupica	Mike	Come Back Kid Series	Sports Fiction
Martin	Ann	Rain Reign	Fiction
Mass	Wendy	11 Birthdays	Fiction
McMann	Lisa	The Unwanteds series	Fiction
McMullan	Kate	Myth-o-Mania series	Fiction
Messner	Kate	Capture the Flag	Fiction
Milford	Kate	Greenglass House	Fiction
Reiche	Dietlof	I, Freddy series	Fantasy
Riordan	Rick	Percy Jackson series and others	Fiction
Rusch	Elizabeth	The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity	Non-Fiction
Speare	Elizabeth George	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Fiction
Schyffert	Bea Uusma	The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon	Biography
Snicket	Lemony	Series of Unfortunate Events	Fiction
Winkler	Henry	Hank Zipzer series	Humorous Fiction
Yousafzai	Malala	I am Malala	Biography

MELROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 5

June 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Melrose Public Schools' 2017 summer reading list is your ticket to great adventures through books. Are you curious about something? Find and explore answers to all your questions in books this summer.

Students are asked to **read for 30 minutes every day during the summer or at least 150 minutes per week.** Books can be read by students on their own or with a partner during the summer. Partners for reading out loud can be parents, guardians, brothers, sisters or other interested caregivers.

Students must list the 3 books they have read on the Reading Log and complete a Reading Response for any one book. Help your child complete the Reading Response by discussing books they have read or books that have been read to them.

We encourage you to visit the Melrose Public Library regularly with your child. The library has copies of the summer reading books, offers fun children's activities for free, and runs a Summer Reading Program (starting Wednesday, June 21st) that provides special incentives to children who read two or more hours each week.

Extra forms will be available at the Melrose Public Library and on the Melrose Public Schools' website: www.melroseschools.com. Students must return completed forms to their school in August.

Sincerely,

Cyndy Taymore
Superintendent of Schools



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Family Summer Reading Tips

- **IMPORTANT:** Children can lose as much as a half a grade level in their reading level during the summer. Between kindergarten and grade 5, not reading over the summer can result in the loss of as much as 3 grade levels of reading growth. The only way to combat summer reading loss is by reading a lot over the summer. Make a plan to read to or with your child everyday for 30 minutes.
- Reading aloud to your child counts as reading. So, if your child isn't reading yet or is reluctant to read on their own, read to them.
- Talk about what you are reading. Give your opinion about the events in the book and ask what your child thinks.
- The best way to learn new words is by reading. Look for words your child may not know as you read. Talk about what they mean. Try to use some of the words later with your child.
- Take books with you wherever you go. Keep books in the car for day trips. Going on errands, take along a set of books to talk about and read as you go. Read at the beach or the park.



For Students Entering Grade 5



All students entering grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade are asked to read at least 30 minutes every day. All students must turn in a reading calendar when school begins in August and one reader's response.

Need the forms: visit the Melrose Public Schools website, www.melroseschools.com.

