

Suggested Summer Reading List

<i>Author</i>		<i>Title</i>	<i>Genre</i>
Angleberger	Tom	Origami Yoda series	Fiction
Applegate	Katherine	The One and Only Ivan	Fiction
Birney	Betty G.	The World According to Humphrey (and others)	Fantasy
Bishop	Nic	Spiders (and others)	Non-Fiction
Buckley	Michael	Sisters Grimm series	Mystery
Campbell	Sarah	Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature	Non-Fiction
Carson Levine	Gail	Forgive Me, I Meant to Do It	Poetry
Chin	Jason	Island: A Story of the Galapagos	Non-Fiction
		Choose Your Own Adventure series	Fiction
Clement	Andrew	Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School	Fiction
Cowell	Cressida	How To Train Your Dragon series	Fantasy
DiCamillo	Kate	Flora and Ulysses	Fiction
Griffiths	Andy	Treehouse series	Fiction
Hatkoff	Isabella	Owen & Mzee (and others)	Non-Fiction
Hale	Bruce	Chet Gecko Mystery series	Mystery Humor
Holm	Jennifer	The Fourteenth Goldfish	Fiction
Klise	Kate	43 Old Cemetery Road series	Fiction
Lowry	Lois	The Willoughbys	Fiction
Marsalis	Wynton	Squeak, Rumble, Whomp! Whomp!: A Sonic Adventure	Non-Fiction
		The National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry	Poetry
Osborne	Mary Pope	Tales From the Odyssey	Mythology
Peirce	Lincoln	Big Nate series	Fiction
Pflugfelder	Bob	Nick and Tesla's series	Fiction
Pinkney	Jerry	Aesop's Fables	Fables
Prelutsky	Jack	Awful Ogre's Awful Day (and others)	Poetry Humorous
Scieszka	Jon	Knucklehead	Biography
Simon	Francesca	Horrid Henry series	Realistic Fiction
Simon	Seymour	Volcanoes and others	Non-Fiction
		Thirty Nine Clues series	Fiction
Spere	Elizabeth George	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	Fiction
Woodson	Jacqueline	Each Kindness	Fiction

MELROSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 4

June 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Melrose Public Schools' 2017 summer reading list is your ticket to 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 log their minutes read every night using the enclosed calendar 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



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.
- Visit the library as often as possible. If you are having trouble finding books to interest your child, ask the children's librarian for help. They can recommend lots of great books, even for the most reluctant of readers.

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.

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