

## Suggested Reading List

### Melrose PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2017 SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Kindergarten

<i>Author</i>		<i>Title</i>
Bean	Jonathan	Building Our House
Brett	Jan	Umbrella and other titles
Browne	Anthony	What If?
Carlson	Nancy	Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come
Cooper	Elisha	8: An Animal Alphabet
Curtis	Jamie Lee	It's Hard to Be Five
Danneberg	Julie	First Day Jitters
Davies	Nicola	Surprising Sharks
Davis	Katie	Kindergarten Rocks and Who Hops?
Daywalt	Drew	The Day the Crayons Quit
De la Pena	Matt	Last Stop on Market Street
Haughton	Chris	Little Owl Lost
Henkes	Kevin	Wemberly Worried and Others
Hoban	Tana	26 Letters and 99 Cents
Howe	James	When You Go To Kindergarten
Hutchins	Pat	The Doorbell Rang
Jenkins	Steven	What Can You Do With a Tail?
Klassen	Jon	This is Not My Hat
Keller	Holly	Help! A Story of Friendship
Mazer	Anne	Salamander Room
McGhee	Alison	Countdown to Kindergarten
McPhail	David	Mole Music / The Teddy Bear
Paul	Miranda	Water is Water: A Book about the Water Cycle
Pinkney	Jerry	The Tortoise and the Hare
Penn	Audrey	The Kissing Hand
Rockwell	Anne	Welcome to Kindergarten
Rosen	Michael	We're Going On a Bear Hunt
Roth-Sisson	Stephanie	Star Stuff: Carl Sagan & the Mysteries of the Cosmos
Santat	Dan	The Adventures of Beekle
Seuss	Dr.	Horton Hears a Who and others
Sidman	Joyce	Red Sings from Treetops
Sierra	Judy	Wild About Books
Slate	Joseph	Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten and others
Stead	Philip	Sick Days for Amos McGee
Wells	Rosemary	Bunny Money and others
Willems	Mo	Leonardo the Terrible Monster

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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 log their minutes read every night using the enclosed calendar.

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 the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>) 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](http://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. Reading books on tape or on an e-reader count. 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.

**All students entering grades kindergarten through fifth grade are asked to read at least 30 minutes everyday. All students must turn in a reading calendar when school begins in August.**

**Need the forms: visit the Melrose Public Schools website, [www.melroseschools.com](http://www.melroseschools.com).**

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