

Revolution Academy Summer Reading

Summer reading at RA serves some very important purposes:

- It protects against the summer learning loss that most students experience.
- It increases background knowledge, an essential element of reading comprehension.
- It builds common experiences among students and families.

Each student is required to read 1) Charlotte's Web and 2) the required reading book for the grade level he or she is going into by August 20th. We encourage you to read Charlotte's Web as a family. Students may listen to an older sibling or parent read the book, or even read it to a younger family member. We think that you will find that students will have a deeper understanding and enthusiasm for the book when they can discuss it with their family. If you have trouble getting the books, let us know and we can help.

While it is fine for you or someone else to read the book to your child, please DO NOT allow him or her to watch any movie versions or read altered versions (like Disney books) before he or she has read the actual book that is required. Students will be assigned activities and assignments when they get back to school that directly use the required reading.

We also would like to caution you that we have chosen some classic literature to read; books that were written in a different time and contain material and themes that you, as a parent, might find surprising or objectionable. We believe that the universal human themes, rich vocabulary, and quality storytelling are an invaluable part of the educational experience that we want for all of our students. At the same time, we recognize that you, as the parent, should be the one making decisions about what material your child is exposed to. If you find that you object to the content of any of these selections and that the literary merit does not outweigh your objections, email Jaime Gaulden at jgaulden@revolutionacademyk8.com and you may be assigned an alternate selection.

School-wide Summer Required Reading Charlotte's Web by E.B White

Kindergarten

Required Reading:

- The Velveteen Rabbit by Margery Williams

Recommended Reads:

- How Many Spots Does a Leopard Have? (An African Folktale)
- Selections from Winnie the Pooh by A.A Milne
- The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Anderson
- Little Red Riding Hood
- What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

1st Grade

Required Reading:

- Classic Starts: Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi

Recommended Reads:

- Aesop's Fables
- Selections from The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne
- The Pied Piper of Hamelin
- What Your First Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

2nd Grade

Required Reading:

- Classic Starts: Peter Pan by Jan Barrie

Recommended Reads:

- Magic Tree House series
- Iktomi stories (Iktomi and the ...)
- The Magic Paintbrush (A Chinese Folktale)
- El Pajaro Cu (A Hispanic Folktale)
- Talk (A West African Folktale)
- What Your Second Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

3rd Grade

Required Reading:

- William Tell by Leonard Everette Fisher
(or a version of the legend of William Tell)

Recommended Reads:

- Poetry Selections by Langston Hughes, Shel Silverstein, Lewis Carroll, Isaac Watts, Sergeant Joyce Kilmer and Nikki Giovanni.
- The Little Match Girl by Hans Christian Anderson
- What Your Third Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

4th Grade

Required Reading:

- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Recommended Reads:

- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Robin Hood by Howard Pyle
- Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving
- Robinson Crusoe by Daniel DeFoe
- What Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

5th Grade

Required Reading:

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Recommended Reads:

- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

6th Grade

Required Reading:

- The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett

Recommended Reads:

- Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain
- Favorite Greek Myths retold
- Black Ships Before Troy/The Story of the Iliad
- The Children's Homer
- The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes
- What Your Sixth Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

7th Grade

Required Reading:

- The Iliad and the Odyssey

*available for check out in the front office or purchase from the Core Knowledge Store @ <https://www.coreknowledge.org/product/the-iliad-and-the-odyssey/>

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- Legend of William Tell
- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett