

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) Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary and 2) the required reading book for the grade level he or she is going into by August 14th. We encourage you to read Mouse and the Motorcycle 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
Mouse and the Motorcycle
By Beverly Cleary

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-any version
- What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

1st Grade

Required Reading:

- The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne (first five chapters are required)

Recommended Reads:

- Aesop's Fables
- Classic Starts: Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
- 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:

- Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Recommended Reads:

- The Legend of William Tell
- 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
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- What Your Fourth Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

5th Grade

Required Reading:

- Pollyanna by Elanor H. Porter

*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/>

Recommended Reads:

- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know by E.D. Hirsch, Jr.

Titles available for check out through Revolution Academy:

- 5th grade-Pollyanna
- 8th grade- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Please stop by the front office M-Th from 8am-12pm, except for the week of July 4th.

6th Grade

Required Reading:

- The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett

OR

- Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes

Recommended Reads:

- 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.

8th Grade

Required Reading:

- Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (Core Classics Version)

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<https://www.coreknowledge.org/product/sherlock-holmes/>

Recommended Reads:

- The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- All Thirteen by Christina Soontornvat

7th Grade

Required Reading:

- Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

Recommended Reads:

- From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

9th Grade

Required Reading:

- Grapes of Wrath by John Steinback

Honors English

- Grapes of Wrath by John Steinback & Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne

Recommended Reads:

- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas
- The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner