



KZV's Summer Reading Program



Dear Parents,

Once again, we will be requiring summer assignments for KZV's learning community. Research shows that summer reading loss or "summer slide" is a problematic loss of grade-level skills, and having a robust summer learning program with concentrated reading time helps build vocabulary, improves focus, and decreases screen time for students. This program will give students the opportunity to read and share their ideas or projects when they return for the new school year.

Each child will receive the following information and materials for the summer reading program:

1. a required reading list
2. a recommended reading list (for elementary grades)
3. a summary form or project sheet (if any), and
4. a reading log or assignment directions.

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL GRADES:

Grades 1-4: Students in grades 1-4 are required to read three **(3)** books

Grades 5: Students in grade 5 are required to read two **(2)** books.

Grades 6-8: Students in grades 6 are required to read **(1)** book.

Students in grades 7 are required to read **(2)** books.

Students in grades 8 are required to read **(3)** books.

Each student who fulfills this requirement will receive a grade for participating in this program. Students who do not complete summer reading are at risk of falling behind their classmates

The reading log and any projects (book reports, summaries, etc.) required by the teacher is **due the first week of school**. Teachers may also use assessments upon return, so students need to be prepared to discuss and respond to questions about their books.

Books are available at your local library, bookstore or online. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer!



Sincerely,
The English Language Arts Department

SECOND GRADE SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The following three (3) books are required reading for all students, as well as completing a reading log for each book.

1. The Best Seat in Second Grade: A First Day of School Book for Kids (I Can Read Level 2) by Katharin Kenah.
Sam has the best seat in second grade right next to George Washington, the class pet!
2. Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel
From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other—just as best friends should be.
3. Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
Will Stanley ever be his old self again? This selection is the first in the hilarious series about Stanley and the Lambchop family.

You can read more books from the following lists and fill out the information for each book on the Reading Log.

Picture Books: Some story lines are simple, while others are quite complex. Picture books are appropriate for a wide range of ages and reading levels (fun for adults, too!)

Some favorites for new second graders are:

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears by Leo and Diane Dillon

Cuddley Dudley by Jez Alborough

Miss Nelson is Missing (any in the series) by Harry Allard

Madeline (any in the series) by Ludwig Bemelmans

The Five Chinese Brothers by Claire Huchet Bishop

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon

The Very Hungry Caterpillar (any in the series) by Eric Carle

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

Ping by Majorie Flack

Millions of Cats by Wanda Gág

A Chocolate Moose for Dinner by Fred Gwynne

Bread and Jam for Francis (any in the series) by Russell Hoban

Fables by Arnold Lobel

Curious George (any in the series) by H.A. Rey

Poetry: Read a selection of poems from these authors: Jack Prelusky or Shel Silverstein

Early Readers: The emphasis in these books is more on text than on illustrations. Popular choices include:

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff

Nate the Great (any in the series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

The Golly Sisters Go West (any in the series) by Betsy Byars

Frog and Toad are Friends (any in the series) by Arnold Lobel

Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid by Megan McDonald (any in the series)

Chapter Books: These bridge the gap for intermediate readers from early readers to more challenging chapter books. Hope you enjoy this selection!

Cam Janson and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (series) by David A. Adler

Tales from the Odyssey (Part 1 and 2) by Mary Pope Osborne

Amber Brown is Not a Crayon (any in the series) by Paula Danziger

Judy Moody: Around the World in 81/2 Days (series) by Megan McDonald

Horrible Harry in Room 2B (any in the series) by Suzy Kline

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (any in the series) by Jeff Kinney

Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon (new listing)

Arthur (series) by Marc Brown

Jenny and the Cat Club by Esther Averill

The Mouse and the Motorcycle (or any book by...Beverly Cleary, of course!)

Encyclopedia Brown (any in the series) by Donald J. Sobol

Magic Tree House series (any) by Mary Pope Osborne

Kaspar the Titanic Cat by Michael Morpurgo

Ivy & Bean (series) by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall

Non-fiction Books: Many children at this age enjoy non-fiction books on scientific subjects, as well as topics related to social studies. Here are a few and you may choose others that interest you-- Amazon is a good website for titles on a vast range of topics.

The Magic School Bus Science Reader (series) by Judith Stamper and S.I. Artists

Storm Chaser (All Aboard Science Reader) by Gail Herman

Baseball's Best: Five True Stories by Andrew Gutelle

Space: A Chapter Book (True Tales) by Rosanna Hansen

Newberry Medal Winner: The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (for ages 8-12, however a good one to read to younger children.) This is a story of friendship, art, and hope.

Have a safe, fun vacation and happy reading!

