



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,
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 6-8 are **required** to read and annotate two **(2)** books.

Each student who fulfills this requirement will receive a certificate and a grade for participating in this program. Students who do not complete summer reading are at risk of falling behind their classmates. *Note: Students entering 8th grade will take an in-class essay assessment and multiple-choice test upon return.*

ADDITIONAL SUMMER READING TO RECEIVE FREE DRESS PASS:

In order to receive a free dress pass, students should:

- Grades 1-2: read an additional five **(5)** books from the recommended list + the required Armenian book
- Grades 3-5: read an additional two **(2)** books from the recommended list + the required Armenian book.
- Grades 6-8: read an additional one **(1)** book + the required Armenian book.

Parents and students of first through fifth graders may record the names of the additional books read on the attached reading log. Parents will sign the reading log to verify that their child has read the books.

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 Story of Johnny Appleseed by Aiki This is the story of a brave and gentle man who lived when America was a new country. Our class will enjoy some fun apple projects in September.
- 2) Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
Ira is excited to sleep over at a friend's house for the first time! Can he leave his bear, Tah Tah, at home?
- 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.

Earn a special award by reading at least five (5) books from the following lists and filling 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!

