

Dear New and Returning Wesleyan Families,

As a Wesleyan alum, a current parent, and Wesleyan's Media Center Specialist it is a blessing to work with your children every day. I love reading to and with our students, and my goal is to guide them on their literary journey. Whether they're just learning to hold a book, mastering sounding out words, or reading to learn about their newest interests, I'm always ready to lend a helping hand.

I'm delighted to introduce you to our **Summer 2024 Reading Suggestion List**. Our reading program is designed to keep students engaged, entertained, and educated over the summer with grade-specific reading lists. These books are just suggestions. There is no need to return anything to me at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! I am here to support your child(ren), and I'm looking forward to partnering with you for years to come!

For Jesus,

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WESLEYAN'S ELEMENTARY

SUMMER READING SUGGESTION LIST

Listed below are some great books for students going into
Transitional Kindergarten!

Rhyming Dust Bunnies by Jan Thomas

Mike Mulligan and the Steam Shovel by
Virginia Lee Burton

Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett
Johnson

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Snowmen at Work by the Buehners

Curious George by H.A. Rey

Owen by Kevin Henkes

Corduroy by Don Freeman

Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type by Doreen
Cronin

Pinkalicious by Victoria Kann

Pete the Cat Series by James Dean

My Very Favorite Book in the Whole World by
Mac Mitchell

Tool School by Joan Holub

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T.
Higgins

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.

**Books Suggested by WCA's
TK Teachers**

Nursery Rhymes

Fairy Tales

Biscuit Series

Pete the Cat Series

*Have fun reading! We can't wait to see
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- Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Bowman



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Listed below are some great books for students going into Kindergarten!

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion and Margaret Bloy Graham

Horton Hears A Who! by Dr. Seuss

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Numeroff

Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems

Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola

Swimmy by Leo Lionni

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes

Extra Yarn by Mac Barnett

Jamberry by Bruce Degen

Hair Love by Matthew Cherry

The Couch Potato by Jory John

I Found a Kitty by Troy Cummings

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Swashby by the Sea by Beth Ferry

Books Suggested by WCA's Kindergarten Teachers

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

Over the Hills and Far Away by Elizabeth Hammill

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Listed below are some great books and series for students going into First Grade!

A New Coat for Anna by Harriet Ziefert

Big Shark, Little Shark by Anna Membrino

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See
by Eric Carle

Emily's First 100 Days of School by
Rosemary Wells

First Grade, Here I Come! by Nancy Carlson

Fix-it Duck by Jez Albrough

Franklin Rides a Bike by Paulette Bourgeois

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

The Apple Pie that Papa Baked by Lauren
Thompson

The Boy Who Loved Words by Ronnie
Schotter

The Icky Bug Counting Book by Jerry Pallotta

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant

Bad Dog by Mike Boldt

National Geographic: Wild Animal Series by
various Authors

The Good Egg by Jory John

Perfect by Max Amato

Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold

Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

How I became a Pirate by Melinda Long

Books Suggested by WCA's First Grade Teachers

Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant

Pete the Cat books by James Dean

Amelia Bedelia books by Peggy Parrish

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**Listed below are some great books and series for students going into
Second Grade!**

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

Flat Stanley by Sara Pennypacker

Clifford the Big Red Dog by Norman
Bridwell

Curious George by H.A. Rey

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura
Numeroff

Stellaluna by Janell and Jewell Cannon

The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle

Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too by
Eric Carle

Annie and the Wild Animals by Jan Brett

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw

There was an Old Lady series by Lucille
Colandro

Interrupting Chicken by David Ezra Stein

Critter Club series by Callie Barkley

Duck on a Bike by David Shannon

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi
Barrett

Fancy Nancy series by Jane O'Connor

Rainbow Magic Series by Daisy Meadows

The Cool Bean by Jory John

Here's Hank series by Harry Winkler

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings

Junie B. Jones Series

Books Suggested by WCA's Second Grade Teachers

Pete the Cat Series
Little Critter Series
"I Can Read" Level 1-2 books

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**Listed below are some great books and series for students going into
Third Grade!**

Jigsaw Jones Mystery by James Preller

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

Ramona by Beverly Cleary

The Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Cam Jansen by David A. Adler

Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline

Miss Nelson Is Missing! by Harry Allard Freckle

Juice by Judy Blume

7 x 9 = Trouble! by Claudia Mills

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon

George Washington's Teeth by Deborah Chandra

Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry

Who Would Win? Series by various Authors

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

Pedro Series by Fran Manushkin

Katie Woo Series by Fran Manushkin

Hedi Hecklebeck by Wanda Coven

Here's Hank Series by Henry Winkler

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Geronimo Stilton Series by Elisabetta Dami

Thea Stilton Series by Elisabetta Dami

Narwhal and Jelly Series by Ben Clanton

**Books Suggested by WCA's
Third Grade Teachers**

Who Was Series

I Survived Series

The Boxcar Children series

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Listed below are some great books and series for students going into Fourth Grade!

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

Nim's Island by Wendy Orr

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

The Quest Begins: Seekers #1 by Erin Hunter

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Wings of Fire Series by Tui Sutherland

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

The Right Word by Jen Bryant

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Buster

Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh

The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

The Mouse & the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

Stuart Little by E. B. White

Books Suggested by WCA's Fourth Grade Teachers

Carole Marsh mystery series

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

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Looking for something to read this summer? Check out the list below for ideas of books to read! You can start a new series or find a book you would have never considered. A few of these titles have been recommended by your teachers for the next school year!

Listed below are some great books and series for students going into Fifth Grade!

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Holes by Louis Sachar

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe by Jo Watson Hackl

The Last Musketeer by Stuart Gibbs

Ungifted by Gordan Korman

The League of Seven by Alan Gratz

Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

Smells Like Dog Suzanne Selfors

A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole

Key to Extraordinary Natattie Lloyd

Where the Watermelons Grow by Cindy Baldwin

Soft Rain by Cornelia Cornelissen

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

Kenny & the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi

Walls Within Walls by Maureen Sherry

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

The Very, Very Far North by Dan Bar-el

Found by Maragaret Peterson Haddix

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

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Listed below are some great books and series for students going into Sixth and Seventh Grade!

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Auggie and Me by RJ Palacio

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis

Prince Caspian by CS Lewis

Voyage of the Dawn Treader by CS Lewis

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Kingdom Keepers (kids stuck in Disney World overnight) by Ridley Pearson

Land of Stories Series by Chris Colfer

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of N.I.M.H. by Robert C. O'Brien

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper

Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Souder by William Armstrong

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

Shadow Children Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare

Twenty-one Balloons by William Pene Du Bois



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Listed below are some great books and series for students going into Eighth and Ninth Grade!

Lightning Thief Series by Rick Riordan

Narnia Series by C. S. Lewis

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Maze Runner Series by James Dashner

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins

Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Smells Like Dog by Suzanne Selfers

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Divergent Series by Veronica Roth

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Grenade by Alan Gratz

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Wonder by R. J. Palacio