

Primary School Summer Reading 2016

Each Primary School grade level has at least one required book title, which you will find listed below. We recommend that parents become involved with the reading activities by either reading together or having occasional “book talks.” Contact your child’s teacher(s) for ideas on how to structure “fun family” reading time.

Jr. Pre-Kindergarten Students

- *Are You My Mother* by P.D. Eastman: A baby bird, fallen from his nest, sets out to find his mother

Jr. Pre-Kindergarten Parents

- *Love and Logic Magic for Early Childhood: Practical Parenting from Birth to Six Years* by Jim Fay and Charles Fay, Ph.D.

Pre-Kindergarten Students

- *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle: The book follows a ravenous caterpillar's path as he eats his way through one apple (and the pages of the book itself) on Monday, two pears on Tuesday, three plums on Wednesday, and so on, through cherry pie and sausage – until he is really fat and has a stomachache. Vivid and colorful illustrations and ingenious layered pages help preschoolers learn the days of the week, how to count, and the life cycle of a butterfly.

Pre-Kindergarten Parents

- *Einstein Never Used Flash Cards* by Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and Roberta Michnick Golinkoff

Kindergarten

- *Elmer* by David McKee: All the elephants of the jungle were gray except Elmer, who was a patchwork of brilliant colors until the day he got tired of being different and making the other elephants laugh.

First Grade

- *Have Fun, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell
- *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* by Patty Lovell: In these two books, Molly Lou Melon’s grandmother teaches her some of life’s most important lessons. She learns the importance and value of being herself, using her imagination, and loving who she is.

Second Grade

- *Freckleface Strawberry* by Julianne Moore: Wanting to look like everyone else, a spunky seven-year-old becomes determined to get rid of her freckles once and for all, but after a series of amusing treatments and disguises, she meets an accepting friend who gives her the support she needs to come to terms with being the wonderfully unique person she is and will always be.
- *Three Cheers for Tacky* by Helen Lester: Tacky is back and ready to help his team win the shiny, first-place bow ties in the penguin-cheering contest.

Third Grade

- *Dolphins at Daybreak* by Mary Pope Osbourne (Magic Tree House Series #9): This book begins the third set of four books in the magical (and increasingly popular) series! Jack and Annie are off in the Magic Tree House again, this time to a whole new world under the ocean. Complete with a giant octopus, a hungry shark, and dolphins to the rescue, this Magic Tree House book delivers an underwater adventure kids can dream about.
- *Tonight on the Titanic* by Mary Pope Osbourne (Magic Tree House Series #17): The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie away to the decks of that ill-fated ship, the *Titanic*. There they must help two children find their way to a lifeboat—all while they are in danger of becoming victims of that tragic night themselves.

Fourth Grade

- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume: Any fourth-grader would agree that Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem—his little brother, Fudge. What happens to the Hatcher family in the end makes for a mixture of hilarity and a little more understanding on everyone’s part.