

3rd-5th Grade Summer Learning

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We look forward to seeing you all in the classroom this August. The following are the required summer reading books for this year. Please find your grade level and select **one** book from the given list. You will refer back to your chosen book for our initial lessons at the beginning of the school year. Of course, we encourage each of you to read more than one book or other books of your choosing, as well. We also encourage you to keep up with practicing your Math Facts over the summer. This will have you well prepared to jump into learning this August!

Rising 3rd Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- Diary of a Wimpy Kid #1 by Jeff Kinney
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- The BFG by Roald Dahl

Rising 4th Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher by Bruce Coville
- Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Love, Ruby Lavender by Deborah Wiles
- Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

Rising 5th Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth S. Speare

^{***}This full list is also the 2025-2026 SCISA Battle of the Books Lower School list. Beginning in the fall, our team will meet after school once per week to prepare for the competition to be held in January. We encourage all of you to read these great books and consider joining our Battle of the Books team this fall