



Summer Recommended Reading

At Back Creek Christian Academy we strive for our students to cultivate a life-long habit of reading. Summer is a great time to read high quality books that will foster this habit. Below are recommended books for each grade level. We highly encourage each student to explore these books through reading or audio books. We also highly encourage parents to read with their children to help them foster a love for reading.

Rising TK and Kindergarten

- Any Eric Carle books
- Any Dr. Seuss books
- Early Step Into Reading Series
- Any P. D Eastman books
- I Can Read Books Series
- Bob Books (Bobby Lynn and John R. Maslen)
- Little Bear Series (Else Minarik and Maurice Sendak)
- Elephant and Piggie Series (Mo Willems)

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Summer Recommended Reading Rising 1st Grade

- Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline series
- Brown, Margaret Wise. Mouse of My Heart
- Bond, Michael. A Bear Called Paddington
- Burton, Virginia Lee. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
- Cole, Joanna. The Magic School Bus series
- DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson series
- Erickson, Russell E. A Toad for Tuesday (Staff Recommendation: Mrs. Reynolds)
- Estes, Eleanor. The Hundred Dresses
- Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad series
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia series
- Potter, Beatrix. A Beatrix Potter Treasury
- Rey, H. A. Curious George series (Staff Recommendation: Mr. Pierce)
- Sharmat, Majorie. Nate the Great Series

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Summer Recommended Reading Rising 2nd and 3rd Grade

- Atwater, Richard. Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Barrie, J. M. Peter Pan
- Carol, Lewis. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
- Collodi, Carlo. Pinocchio
- Catling, Patrick. The Chocolate Touch
- Cleary, Beverly. Henry Huggins, Ralph S. Mouse, etc.
- Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (or other titles)
- Dalglish, Alice. Courage of Sarah Noble
- Fritz, Jean. Leonardo's Horse
- Grahame, Kenneth. The Wind in the Willows
- Grimm, The Brothers. An Illustrated Treasury of Grimm's Fairy Tales
- Henry, Marguerite. Misty of Chincoteague
- MacDonald, Betty. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series
- MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall series
- Osborne, Mary Pope. The Magic Tree House series
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia series
- Peterson, John. The Littles series
- Roy, Ron. A to Z Mysteries series
- Sobol, Donald. Encyclopedia Brown series
- Warner, Gertrude. The Boxcar Children series
- Winter, Milo. Aesop's Fables for Children
- White, E. B. The Trumpet of the Swan
- Various Authors. Who Was? Series

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Summer Recommended Reading Rising 4th and 5th Grade

- Banks, Lynne Reid. Indian in the Cupboard
- Boom, Corrie Ten. The Hiding Place, Young Reader's Edition
- Brady, Ester Wood. Toliver's Secret
- Brink, Carol Ryrie. Caddie Woodlawn
- Conrad, Pam. Pedro's Journal: A Voyage with Christopher Columbus
- Cornelissen, Cornelia. Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears
- Dixon, Franklin D. Hardy Boys series
- Fitzhugh, Louise. Harriet the Spy
- Fritz, Jean. The Double Life of Pocahontas, The Cabin Faced West, (or any other titles)
- Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain
- George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain
- Keene, Carolyn. Nancy Drew series
- Konigsburg, E. L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
- Latham, Jean Lee. Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
- Lawson, Robert. Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse Amos or Mr. Revere and I
- Martin, Joseph Plumb. Yankee Doodle Boy
- O'Brian, Robert C. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
- Paulsen, Gary. Hatchet
- Reit, Seymour. Guns for General Washington
- Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Esperanza Rising
- Spyri, Johanna. Heidi
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House on the Prairie series
- Yates, Elizabeth. Amos Fortune, Free Man
- Various Authors. Who Was? Series

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Summer Recommended Reading Rising 6th Grade

- Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women
- Bendick, Jeanne. Archimedes and the Door of Science
- Bois, William Pene du. Twenty-One Balloons
- Green, Roger Lancelyn. Tales of Ancient Egypt
- Gregory, Kristiana. Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile. Egypt, 57 B.C. (The Royal Diaries)
- Henty, G. A. The Cat of Bubastes
- London, Jack. White Fang
- McGraw, Eloise Jarvis. Mara, Daughter of the Nile
- Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard or A Long Walk to Water
- Payne, Elizabeth. The Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt (Landmark Books)
- Sewell, Anna. Black Beauty
- Speare, Elizabeth George. Calico Captive or The Witch of Blackbird Pond
- Stevenson, Robert Louis. Kidnapped or Treasure Island
- Travis, Lucille. Tirzah
- Verne, Jules. Around the World in Eighty Days or Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas
- Williamson, Joanne. God King
- Winterfield, Henry. Detectives in Togas or Mystery of the Roman Ransom
- Wyss, J. D. Swiss Family Robinson



Summer Recommended Reading
Rising 7th and 8th Grade

- Bond, Douglas. Hostage Lands
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. Any of the "Sherlock Holmes" novels or short stories (Staff Recommendation: Mrs. Pierce)
- French, Allen. The Story of Rolf and the Viking's Bow
- Funke, Cornelia. Inkheart
- Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea
- Jacques, Brian. Redwall
- Lewis, C. S. Out of the Silent Planet
- Shetterly, Margot Lee. Hidden Figures
- Tolkien, J. R. R. The Lord of the Rings
- Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Verne, Jules. Around the World in Eighty Days or Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas
- Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown Girl Dreaming
- Yelchin, Eugene. Breaking Stalin's Nose



Summer Recommended Reading
Rising 9th through 12th Grade

- Adams, Richard. Watership Down
- Achebe, Chinua. Things Fall Apart
- Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice
- Bloor, Edward. Tangerine
- Boyne, John. The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
- Cather, Willa. My Antonia
- Christie, Agatha. And Then There Were None or A Pocketful of Rye
- Defoe, Daniel. Robinson Crusoe
- Dickens, Charles. A Tale of Two Cities
- Dostoevsky, Fyodor. The Brothers Karamazov
- Draper, Sharon. Out of My Mind
- Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby
- Fleming, Candace. The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia
- Gantos, Jack. Dead End in Norvelt
- Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter
- Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God
- Kafka, Franz. The Metamorphosis
- Kakalios, James. The Physics of Everyday Things (Staff Recommendation: Mr. Rose)
- Kidd, Sue Monk. The Secret Life of Bees
- Marshall, Catherine. Christy
- Rivers, Francine. Redeeming Love
- Sanderson, Brandon. Steelheart
- Scott, Michael. The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel
- Scott, Sir Walter. Ivanhoe
- Shaffer, Mary Ann. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
- Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath or The Pearl
- Zusak, Markus. The Book Thief
- Whitt, Anne Hall. The Suitcases
- Winspear, Jacqueline. Maisie Dobbs