



Grammar School Summer Reading 2025

It has been said, “*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*” The school year has ended but good reading habits should be a consistent part of our daily routine as we head into summer. With that in mind, we begin our Oakdale Academy Summer Reading Program, working as always to encourage and foster the reading of good books that promote character, truth, and wisdom and that are good for the soul.

For rising K-2 students, we are providing a list of recommended books for you to select from and read to your child or have your child read to you or alone. If your student reads above grade level, please feel free to select books from the grade 3 or 4 reading lists. This list is not exhaustive but represents a selection of some quality books, as parents often ask us what their student should be reading. Students rising to grades K-2 will need to read a specific number of minutes each month in June, July and August to qualify for the reading reward at the beginning of the year.

For students moving into grades 3 and 4, students will select books from the attached list of books to read throughout the summer. Students rising to grades 3 and 4 will need to read a specific number of minutes each month in June, July and August, and must provide a highlighted version of the attached book list to show which books were selected for reading to qualify for the reading reward at the beginning of the year. Students should read at grade level or above.

Successful completion and the return of required paperwork **by Thursday, August 28th**, qualifies students to receive the gift of a book selected by Oakdale for the purpose of helping students to begin their own personal library of treasured books.

Abraham Lincoln said, “*A new book is like a friend that I have yet to meet.*” Be sure to meet many new friends through the wonderful world of books this summer.

Happy reading!



Oakdale Academy Grammar School Summer Reading Lists

KINDERGARTEN TO FIRST GRADE		
	Book	Author
Beginner Books (Random House)	<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Green Eggs and Ham</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Hop on Pop</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Fox in Socks</i>	Dr. Seuss
	<i>Go, Dog. Go!</i>	P. D. Eastman
	<i>Are You My Mother?</i>	P. D. Eastman
I Can Read! Books (Harper Collins, Harper Trophy)	<i>Morris Goes to School</i>	Bernard Wiseman
	<i>Frog and Toad (5 books)</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Mouse Tales</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Owl at Home</i>	Arnold Lobel
	<i>Little Bear</i>	Else H. Minarik
	<i>Bread and Jam for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban
	<i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i>	Syd Hoff
Easy Reader Classics (Sterling Publishing, most are 4-6 book sets)	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Kenneth Grahame
	<i>Treasure Island</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain
	<i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting
Ready to Read or Easy to Read (Simon Spotlight, Simon and Schuster)	<i>Henry and Mudge (28 books)</i>	Cynthia Rylant
Berenstain Bears	<i>The Berenstain Bears (many books)</i>	Stan and Jan Berenstain
Step Into Reading Books (Random House)		
National Geographic Readers		
American Museum of Natural History Easy Readers		
DK Readers		
Scholastic Readers		
Usborne Very First Reading Series (16 books)		

SECOND GRADE		
Book	Author	Pages
<i>Each Peach Pear Plum (I Spy)</i>	Allan & Janet Ahlberg	32
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>	Laura Joffe Numeroff	40
<i>Corduroy</i>	Don Freeman	28
<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i>	Gene Zion	32
<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Watty Piper	37
<i>Floss</i>	Kim Lewis	32
<i>Madeline</i>	Ludwig Bemelmans	46
<i>Nate the Great</i>	Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	48
<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>	Munro Leaf	70
<i>Drummer Hoff</i>	Barbara & Ed Emberley	32
<i>Henny Penny</i>	Paul Galdone	40
<i>Never Tease a Weasel</i>	Jean Conder Soule	40
<i>Mr. Putter & Tabby Pour the Tea</i>	Cynthia Rylant	44 (multiple)
<i>Gregory's Shadow</i>	Don Freeman	32
<i>The Magic Fish</i>	Freya Littledale	32
<i>Doctor De Soto</i>	William Steig	32
<i>Curious George</i>	H. A. Rey	36
<i>Bread and Jam for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban	4 books
<i>Billy and Blaze</i>	C. W. Anderson	48 (6)
<i>A New Coat for Anna</i>	Harriet Ziefert	40
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Virginia Lee Burton	58
<i>Flat Stanley</i>	Jeff Brown	80 (4)
<i>The Gardener</i>	Sarah Stewart	40
<i>A Penny's Worth of Character</i>	Jesse Stuart	62
<i>Maybelle the Cable Car</i>	Virginia Lee Burton	42

Chapter Books

<i>My Father's Dragon</i>	Ruth Stiles Gannett	80 (3)
<i>The Bears on Hemlock Mountain</i>	Alice Dalgliesh	64
<i>The Canada Geese Quilt (A Yearling Book)</i>	Natalie Kinsey-Warnock	64
Stepping Stones Books	Various	Various

THIRD GRADE		
Book	Author	Pages
<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>	Michael Bond	176
<i>A to Z Mysteries series</i>	Ron Roy	
<i>Childhood of Famous Americans series</i>	various	
<i>Encyclopedia Brown series</i>	Donald J. Sobol	100
<i>Freddy the Pig series</i>	Walter Brooks	270
<i>Gentle Ben</i>	Walt Morey	191
<i>In Grandma's Attic</i>	Arleta Richardson	140 (7)
<i>Minn of the Mississippi, Paddle to the Sea, Pagoo, Seabird, and Tree in the Trail</i>	Holling C. Holling	
<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>	Richard & Florence Atwater	139
<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH</i>	Robert C. O'Brien	240
<i>My Father's Dragon series</i>	Ruth Stiles Gannett	256
<i>Peter Rabbit Tales</i>	Beatrix Potter	50 (23)
<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>	Astrid Lindgren	116
<i>Ponies at the Park (Animal Ark series)</i>	Ben M. Baglio	136
<i>Ramona Quimby and Henry Huggins series</i>	Beverly Cleary	
<i>Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark</i>	Patricia Reeder Eubank	32
<i>The Adventures of Tom Bombadil</i>	J.R.R. Tolkein	
<i>The Biggest Bear</i>	Lynd Ward	84
<i>The Black Stallion</i>	Walter Farley	200
<i>The Borrowers</i>	Mary Norton	192 (5)
<i>The Boxcar Children series</i>	Gertrude Chandler Warner	
<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>	Patrick Skene Catling	87
<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i>	George Selden	160
<i>The Great Turkey Walk</i>	Kathleen Karr	203
<i>The Littles series</i>	John Peterson	
<i>The Magic Treehouse series</i>	Mary Pope Osborne	
<i>The Midnight Fox</i>	Betsy Byars	134
<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	144
<i>The Story of Doctor Dolittle</i>	Hugh Lofting	150
<i>The Trumpet of the Swan</i>	E. B. White	272
<i>The Velveteen Rabbit</i>	Margery Williams	40
<i>Time of Wonder</i>	Robert McCloskey	64
<i>Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	A. A. Milne	161

FOURTH GRADE

Book	Author	Pages
<i>A Tree for Peter</i>	Kate Seredy	
<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass</i>	Lewis Carroll	272
<i>Betsy-Tacy</i> series	Maud Hart Lovelace	144 (10)
<i>Burt Dow: Deep-Water Man</i>	Robert McCloskey	64
<i>Caddie Woodlawn</i>	Carol Ryrie Brink	
<i>Call It Courage</i>	Armstrong Sperry	128
<i>Carry On, Mr. Bowditch</i>	Jean Lee Latham	256
<i>Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrim's Progress</i>	Oliver Hunkin	126
<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>	Roald Dahl	
<i>Ginger Pye</i>	Eleanor Estes	300
<i>Harriet the Spy</i>	Louise Fitzhugh	298
<i>Homer Price</i>	Robert McCloskey	149
<i>In the Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson</i>	Bette Bao Lord	
<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	Esther Forbes	
<i>Justin Morgan Had a Horse</i>	Marguerite Henry	170
<i>King of the Wind</i>	Marguerite Henry	172
<i>Little Britches</i>	Ralph Moody	
<i>Little House</i> series	Laura Ingalls Wilder	~350
<i>Little Princess</i>	Frances Hodgson Burnett	
<i>Mary Poppins</i> series	Pamela L. Travers	
<i>Masterpiece</i>	Elise Broach	288
<i>Melendy Quartet</i>	Elizabeth Enright	192 (4)
<i>Minn of the Mississippi, Paddle to the Sea, Pagoo, Seabird, and Tree in the Trail</i>	Holling C. Holling	
<i>Miracles on Maple Hill</i>	Virginia Sorensen	
<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>	Marguerite Henry	172
<i>My Father's Dragon</i> series	Ruth Stiles Gannett	256
<i>One Morning in Maine</i>	Robert McCloskey	64
<i>Owls in the Family</i>	Farley Mowat	91
<i>The Penderwicks</i>	Jeanne Birdsall	288
<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians</i>	Rick Riordan	400
<i>Philomena</i>	Kate Seredy	93
<i>Pollyanna</i>	Eleanor H. Porter	122

<i>Ramona Quimby and Henry Huggins series</i>	Beverly Cleary	
<i>Runaway Ralph series</i>	Beverly Cleary	
<i>Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis & Clark</i>	Gail Langer Karwoski	184
<i>Stuart Little</i>	E. B. White	131
<i>The Enormous Egg</i>	Oliver Butterworth	188
<i>The Good Master</i>	Kate Seredy	192
<i>The Great Brain</i>	John Fitzgerald	192
<i>The Green Ember</i>	S. D. Smith	168
<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Reid Banks	184
<i>The Matchlock Gun</i>	Walter D. Edmonds	80
<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i>	Kate DiCamillo	200
<i>The Penderwicks</i>	Jeanne Birdsall	261
<i>The Princess and the Goblin series</i>	George MacDonald	
<i>The Railway Children</i>	Edith Nesbit	267
<i>The Sign of the Beaver</i>	Elizabeth George Speare	144
<i>The Singing Tree</i>	Kate Seredy	256
<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	Kate DiCamillo	270
<i>Time of Wonder</i>	Robert McCloskey	64
<i>Whittington</i>	Alan Armstrong	191