



Dade Christian School is providing a recommended Summer Reading List for rising 1st – 8th graders. Studies prove that reading a minimum of 20 minutes a day is integral in developing vocabulary for fluency and comprehension and will assist in preventing the “summer slide.” The Recommended Summer Reading Program is designed to connect students with an engaging, entertaining, and enriching reading experience. All students, including those who are new to Dade Christian School, are encouraged to read the books outlined for their grade level. Each grade has its own unique recommended reading list.

Recommended Reading List Summer 2020

Rising 1st Grader

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
Noah's Ark by Jerry Pinkney
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Owl Babies by M. Waddell
Great Day for Up by Dr. Seuss
Hedgie Blasts Off! by Jan Brett
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
Diary of a Fly by Doreen Cronin
There is a Bird on Your Head! by Mo Willems
Curious George by H. A. Rey
Gigi, God's Little Princess by Sheila Walsh
Will, God's Mighty Warrior by Sheila Walsh

Rising 2nd Grader

Frog and Toad Together by Arnold Lobel
Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Sharmat

Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy Smiler
Once Upon a Time by Niki Daly
Thunder Cake by Patricia Polacco
Arthur Writes a Story by Mark Brown
Houndsley and Catina Series by James Howe
Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
Amelia Bedelia's First Day of School by Herman Parish
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown

Rising 3rd Grader

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
Baseball Pals by Matt Christopher
No Grownups Allowed by Beverly Lewis
The Baby Pony by Jeanne Betancourt
A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats
Grace's Letter to Lincoln by Peter Roop
No Talking by Andrew Clements
The Basket Counts by Matt Christopher
The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Ramona Series by Beverly Cleary
Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald J. Sobol

Rising 4th Grader

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
Poppy by Avi
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
The Contest: Everest #1 by Gordon Korman
Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Frindle by Andrew Clements

My Life as a Prickly Porcupine by Bill Myers

The Volcano of Doom by Sigmund Brouwer

Rising 5th Grader

My Side of the Mountain by Jean C. George

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

The Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis

Peter and the Star Catcher by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn G. Keene

Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon

The Black Stallion by W. Farley

Haunted Waters by Jerry Jenkins

Thunderbird Spirit by Sigmund Brouwer

Peak by Roland Smith

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

Rising 6th Grader

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Anne of Green Gables Series by Lucy M. Montgomery

The Black Stallion Returns by Walter Farley

By the Shores of Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls Wilder

My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara

Cooper Kids Adventure Series by Frank Peretti

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

Julie of the Wolves by Jean C. George

Rising 7th Grader

Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls

The Book of the King by Jerry Jenkins

Over the Wall by Chris Fabry

Here's Lily by Nancy Rue

Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

White Fang by Jack London

Redwall Series by Brian Jacques

The Time Machine by H. G. Wells

The Guardian Angel Series by Sigmund Brouwer

Heat by Mike Lupita

Rising 8th Grader

The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

The Pearl by John Steinbeck

Three by Tedd Dekker

Messenger by Lois Lowry

Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson

Pilgrim's Progress by Gary D. Schmidt

Showdown by Ted Dekker

Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Surviving Hitler: A Boy in the Nazi Death Camps by Andrea Warren