

Westminster Christian Academy Summer 2011 Reading List

WCA Students Entering First Grade

Choose any two books from the following list to enjoy for summer reading! The idea is to read (or have your parents read to you) and enjoy books that you have not previously read. [Please keep a record of books read on the reading log at the end of this document and bring it to school the first day of first grade.](#) Relax, read, and enjoy your summer!

- The Cat in the Hat (or any Dr. Seuss book)--great for rhyming
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
- Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney
- A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni--good for color recognition and a great story about friendship
- Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino--also good for rhyming
- Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

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Choose any two books from the following book series to enjoy for summer reading! The idea is to read and enjoy books that you have not previously read. [Please keep a record of books read on the reading log at the end of this document and bring it to school the first day of second grade.](#) Be prepared to take an Accelerated Reader test or other form of assessment on your two books when you return to school in the fall. Relax, read, and enjoy your summer!

- Boxcar Children Series
- Frog and Toad Series
- Nate the Great Series
- Young Cam Jansen Series
- Henry and Mudge Series
- Step into Reading Series
- Froggy Series
- Curious George Series
- Jigsaw Jones Series by James Preller
- Amelia Bedelia Stories by Peggy Parish

A good family read aloud resource is Jim Trelease's [The Read-Aloud Handbook](#). This is a treasury of read- aloud books that you can enjoy as a family.

WCA Students Entering Third Grade

Choose any two books from the following book series to enjoy for summer reading! The idea is to read and enjoy books that you have not previously read. [Please keep a record of books read on the reading log at the end of this document and bring it to school the first day of third grade.](#) Be prepared to take an AR test or other form of assessment on your two books when you return to school in the fall. Relax, read, and enjoy your summer!

- Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
- Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant
- Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Amelia Bedelia Stories by Peggy Parish
- Jigsaw Jones Series by James Preller
- Flat Stanley Stories by Jeff Brown
- Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon
- Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene

Ways to Enjoy Reading

- Consider participating in a summer reading club at a local library.
- Listen to a book being read aloud.
- Take turns reading to a parent or friend.
- Read the book by yourself and tell someone about your favorite parts.
- Record yourself reading a book or parts of a book. Listen to the tape.
- Check out a poetry book and make copies of your favorite poems.
- Visit the library and explore the section with information books. Choose some that interest you.

WCA Students Entering Fourth Grade

Choose any two books from the following book series to enjoy for summer reading! The idea is to read and enjoy books that you have not previously read. [Please keep a record of books read on the reading log at the end of this document and bring it to school the first day of fourth grade.](#) Each student will take an AR test or other form of assessment for each book read. Relax, read and enjoy your summer!

Fiction:

- Animal Ark Series by Ben M. Baglio
- Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
- Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald Sobol
- Geronimo Stilton Series by Geronimo Stilton
- Hank the Cowdog Series by John Erickson
- Hand Zipzer Series by Henry Winkler
- Hardy Boys Series by Franklin W. Dixon
- Little House Series by Laura Ingall's Wilder
- Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osborne
- My Life As... Books by Bill Myers
- Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene
- Ramona Books by Beverly Cleary
- Sports Books by Matt Christopher

Nonfiction:

- History/Biography by David Adler
- Nature books by Sy Montgomery
- Science books by Seymour Simon
- Who Was...books by Grosset & Dunlop publishers
- Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole

WCA Students Entering Fifth Grade

Choose any two books from the following book series to enjoy for summer reading! The idea is to read and enjoy books that you have not previously read. [Please keep a record of books read on the reading log below and bring it to school the first day of fifth grade.](#) Each student will take an AR test or other form of assessment for each book read. Relax, read and enjoy your summer!

- Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery
- The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett
- No Talking by Andrew Clements
- The Janitor's Boy by Andrew Clements
- The River by Gary Paulson
- Hatchet by Gary Paulson
- Brian's Winter by Gary Paulson
- Brian's Song by Gary Paulson
- Shiloh series (any) by Phyllis Reynolds Nabor

