



SRL Summer Reading 2025



Summer is here! Let's take advantage of the extra time and enjoy a great book! Reading can be just as enjoyable as your favorite movie and even it's proven to make you a more successful student!

Below is a list of requirements for our summer reading program. Refer to the grade level your child will enter in Fall 2025 for the summer reading assignments. Please reference your child's independent reading level (IRL) for the other "student choice" books. The IRL can be located by logging into their AR account, where they can obtain their ZPD, or reading level range. **To help select books at your student's ZPD level go to www.arbookfind.com, click on advanced search and indicate the ZPD range. New families are encouraged to discuss reading levels with their child's classroom teacher.**

Entering Grades 1-3: Read AT LEAST five (5) books: (1) book must be the required selection below and (1) should be non-fiction. Complete an activity of your choice using the Book Report Choice Board below for any one of the books you have read.

Grade 1 Required Book: My New Friend is So Fun! by Mo Willems

Grade 2 Required Book: Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown by Paula Danziger

Grade 3 Required Book: Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Entering Grades 4-5: Read at least two (2) books: (1) book must be the required selection below and the other book may be chosen by the student but according to his/her ZPD (reading level range). Complete an activity of your choice using the Book Report Choice Board below for any one of the books you have read.

Grade 4 Required Book: HOLES by Louis Sachar

Grade 5 Required Book: A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen

Book Report Choice Board		
Imagine the book is being made into a movie. Create, perform and record a MOVIE TRAILER . Must include a written script.	Make a COLLAGE with a mix of images and text. Must represent knowledge of characters, setting, and plot.	Design a COMIC STRIP illustrating a major scene in the book. Must be neat and colorful.
Write a TEST with at least 25 questions. Must include an Answer Key and a variety of question types.	Make a DIORAMA that depicts a major scene in the book. Must include characters, setting, and plot.	Create a FOOD related to your story. Write up a recipe card to share with your class. Include an explanation of how this food represents your book.
Make a new BOOK JACKET for your book. Look in your local library for design inspiration.	Write a REVIEW of the book. Explain your favorite and least favorite parts of the plot, characters, ending, etc.	Conduct a fictional INTERVIEW with a main character. Ask questions related to the storyline.

Entering Grades 6-8: Students are required to choose and read one book from any of the options below and be ready to take a test upon their return to school.

Sherlock Holmes- The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Eleven by Tom Rogers

Project 1065 by Alan Gratz

Grenade by Alan Gratz

I am Malala Young Reader's Edition by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick

Are you looking for more good books to read during the summer? Here are a few faves recommended by SRL students!

For Incoming 3rd Graders:

TITLE	AUTHOR
7x9=Trouble	Claudia Mills
The Buried Bones Mystery	Sharon M. Draper
I Survived the Joplin Tornado	Lauren Tarshis
Miami Jackson Gets It Straight	Patricia McKissack
The Great Cake Mystery	Alexander McCall Smith
Who was Kobe Bryant?	Ellen Labrecque
Charlie Jo Jackson's Summer Vacation	Tommy Greenwald

For Incoming 4th Graders:

TITLE	AUTHOR
The Crossover	Kwame Alexander
Lucky Broken Girl	Ruth Behar
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures	Kate DiCamillo
Amina's Voice	Henna Khan
A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin	Jen Bryant

For Incoming 5th Graders:

TITLE	AUTHOR
The Hunger Games	Suzanne Collins
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Other Words for Home	Jasmine Warga
The Maze Runner	James Dashner
The Bad Beginning	Lemony Snicket
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Sunrise on the Reaping	Suzanne Collins