

2020 The Westminster School at Oak Mountain Summer Reading

In order to maintain and improve the reading skills of our students and to foster a love for reading, we believe that summer reading is an important part of your child's continuing education. Studies show that most young readers suffer a regression in reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. We pray that our families will make reading a priority during the summer months, helping our students realize that people never take a vacation from learning.

2nd Through 6th Grade Required Reading Books

Rising 2nd graders: *The Magic Tree House #22: Revolutionary War on Wednesday* Osborne
Nate the Great and the Phony Clue Sharmat

Rising 3rd graders: *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* Cleary

Rising 4th graders: *The Whipping Boy* Fleischman

Rising 5th graders: *The Sign of the Beaver* Speare

Rising 6th graders: *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* Taylor

The additional pagination requirement for summer reading is as follows:

3rd grade: 300 pages (in addition to the required reading)

4th grade: 400 pages (in addition to the required reading)

5th and 6th grades: 500 pages (in addition to the required reading)

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS READING 30 MINUTES **EVERY DAY**.

“The Dog Days of Summer” Book Club Books – Book Clubs meet July 7-10.

Rising 1st graders: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (featuring Rosie and Malone)
by Kate DiCamillo
ISBN: 9781435244849

Rising 2nd graders: *Lassie Come Home* by Eric Knight
ISBN: 9780805037944

Rising 3rd graders: *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
ISBN: 9780763680862

Rising 4th graders: *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
ISBN: 9780689839306

Rising 5th graders: *Big Red* by Jim Kjelgaard
ISBN: 0823423913

Rising 6th graders: *The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford
ISBN: 9780440413240

“The Dog Days of Summer” Recommended Readings

Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

—Groucho Marx

Grades K-2

Henry and Ribsy; Ribsy by Beverly Cleary
Hank, the Cow Dog by John R. Erickson
The Poky Little Puppy by Janette Lowrey
Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes
Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant
Clifford, the Big Red Dog by Norman Bridwell
The True Tails of Togo the Sled Dog by Jonathan Hayes
The Trouble with Chickens: A JJ Tully Mystery by Doreen Cronin
Marvin Redpost Alone in His Teacher's House by Louis Sachar
Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings
Pretzel by H.A Rey and Margaret Rey
The Stray Dog by Marc Simont
White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan

Grades 3-6

101 Dalmations by Dodie Smith
Argos, The Story Of Odysseus As Told by his Loyal Dog by R.K. Hardy
Old Yeller by Fred Gipson
Lassie, Come Home by Eric Knight
Souder by William Armstrong
White Fang by Jack London
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
The Trouble with Tuck by Theodore Taylor
Travels with Charley by John Steinbeck
The Underneath by Kathi Appelt
The Good Dog by Avi
A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin
The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate
Along Came a Dog by Meindert DeJong
Togo, the Sled Dog and Other Great Animal Stories of the North by Joe Wheeler
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker

Additional book recommendations are listed on the school's website.