



Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

Lowell Students Read



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers:

As partners in the education of our youth, I invite you to help your children extend their reading skills this summer.

Here's how you can help:

- Check that your child reads for 15-30 minutes every day or read with them.
- Visit the Pollard Library and make sure your child has a book he or she can read. You can sign up online for an e-library card or use their many resources!

Your child is expected to:

- Select and read titles from the attached list or **any books they want**. This list includes new titles and old favorites. They can also read online or listen to audiobooks.
- Return to school prepared to participate in a discussion about a book that he or she reads.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns their BINGO board and his/her name will be entered into a drawing to represent their school at the October School Committee Meeting.

Log the books your child reads either on paper **OR** online. [Click here](#) to enter each book. This will create a list at their school of all the books your child read. Be sure to keep your log only on paper **OR** only online, not both!

We look forward to hearing about how much you read this summer!

Thank you,

Chief Academic Officer

Summer Reading 2020

Students Entering Grades K-4

May We Recommend...



Favorite Authors

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| Monica Brown | Kevin Henkes |
| Eric Carle | Kate McMullan |
| Lauren Child | Meg Medina |
| Doreen Cronin | Pat Mora |
| Matt de la Pena | Christopher Myers |
| Mem Fox | Mo Willems |

Favorite Series

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| Arnold, Tedd | <i>Fly Guy</i> books |
| Berenstain, Stan | <i>Berenstain Bears</i> books |
| Cole, Joanna | <i>Magic School Bus</i> books |
| Dean, James | <i>Pete the Cat</i> books |
| Lin, Grace | <i>Ling and Ting</i> books |
| Manushkin, Fran | <i>Pedro and Katie Woo</i> books |
| National Geographic | "Animal" books |
| Parish, Peggy | <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> books |
| Rylant, Cynthia | <i>Henry and Mudge, Annie and Snowball</i> books |
| Willems, Mo | <i>Elephant and Piggie</i> books |
| Scotton, Rob | <i>Splat</i> books |
| | <i>Who Was/Who Is</i> biographies |

May We Recommend (for Older Readers) . . .



Favorite Authors

Beverly Cleary	Kate DiCamillo
Andrew Clements	Grace Lin
Roald Dahl	Jon Scieszka

Favorite Series

Alvarez, Julia	<i>Tia Lola</i> books
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy and Bean</i> books
Birney, Betty	<i>Humphrey</i> books
Brown, Monica	<i>Lola Levine/Marisol McDonald</i> books
Clanton, Ben	<i>Narwhal and Jelly</i> books
Colfer, Chris	<i>The Land of Stories</i> books
DiTerlizzi, Tony	<i>Spiderwick Chronicles</i> books
Elliot, Rebecca	<i>Owl Diaries</i> books
English, Karen	<i>Carver Chronicles/Nikki and Deja</i> books
Kirby, Stan	<i>Captain Awesome</i> books
Hale, Shannon	<i>Princess in Black</i> books
Look, Lenore	<i>Alvin Ho</i> books and <i>Ruby Lu</i> books
McDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody/Stink</i> books
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Magic Tree House</i> books
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones</i> books
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot, Dogman, Captain Underpants</i> books
Roy, Ron	<i>A to Z Mysteries</i> books
Stilton, Geronimo	<i>Geronimo Stilton/Thea Stilton</i> books
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>I Survived</i> books
Warner, Sally	<i>EllRay Jakes</i> books

My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:











Where I will get books:

Borrow from the library

Read online

Trade books with friends

Buy at a bookstore

Buy Online

Other _____

Where I will read:

In my bedroom

In the living room

Outside

In my car

At the beach

Other _____

Log all of the books that you read. If you read 1 book, write it down. If you read 100, write them down. You can write them here. If you run out of room, add another piece of paper.

OR

Looking for an even easier way to log your books, do it online. [Click here](#) to enter your book titles online. Your school will keep a list of all of the books that you read.

Remember, you only need to log your books on paper **or** online. NOT BOTH!













Happy Summer Reading!



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Mark each space you complete. Can you get bingo? Can you fill the entire card?

B	I	N	G	O
Read a graphic novel or comic book 	Read a magazine for kids	Read a chapter book	Read with a flashlight 	Read aloud to a family member
Listen to an audio book	Read to a sibling or friend	Read the instructions to a game. Then play it! 	Swap a book with a friend; read it	Read a book when it is raining outside 
Read for 20 minutes in a comfy chair 	Read a poem 	Read a nonfiction book	Read a book that is also a TV show or movie 	Got to the library and pick out 3 books to read
Read a story and tell someone about the main characters	Read a book with someone and take turns reading pages	Read a book with a 1-word title 	Read a book electronically 	Read a book outside on a sunny day
Read a book that has won an award 	Read a funny book	Read a book you love 	Read the first book in a series	Read a book based on a superhero 

Name: _____ Grade: _____

My Summer Reading Log

Remember if you want an easier way, enter all of your books online by [clicking here](#) each time you finish one. (You don't need to keep a paper copy!)

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SUMMER READING PROJECT

Please show us how much you liked one or more of your summer reading books by making a project from the list below. You can also create your own project that you think up yourself! Share your completed book project or response with your teacher in the fall.

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE ONE



- Describe the character _____ using key details from the text.
- Draw or paint a picture of your favorite book character and write about it.
- Draw or paint a picture about your favorite part of a book.

FIRST GRADE TO SECOND GRADE



- Describe what kind of character _____ is using key details from the text.
- Create a colorful new cover for one of your books, showing some event from the book or something you learned from it.
- Draw and write about the beginning, middle, and end of a book.

SECOND GRADE TO THIRD GRADE



- Describe how characters in the text respond to major events and challenges.
- Create a book poster using pictures you cut from magazines. Include pictures of the setting, important story words, and characters. Paste your pictures creatively on poster board.
- Write a poem about a book.
- Make an interesting facts poster about a nonfiction book.

THIRD GRADE TO FOURTH GRADE



- Describe the characters in the text and explain how their actions relate to the events in the text.
- Write a letter to a friend telling why he/she should read your book.
- Write a list of five questions you would ask the main character of a book.
- Write a song or rap about your favorite book.
- Pretend you are a teacher. Make a quiz for the book you are reading.



Lowell Public Schools Summer Writing



Want to keep growing as a writer? Over the summer revisit writing that you already tried during the school year, try out a new kind of writing, or push yourself and try writing something in the next grade level. You can write anything you want!

[Click here](#) to access the Summer Writing Choice Board with video tutorials for each choice.

The graphic is a central purple rectangle labeled "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD" surrounded by various colored boxes and shapes. At the top, three boxes represent grade levels: Kindergarten (blue), Grade 1 (yellow), and Grade 2 (red). Below these are boxes for Grade 3 (blue) and Grade 4 (purple). A teal box for "Graphic Novels" is on the right, and a pink starburst for "Poetry" is at the bottom right. A green starburst for "Letter Writing" is on the left, and a red box for "Journaling" is at the bottom left. At the bottom, two teal banners read "REVISE" and "EDIT". A sun is on the left, and a beach scene with palm trees is on the right.

Kindergarten

- How-To Writing
- How to write a TRUE story

Grade 1

- How Can I Teach My Readers?
- Ways to Bring Stories to Life

Grade 2

- Nonfiction Writers
- Crafting Powerful Small Moments

Letter Writing

SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD

Graphic Novels

Journaling

Grade 3

- How to Write a Persuasive Speech
- Crafting Powerful Stories

Grade 4

- Nonfiction Teaching Moves
- How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story

Poetry

REVISE

EDIT