

OLM Summer Reading

2023

Below you will find the reading requirements for the grade your student will be entering for the 2023/2024 school year. All assignments are due the first week of school.

ENTERING PRE-K

Students entering Pre-K are not required to read any specific number of books but are encouraged to explore books with their family and friends throughout the summer. Any interested families are invited to complete the reading buddy worksheet found [here](#).

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

Students entering Kindergarten are required to read 3 books this summer according to the directions listed on the Tic-Tac-Toe worksheet. In addition, families are also asked to complete the reading buddy worksheet for one book. All worksheets are found [here](#).

ENTERING 1ST GRADE

First graders are required to read ten books of their choosing. If your child can read independently, we encourage them to choose books at their level. If your child is not yet reading independently, please read with them. They must also complete a book report and reading buddy worksheets for one book. Please record your student's reading using these [worksheets](#).

ENTERING 2ND GRADE

Second graders are required to read 15 books this summer. One of these books MUST be a chapter book and the remaining 14 may be a mix of picture and chapter books. You are always welcome to read more! You must also complete a book report for one book. Please record your student's reading using these [worksheets](#).

ENTERING 3RD GRADE

Incoming third graders are required to read two or more chapter books this summer. Please write a summary for each book which is at least 5 sentences long. Please, also, include a picture to go with each summary. Your picture can show your favorite part of the book, favorite characters, or anything else you think is important to include. Worksheet to record your summary can be found [here](#).

ENTERING 4TH GRADE

Required Readings: THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN by K. A. Applegate and TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING by Judy Blume. Please be prepared to discuss the plot of both books as well as an in-depth character analysis of all main characters the first week of school.

ENTERING 5TH GRADE

Required Reading: WONDER by R. J. Palacio. The summer reading assignment can be found on the 5th grade Google Classroom. Mrs. Nygren will e-mail the parents of each student with the access code for the classroom as well as the directions for completing the assignment. This assignment is due on the first day of school.

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ENTERING 6TH GRADE

Required Reading:

THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW by C. S. Lewis

THE BIBLE: The Book of Genesis Chapters 1 & 2

Choose one of the following as your second book:

TWENTY-ONE BALLOONS by William Pene du Bois

THE WITCH OF BLACKBIRD POND by Elizabeth George Speare

THE BRONZE BOW by Elizabeth George Speare

THE EAGLE OF THE NINTH by Rosemary Sutcliff

OTTO OF THE SILVER HAND by Howard Pyle

Please click on the following link for information regarding an essay assignment for this grade: [6th Grade Summer Essay Instructions](#)

ENTERING 7TH GRADE

Required Reading:

CHAINS by Laurie Halse Anderson

Choose one of the following as your second book:

THE TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE by Avi

ADAM OF THE ROAD by Elizabeth Gray

JOHNNY TREMAIN by Esther Hoskins Forbes

THE WINGED WATCHMAN by Hilda Van Stockum

THE HOBBIT by J. R. R. Tolkien

Please click on the following link for information regarding an essay assignment for this grade: [7th Grade Summer Essay Instructions](#)

ENTERING 8TH GRADE

Required Readings:

THE HIDING PLACE by Corrie Ten Boom

Choose one of the following as your second book:

ROBINSON CRUSOE BY Daniel Defoe

THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD by Roger Lancelyn Green

LITTLE WOMEN by Louisa May Alcott

THE LORD OF THE RINGS by J. R. R. Tolkien

THE OUTSIDERS by S. E. Hinton

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

THE CALL OF THE WILD by Jack London

Please click on the following link for information regarding an essay assignment for this grade: [8th Grade Summer Essay Instructions](#)