

SUMMER READING

As **Kindergarten** comes to a close, we want to stress the importance of summer reading. As Charlotte Mason says, “It is in the lap of the parent that a child first explores the universe of the printed page. Children of all ages must be immersed in the world of literature.” -*When Children Love to Learn*

Today, parents and children have a multitude of enticements competing for their attention. All too often, children plead for access to the digital market with its adrenal boosting sights and sounds. The challenge is guiding children to recognizing the life-giving beauty of a story. In order to cultivate character, build background knowledge, and nurture a love of reading, we must spend time in rich literature. Reading to and with your child, and listening to them read a book to you, creates the perfect pathway to enter the world of living books.

Consider what you wish to instill in your child this summer. What habits of the good life do you wish to practice? What habits of thinking and acting will influence a summer of wonder? What ideas will be cultivated through the books they read? How will you build a desire to escape into a book and relish its mysteries and surprises?

Our choices change who we are and how we live. How we spend our time influences our character. Open the books, read beyond just this list, and let us give to our children one of the best gifts they could receive—time spent with you, cultivating a life-long love of reading.

Rising 1st Graders: Summer Reading List

Please have your child read widely and often both with you and independently for a minimum of 20 minutes a day. The list below is meant to provide you with some ideas for summer book selections for your incoming 1st grader. Rhyming books are particularly helpful and delightful to read together.

Cat in the Hat Beginning Readers , by Dr. Seuss and others, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cat in the Hat• Green Eggs and Ham• Hop on Pop• One Fish, Two Fish	Books by Beatrix Potter , such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tale of Benjamin Bunny• The Tale of Tom Kitten• Jemima Puddle-Duck	Books by A.A. Milne , such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winnie the Pooh• Now We Are Six (poetry)• When We Were Very Young (poetry)
Any Mother Goose Fairy Tales or Aesop's Fables	Picture books related to: basic maps, human body systems, sun, moon and stars, simple machines, light and sound, plants and animals	Picture books related to: early explorers, Maya, Inca, Aztecs, Ancient Egypt, the 13 colonies, American West

**The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go.**
Dr. Seuss

