



## Entering 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Suggested Reading List and Assignment

Summer reading is **required** for students entering grades 1 and grade 2 with prize incentives for students at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Students **entering grade 1** are required to accumulate a minimum of **900 minutes**. Students entering **grade 2** are required to accumulate a minimum of **1,000 minutes**. Minutes read over the summer beginning May 30 and ending August 24, 2026, can be counted. Students will earn **a grade** for the completion of the required summer reading.

For your convenience, students can log their reading minutes on the calendar provided. Please add up the minutes at the end of the summer and record in the link by Friday, August 28, 2026. <https://forms.office.com/r/x7JsMXrn3N>. You do not need to return the paper calendar.

### Favorite Series for Independent Reading (arranged by Lexile):

The following is a list of suggested books to read and includes some of our favorite series. Books labeled in red are new books added to the list this year. This list is also located at [www.mcamustangs.org](http://www.mcamustangs.org)

Books marked with an asterisk have a Christian theme.

#### 180L - 330L

- *Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems (180-330L)
- *If You Give...* by Laura Numeroff (180-480L)
- *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold (180-460L)
- *Froggy* by Jonathan London (210-650L)
- *Nate the Great* by Marjorie Sharmat (280-520L)
- *Jigsaw Jones Mysteries* by James Preller (280-570L)
- *Biscuit Series* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (60-310L)

#### 300L - 400L

- *Amelia Bedelia* by Peggy & Herman Parish (340-710L)

- *Little Bear* by Else Holmelund Minarik (340-470L)
- *Henry and Mudge Series* by Cynthia Rylant (300-500L)
- *Frog and Toad Series* by Arnold Lobel

400L - 500L

- *Berenstain Bears* by Jan & Mike Berenstain (410-720L) \*
- *King & Kayla* by Dori Hillestad Butler (430L)
- *Fancy Nancy* by Robin Preiss Glasser (480-550L)
- *Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton (410-810L)
- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel (480-690L)
- *The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls* series by M.J. Thomas (430-460L) \*
- *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown (480-700L)
- *Magic Tree House Series* by Mary Pope Osborne (240-590L)

460L - 600L

- *Katie Woo* by Fran Manushkin (460-550L)
- *Mother Bruce and other Bruce* stories by Ryan T. Higgins (500-530L)
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo (520L)
- *Fly Guy Presents...* by Tedd Arnold (540-870L)
- *Owl Diaries* by Rebecca Elliot (530-580L)
- *Pet Vet* series by Sally and Darrel Odgers (530L)
- *Here's Hank* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver (540-660L)
- *Humphrey's Tiny Tales* by Betty G. Birney (580-620L)
- *Ivy + Bean Series* by Annie Barrows (510-600L)
- *The Princess in Black Series* by Shannon and Dean Hale (490-560L)
- *The Good Guys Agency Series* by Nick Esposito

600L - 811L

- *Good Dog* series by Cam Higgins (640-680L)
- *The Dead Sea Squirrels* by Mike Nawrocki (600-811L) \*

- *Olivia's Secrets Scribbles* by Meredith Costain (600L)
- *Puppy Place & Kitty Corner* by Ellen Miles (570-760L)
- *The Adventures in Odyssey* series by Focus on the Family (600-800L) \*

600L and above

- *Who Was...* series (biographies) (610-950L)
- *Great Mouse Detective* by Eve Titus (730-820L)
- *Where Was...* Series (geography) (770-950L)
- *You Wouldn't Want to...* (Multiple authors) (770-1200L)
- *Freddie's Amazing Bakery* by Harriet Whitehorn (810-830L)

Lexile level unknown

- *Wednesday & Woof* by Sherri Winston

## Suggested Bible Reading:

Bible suggestions:

*The Beginners Bible* by Zondervan

*The Growing Reader Phonics Bible* by Joy MacKenzie

*Hey-O! Stories of the Bible* by Saddleback Kids

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones

Bible stories covered in 1<sup>st</sup> grade:

- Creation
- Noah
- Jesus- Salvation
- The Trinity
- The Wise and Foolish Men
- The Story of Ruth
- The Christmas Story
- The Easter Story

Bible stories covered in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade:

- Days of creation
- Adam & Eve
- The fall & the flood
- Jesus' temptation in the wilderness

- The Good Samaritan
- Jesus feeding the 5000
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendigo
- Moses, the 10 plagues, the Exodus, crossing the Red Sea
- The Ark of the Covenant
- The Three Spies
- The story of Samson

\*Updated April 2026