

Generals READ



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We look forward to seeing you all in the classroom this August. In the meantime, the following are the required summer reading books for this year. Please find your grade level and select **one** book from the given list. You will refer back to your chosen book for our initial lessons at the beginning of the school year. Of course, we encourage each of you to read more than one book or other books of your choosing, as well. See the back for more tips and ideas!

Rising 3rd Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar
- *Wild Wings* by Lewis Gill

Rising 4th Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- *The Secret School* by Avi
- *A Nest for Celeste: a Story About Art Inspiration and the Meaning of Home* by Henry Cole
- *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson
- *Slacker* by Gordon Korman
- *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *We're Not from Here* by Geoff Rodkey
- *Frozen Stiff* by Sherry Shahan
- *A Crooked Kind of Perfect* by Linda Urban

Rising 5th Graders

Choose **one** book from the list below:

- *Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling
- *Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George
- *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Haddix
- *Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch, & the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Kite Fighters* by Linda Park
- *Half Upon a Time* by James Riley
- *The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Stewart
- *Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman

*****This full list is also the 2024 SCISA Battle of the Books Lower School list. Beginning in the fall, our team will meet after school once per week to prepare for the competition to be held in January. We encourage all of you to read these great books and consider joining our Battle of the Books team this fall!**

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Questions for your Summer Reader

- Tell me about what you read.
- Who are the main characters? Tell me about them.
- Where does the story take place?
- What has happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?
- What is the most important or most interesting event in the story?
- What is the problem in the story? How is it solved?
- What is/was your favorite part of the story?
- What surprised you, made you laugh, or made you sad?
- What does the story remind you of?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- What made you choose this book?

Summer Reading Tips and Ideas

- Choose books that look interesting and fun--books that are "just right."
- Visit the public library. If your public library has a summer challenge, complete the challenge and share with us so we can celebrate your accomplishment!
- Find fun, new places to read. Get creative--something out of the ordinary!
- Invite friends over for a reading party. Have popcorn, listen to music, and READ together!
- Read on your vacation. Pack and take books with you in your bag to read when you are looking for something to do.
- Read a book and then watch the movie version.
- If you are willing to share, send a picture of your child with his/her library card or enjoying some summer reading to Mrs. Hale at cheryl.hale@thomassumter.org. We'd love to feature our Lower School General readers on our school web pages this summer!

