

# Grades 1-6 Summer Reading 2019

PCS believes it is important for students to develop a lifelong love of reading. Our summer reading program is designed to encourage our students to foster their love of reading.

PCS does not endorse any of the selected books, and encourages parents to screen any books that your child is reading. The Focus on the Family website ([www.focusonthefamily.com](http://www.focusonthefamily.com)) has great reviews of children's books.

Most of these books are available in the PCS Elementary Library, Books-a-Million, [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), downloaded to a Kindle/iPad, or checked out from the local public libraries.

A suggested reading list is provided for upcoming first graders, but they will not be allowed to check books out of the PCS Library or take AR tests at this time. The PCS Elementary Library and Computer Lab will be open from 9:00-12:00 for students who will be in grades 2-6 this fall to check out books and take AR tests on their suggested reading books. These dates are Wednesday, June 12, 19, 26 and July 10 and 17.

**All required summer reading tests will be taken in August.**

There is a list of AR tests that are blocked on our website under Academics>Elementary>Accelerated Reader. These tests are blocked because they are either for class reading or required summer reading. Your child's teacher will determine when these tests will be taken. To check the availability of AR books available for testing at PCS, go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)

Please notice that for upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, there are **two required books** and for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders there is **one required book**. All other books are for suggested reading. During August, students will take AR tests on their required summer reading. Additional testing or assignments for these books is listed on each grade's summer reading instructions.

## REQUIRED READING:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

*Daniel's Duck* by Clyde Robert Bulla

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** *The Secret Chicken Society* by Judy Cox

*Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Wildfire Run* by Dee Garretson

*The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

The suggested and required reading summer lists for grades 1-6 are on the following pages:

# First Grade Suggested Summer Reading List – 2019

Our goal is for children's literature to be a part of every child's summer. Please feel free to add books of your choice to this list. The reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

## Series:

Biscuit (Capucilli)

Clifford (N. Bridwell)

Arthur (M. Brown)

Fly Guy (T. Arnold)

Charlie the Ranch Dog (Drummond)

Pete the Cat (J. Dean)

Little Critter (M. Mayer)

Morris and Boris (B. Wiseman)

Junie B. Jones (B. Park)

Flat Stanley (J. Brown)

Elephant and Piggie (M. Willems)

Harry the Dirty Dog (Zion)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (Numeroff)

## Any books by Eric Carle, Ezra Jack Keats, or Dr. Seuss

### Folktales and Fairy Tales:

Chicken Little

Cinderella

The Tortoise and the Hare

Henny Penny

The Little Red Hen

The Three Bears

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

The Three Little Pigs

The Ugly Duckling

### Reading Tips:

1. Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
2. Ask questions and make comments during the reading process. How do you think this character feels? What do you think will happen next?
3. After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
4. Encourage your child to make connections. Does this story remind you of another book you read, an event in your life, a movie?
5. Take turns reading pages with your child.
6. Don't be afraid to read the same book again. Repeated reading helps build reading fluency.

## Second Grade Summer Reading List – 2019

One of the essential ingredients in your child's academic success is reading outside the classroom. For this reason, PCS has chosen to establish a required summer reading program for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The summer reading program is designed to provide your child with an opportunity to extend the reading skills developed during the previous year's instruction in the classroom and through our STAR Renaissance Accelerated Reading Program.

**PCS SUMMER READING** is required! Students are **REQUIRED** to read two books. Of course, students are encouraged to read more, but only these books are required for a comprehension grade. This grade will be entered into RenWeb as a comprehension weekly test grade during the first nine-weeks.

**Required summer reading** for students entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the fall are:

#1 – *Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel

#2 – *Daniel's Duck* by Clyde Robert Bulla

Students will take the Accelerated Reader test on these books in the Computer Lab at the beginning of the school year.

These books may be purchased from Books-a-Million or Amazon.com or checked out from the library.

In addition to the above required reading, we recommend the "*I Can Read!*" series from Scholastic and the "*Step into Reading*" series to build proficiency in reading. Additional suggestions include the following **series**:

*Henry and Mudge* by Cynthia Rylant

*The Cul-de-sac Kids* by Beverly Lewis

*Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park

## Third Grade Summer Reading List – 2019

### Required:

*The Secret Chicken Society* by Judy Cox

Quiz #150205

Book Level 3.2

AR Points 2.0

*Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco

Quiz# 6014

Book Level 3.5

AR Points 0.5

Books may be purchased at Books-a-Million, Amazon.com or checked out from your public library.

Students will take the AR tests on the above required books when we begin school in August. They will also take a supplementary teacher made test.

### Other books your child may enjoy this summer:

*Boxcar Children* Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

*Clementine* books by Sara Pennypacker

*Ramona* series by Beverly Cleary

*Flat Stanley* books by Jeff Brown

*Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew* books by Carolyn Keene

*Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne

*Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume

*Stuart Little* by E.B. White

## Fourth Grade Summer Reading List – 2019

All upcoming fourth grade students are required to read two books during the summer.

The first required book is *Wildfire Run* by Dee Garretson (fiction, AR quiz #138923, book level: 4.5, AR points: 7.0). All students will take the AR test for this book during August. There will be ten other questions students will answer to go along with the AR test. These will be combined and count as a reading test grade for the first nine weeks.

The second required book is *The Chocolate Touch* by Patrick Skene Catling (fiction, AR quiz #256, book level: 4.7, AR points: 2.0). All students will take the AR test for the book during August. They will also answer ten teacher made questions to go along with the AR test. These will be combined and count as a reading test grade for the first nine weeks.

**Suggestion:** To help with comprehension, students may want to write a short summary for each chapter.

If your child is new to PCS, we suggest that your child also read *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis (fiction, AR quiz #52, book level: 5.7, AR points: 6.0).

Books may be purchased from Amazon.com, Books-a-Million, or checked out from the local public libraries.

## Fifth Grade Summer Reading List – 2019

One of the essential ingredients in your child's academic success is reading outside the classroom. For this reason, PCS has chosen to establish a required summer reading program for students entering 5th grade. The summer reading program is designed to provide your child with an opportunity to extend the reading skills developed during the previous year's instruction in the classroom and through our STAR Renaissance Accelerated Reading Program.

**PCS SUMMER READING is required! Students are required to read one book. Of course, students are encouraged to read more, but only this one book is required for a comprehension grade. This grade will be entered into RenWeb as a comprehension weekly test grade during the first nine-weeks.**

**Required summer reading for students entering 5th grade in the fall:**

***Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Realistic Fiction: AR Quiz No. 5440**

*When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner. The owner is a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs. (Book descriptions taken from AR BOOK FINDER)*

*Shiloh* may be purchased from Books-a-Million, Amazon.com, downloaded to Kindle/ iPad, or checked out from the local public libraries.

ASSESSMENTS will take place in the classroom during August 12th-16th and will include the following:

- Students will write a book report on Shiloh in class using the writing guidelines in the 5th grade ABEKA Language textbook. This assignment will take place during the first week of school under the instruction and supervision of the reading teacher.
- Students will learn to write a 5 point essay on the main characters in Shiloh.
- Students will take a vocabulary test on August 14th and a comprehension test on August 16th.
- Students will take the Accelerated Reader test on the book in the Computer Lab during the week of August 19, 2019.

For those of you who would like for your child to read more books over the summer, we recommend:

- *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry Realistic/Historical fiction: An inspiring youth overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.
- *Anne Frank: Young Diarist* by Ruth Ashby Biography: This book follows the life of the Jewish girl who chronicled her day-to-day life in a diary as she hid in an attic in Nazi-occupied Holland for two years.

NOTE: If your child is new to PCS, may we suggest that your child read one or two of these books from *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis as summer reading choices in addition to the required book. These books are class enrichment units in the 3rd-4th grades at PCS: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Prince Caspian*, and *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

## Sixth Grade Summer Reading List – 2019

One of the essential ingredients in your child's academic success is reading outside the classroom. For this reason, PCS has chosen to establish a required summer reading program for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The summer reading program is designed to provide your child with an opportunity to extend the reading skills developed during the previous year's instruction in the classroom and through our STAR Renaissance Accelerated Reading Program.

**PCS SUMMER READING is required! Students are required to read one book. Of course, students are encouraged to read more, but only this one book is required for a comprehension grade. This grade will be entered into RenWeb as a comprehension weekly test grade during the first nine-weeks.**

**Required summer reading for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall:**

**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry AR Quiz No. 379 Historical Fiction** *In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.* (Book description taken from AR BOOK FINDER)

Number the Stars may be purchased from Books-a-Million, Amazon.com, downloaded to Kindle/ Ipad, or checked out from the local public libraries.

ASSESSMENTS will take place in the classroom during August 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> and will include the following:

- Students will write a book report on Number the Stars in class using the writing guidelines in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade ABEKA Language textbook. This assignment will take place during the first week of school under the instruction and supervision of the reading teacher.
- Students will learn to write a 5 point essay on the themes in Number the Stars.
- Students will take a vocabulary test on August 14<sup>th</sup> and a comprehension test on August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Students will take the Accelerated Reader test on the book in the Computer Lab during the week of August 19, 2019.

For those of you who would like for your child to read more books over the summer, we recommend:

- Gifted Hands, Kids Edition: The Ben Carson Story (Biography) This book is the revised story of Ben Carson, providing an account of how he went from a poor child in Detroit, labeled the class dummy, to one of the world's leading pediatric neurosurgeons. The coauthor is Deborah Shaw Lewis
- Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls (Realistic//Adventure) Fiction) A fourteen-year-old Ozark Mountain boy attempts to recapture monkeys escaped from a traveling circus.
- Souder by William H. Armstrong (Realistic Fiction) Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and through his relation with his devoted dog, Souder.
- My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George (Realistic/Adventure Fiction) Written in the form of a diary, this story relates the days of a young boy in the Catskill Mountains.  
(Book descriptions taken from AR BOOK FINDER)

NOTE: If your child is new to PCS, we suggest that your child read one or two of these books from *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis as summer reading choices in addition to the required book. These books are class enrichment units in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades at PCS: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Prince Caspian*, *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, *The Horse and His Boy*, and *The Silver Chair*