

Meadow Woods Elementary School Merlin's Suggested Summer Reading List

Finding the right books to read during the summer months can be as thrilling as seeing or touching a manatee like Merlin for the first time. The Literacy Team wants to help you find a variety of books to enjoy, so we have created lists for each grade level. The lists of suggested books are for the grade level you will start in August and have easy thru challenging titles included. Additional grade level lists can be found on our school website, so you can try out books at your grade level as well as other grade levels. The important thing to remember is to find books that interest you and that are easily read and understood. The "5 word rule" will help you decide if the book is a good choice for you. Finally, we encourage parents to read to their children regardless of the child's age. This is a perfect way to create some quality time with your child each day.

Enjoy a good book today!

--The Literacy Team

INCOMING FIRST GRADE

(Other book titles by these authors are excellent choices.)

Color Books

Color of His Own by Leo Lionni

Number Books

Ten Apples Up on Top by Theodore LeSieg

Math Fables by Greg Tang

Alphabet Books

Alphabet Mystery by Audrey Wood

Rhyme and Repetition

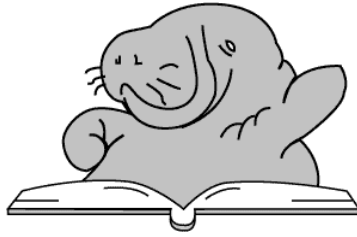
The Random House Book of Poetry by Jack Prelutsky

Is Your Mama a Llama? by Steven Kellogg

Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss

When I Was Five by Arthur Howard

A Frog Inside My Hat by Margaret Wise Brown



Fairy Tales and Fables

The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone
Goldilocks and the Three Bears by James Marshall

Books to Build Story Sense

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Me Too by Mercer Mayer
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Corduroy by Don Freeman
How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox
Good Dog, Fergus by David Shannon
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
Clifford by Norman Bridwell

Book Trademarks to Look For:

Early I Can Read, I Can Read, Hello Readers (Levels 1 and 2), First Start

Each student should have received a flyer from the Orange County Public Library...on that flyer was lots of information about activities that they provide during the summer months...if you stop by our local South Creek Branch at 1702 Deerfield Blvd. Orlando, FL 32837, call the main number at 407 835 7323, or visit their awesome website at www.ocps.net then you could get even more information! If you don't already have a library card, then please do go sign up for one ASAP...they are FREE to all residents of Orange County.

Since we are encouraging all students to keep reading during the summer, a special incentive is being given to those students choosing to keep a Reading Log...You can use this Summer Reading List as a guide. You could read other books by the same authors or visit the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/booklists.cfm> for more ideas!

In this log you should have your full name and the grade you will be entering...you will need to list the date you started and finished each of the books, the titles and authors, as well as write a few sentences relating the book to something in your life (text to self), to something around you (text to world), or to another book (text to text).

Then YOU will be eligible to be entered into a drawing for books and prizes! Each student who does this for at least 10 picture books for grades K-2 and at least 3 SSYRA books or 5 other chapter books for grades 3-5...grades 2-5 must also pass the AR quiz for these books when they get back to school in August...the Orange County Library has a list of all of the books that we own quizzes for.

Mrs. Parisi, our Media Specialist, will be working much of the summer so you can contact her via email at andrea.parisi@ocps.net if you have any questions.