

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. 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

GOOD READ ALOUD BOOKS for INCOMING KINDERGARTEN

Color Books

Is It Red? Is It Yellow? Is it Blue? by Tana Hoban
Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin, Jr.

Number Books

Ten in a Bed by Mary Rees
Five Little Ducks by Ivan Bates

Alphabet Books

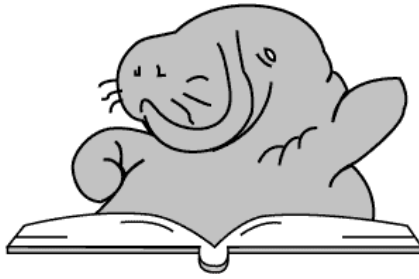
Alphabatics by Suse MacDonald

Rhyme and Repetition

Mother Goose by Sylvia Long
Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
Backyard Dance by Sarah Boynton

Concept Books

More, Fewer, Less by Tana Hoban
The Wheels on the Bus by Paul D. Zelinsky



Fairy Tales and Fables

The Three Bears by Paul Galdone

Books to Build Story Sense

Have You Seen My Duckling? by Nancy Tafuri

Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathman

Time for Bed by Mem Fox

Book Trademarks to Look For:

Early I Can Read, Hello Readers (Level 1), First Start Readers

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.ocls.info 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.