



NHCS Summer Reading: Rising Kindergarten & 1st Grade

At NHCS, we believe that establishing consistent reading habits during the early childhood years is vital to cultivating critical thinking, vocabulary development, and a lifelong love for learning. For our rising Kindergarten and 1st graders, summer reading is all about engagement and practice rather than specific assignments. Parents are asked to help their children track the total number of minutes spent reading independently or being read aloud to. Students can read (or be read to) with physical books, or they can read on the Reading A-Z website. Just make sure to track your minutes if you are reading physical books. You can earn fun reading milestone rewards when we return in the fall!

Please Note: The book lists provided on the left are strictly suggestions and excellent examples of high-quality, age-appropriate literature. Students are welcome to track minutes using any books they choose!

- Beaty, Andrea. Iggy Peck, Architect; Rosie Revere, Engineer; Ada Twist, Scientist; etc.
- Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline (Series)
- Brown, Margaret Wise. Runaway Bunny; Good Night Moon; etc.
- Burton, Virginia Lee. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel; The Little House; etc.
- Carle, Eric. The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Grouchy Ladybug; The Tiny Seed, etc.
- Cronin, Doreen. Click, Clack, Moo (Series)
- Cushman, Doug. The Inspector Hopper (Series)
- Dean, James. Pete the Cat (Series)
- Henkes, Kevin. Chrysanthemum; Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, etc.
- Keats, Ezra Jack. The Peter (Series)
- Lin, Grace. The Ling & Ting (Series)
- Lobel, Arnold. Mouse Tales; Owl at Home; and Frog and Toad (Series)
- Marshall, James. George and Martha (Series)
- Maslen, Bobby Lynn. Bob Books- Phonics Readers (Series)
- McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal; Make Way for Ducklings; etc.
- Minarik, Else Holmelund. Little Bear (Series)
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia (Series)
- Potter, Beatrix. A Beatrix Potter Treasury
- Rey, H. A. Curious George (Series)
- Reynolds, Peter H. The Dot; Ish; etc.
- Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge (Series); Poppleton (Series); etc.
- Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat; Green Eggs and Ham; etc.
- Steig, William. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble; Amos & Boris; Abel's Island; etc.
- Willems, Mo. Elephant and Piggie (Series)

Reading Guidelines & Tracking

The Goal: Cultivate a daily reading habit! We encourage students to aim for consistent reading blocks throughout the summer to prevent the "summer slide"!

How to Record Minutes:

- Option 1 (Digital): Log in to the Reading A-Z website using your student credentials to listen to stories, read leveled books, and take quizzes. Minutes are tracked automatically!
- Option 2 (Physical): Read hard copies of your favorite books at home and keep a handwritten log of the book titles and the total minutes spent reading or listening.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded based on total minutes read.

Prize Levels:

Level 1 - 50 Minutes
Level 2 - 100 Minutes
Level 3 - 150 Minutes
Level 4 - 200 Minutes
Level 5 - 250+ Minutes