Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School
Kindergarten-Grade 3 Summer Reading List
2026-2027

Summer reading is required at AKFCS because of the many benefits it brings. These benefits include improved reading skills, increased desire to read, improved self-esteem, neutralized summer learning loss, and improved comprehension and memory skills.

Students will be required to complete a project based off of their grade level text when they return to school in the Fall. You can read the listed text to them, with them, or they can read it independently.

Entering Kindergarten	***What about Bear?*** *by Suzanne Bloom*
Entering Grade 1	**Move!** by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
Entering Grade 2	**The Big Red Lollipop** by Rukhsana Kahn
Entering Grade 3	**Chato's Kitchen** by Gary Soto

In addition, students are challenged to read at least 20 minutes each day. Help them choose books that they are excited about reading! Here are some tips on how to help your child choose a book.

Try the Five Finger Rule

- Have your child choose a book that they think they will enjoy.
- Have them read the second page.
- Ask them to hold up a finger for each word they are not sure of, or do not know.
- If there are five or more words that they did not know, you should consider choosing an easier book.
- You can try this on a few pages just to be sure.

OR

Try the Good Fit Pick

- Have your child read two or three pages of a book.
- Ask your child the following questions:
    - Do you think that this book will be easy and fun to read?
    - Do you understand what you are reading?
    - Do you know most of the words?
    - When you read it aloud, can you read it smoothly?
    - Do you think the topic is interesting?
- If most of the answers were "yes", this should be an appropriate book for your child to read independently.

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Looking for some suggestions? Reading a book from a series is a great way to get kids excited about reading, boost their fluency, and expose them to patterns in writing.
Try a book from one of the series below!

Entering K	**Entering 1**
Series: *Biscuit* by Alyssa Capucilli *Biggest ____ Ever* by Steven Kroll *Old Lady Who Swallowed…* by Lucille Calandro *Pete the Cat* by James Dean *How Do Dinosaurs* by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague *Pig the Pug* by Aaron Blabey **Authors:** Mo Willems Eric Carle Kevin Henkes Jory John Derrick Barnes	**Series:** *Elephant and Piggie* by Mo Willems *Pete the Cat* by James Dean *Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold *Pinkalicious* by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann *Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor *Magic Treehouse* by Mary Pope Osborne *How to Catch a…* by Adam Wallace *Frog and Toad* by Arnold Lobel *Froggy* by Jonathan London Happy Hair by Machal Renee Roe **Authors:** Jory John Laura Numeroff Mo Willems Derrick Barnes

Entering 2	**Entering 3**
Magic Treehouse by Mary Pope Osborne *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo *Junie B. Jones* by Barbara Park *The Bad Guys* by Aaron Blabey *Dogman* by Dave Pilkey *Who would win?* by Jerry Pollatta Dyamonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes **Authors:** Cynthia Rylant Dave Pilkey	**Series** *Babysitters Club* by Cynthia Yuan Cheng *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney *Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier *I Survived…* by Lauren Tarshis *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows *The Magnificent Makers* by Theanne Griffith *Zoey and Sassafras* by Asia Citro *Dragon Masters* by Tracey West Who Was…? **Authors:** Dave Pilkey Nikki Grimes Megan McDonald

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