

## ~Welcome to Summer Reading 2016~

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to present the Suggested Summer Reading List. With valuable input from our professional staff, we have compiled a meaningful selection of literature which offers your child the opportunity to experience various genre on an array of readability levels.

Serious literature, fiction and non-fiction, invariably draws upon a wide range of topics and issues. All parents are encouraged to access the websites listed here so that they can make informed parenting decisions.

At Helen Morgan School, we have made literacy a priority at all grade levels. We need your help in ensuring that "our" children continue to read throughout the summer. Summer is a time to relax and have fun, and it is also an excellent time for you to encourage your child to read for knowledge and enjoyment. Your example, encouragement, and support will contribute toward helping us reach the goal of every student developing a love for reading and books.

Students are encouraged to share the love of reading with their family!

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### Links to Book Reviews:

[www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/](http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/)  
[www.childrensbooksforparents.com](http://www.childrensbooksforparents.com)  
[www.allreaders.com](http://www.allreaders.com)

## Summer Reading Tips

Links below are for additional summer reading lists and tools to help with book selection.

\*Books, Reviews, Authors, and Children's Book Choice Awards:

[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

\*Tool to help find a book that's just right!

[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

[www.scholastic.com/teachers](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers)

(look for Book Wizard)

\*Summer Reading Lists by Grade:

[www.hbook.com](http://www.hbook.com)

[www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/summer-reading-tips-students-and-parents](http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/summer-reading-tips-students-and-parents)

[www.readworks.org](http://www.readworks.org)

\*Fun websites to keep reading skills sharp:

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

\*\*We Give Books: Combining the Joy of Reading with the Power of Helping Others...read books online and help others~ [www.wegivebooks.org](http://www.wegivebooks.org)



## ~ Novels in Verse/Graphic Novels~

Crossover.....Alexander  
 Lunch Lady (series).....Knopf  
 The Baby-Sitter Club Graphix.....Telgemeier  
 Sunny Side Up.....Holm

## Entering Grades 4 & 5

~Fiction: Action/Adventure/Humor/Myth/Mystery~

A Dog's Life - .....Martin  
 BFG.....Dahl  
 Borrowers, The (Series) - .....Norton  
 Candymakers.....Mass  
 Champ - .....Jones  
 Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire.....Frazier  
 Coraline - .....Gaiman  
 Crimebiters!.....Greenwald  
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid, (Series) .....Kinney  
 Dogs Don't Tell Jokes or Small Steps - .....Sachar  
 Dragons of Deltora - .....Rodda  
 Earthquake Terror - .....Kehret  
 Flora & Ulysses.....DiCamillo  
 Foxcraft: The Taken.....Islerles  
 Gaby, Lost and Found.....Cervantes  
 Game Changers Play Makers.....Lupica  
 Hank Zipzer (Series) - .....Winkler/Oliver  
 Henry Huggins - .....Cleary  
 Indian in the Cupboard - .....Banks  
 Julie of the Wolves - .....George  
 The Key to Extraordinary.....Lloyd  
 The Little Secret.....Saunders  
 Lost and Found - .....Clements  
 Love that Dog - .....Crech  
 May Bird, (Series) .....Anderson  
 Misadventures of Benjamin Bartholomew Piff .....Lethcoe  
 My Life as a Cartoonist.....Tasjian  
 The Oodlethunks.....Griffin  
 Room One - .....Clements  
 School's Out - .....Hurwitz  
 Space Taxi (series).....Mass, Brawer  
 Spaced Out.....Gibbs  
 Trumpet of the Swan - .....White  
 Tuck Everlasting - .....Babbitt  
 Twice Upon a Time (series).....Mass  
 Warriors, series - .....Hunter  
 Witches, The - .....Dahl  
 Young Indiana Jones - .....Fox

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### ~Realistic Fiction~

Allie, First at Last.....	Cervantes
Anything but Typical.....	Baskin
Cake, Pop Crush.....	Nelson
I Funny TV.....	Patterson
Landry News, The - .....	Clements
London Eye Mystery, The - .....	Dowd
Music of Dolphins, The - .....	Hesse
Pick of the Litter - .....	Wallace
Save Me A Seat.....	Weeks
Sit, Stay Love.....	Howard
Skink, No Surrender.....	Knopf
Song of the Trees - .....	Taylor
Week in the Woods, A - .....	Clements
Wonder .....	Palacio

### ~Historical Fiction~

American Girl (Series) - .....	various
Caleb's Story - 3.1 or Skylark - .....	Maclachlan
Dear America (Series) .....	Various
Little House on the Prairie - .....	Wilder
Nory Ryan's Song - .....	Giff
Out of the Dust - .....	Hesse
Run Away Home - .....	McKissak
Titanic Crossing - .....	Williams
Some Kind of Courage.....	Gemeinhart
Thunder at Gettysburg - .....	Gauch
Watsons Go to Birmingham, The - .....	Curtis

### ~Classics~

A Little Princess - .....	Burnett
Ann of Green Gables - .....	Montgomery
Black Beauty - .....	Sewell
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - .....	Dahl
Charlotte's Web - .....	White
Chronicles of Narnia, The (Series ) .....	Lewis
Illustrated Classics.....	various
King Arthur - .....	(Scholastic Junior Classics).....Mason
*Tales from the Odyssey (Series) - .....	Osborne
Winnie the Pooh - .....	Milne

## ~Non-Fiction~ ~Biography/Informational~

Amelia Earhart - .....	Stone
Boy - .....	Dahl
George Washington - .....	Hort
Great Fire, The - .....	Murphy
Helen Keller - .....	Garrett
Ida B. ....	Hannigan
It Came from Ohio!: My Life as a Writer.....	Stine
Jacob's Rescue - .....	Drucker & Halperin
Longitude Prize - .....	Dash
Marie Curie, A Brilliant Life - .....	MacLeod
Scholastic, Book of World Records 2007 - 2015	
True Book (Series) .....	various
Who was Anne Frank? - .....	Abramson

[www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories)

[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)

[www.sikids.com](http://www.sikids.com)

[www.dogonews.com](http://www.dogonews.com)

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/kidspost/>



### -Series-

Tale Dark & Grimm
Big Nate
Land of Stories
Amulet
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Timmy Failure
I Survived
Goosebumps
Geronimo Stilton
Key Hunter
Tombquest
Upside-Down Magic
Wings of Fire
Dork Diaries
Cleopatra in Space

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