

Hingham Public Schools *Summer Reading K-5*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills. You can continue this literacy support by making sure that your child has many opportunities to read and write throughout the summer.

The attached resource list includes some book suggestions and other related links for you and your family's reading enjoyment. You can access the live links on the Hingham Public Schools website and on your school's website. As always, the Hingham Public Library is a wonderful resource for materials and programs to foster reading. Students in grades K-5 are invited to make choices from the attached resource list. This year, in addition to their choices, all students entering grades 4 and 5 are *required* to read the following selections:

Grade 5: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
Grade 4: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

To help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading level, follow the *Five Finger Rule*.

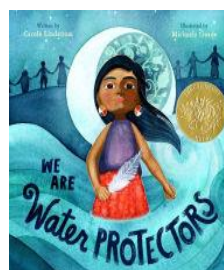
- Choose a passage (or book) of about 100 words.
- When your child comes to a word that he/she cannot pronounce correctly, ask him/her to put up a finger.
- If your child reaches the fifth finger, the book is too difficult. Choose a different book.

Remember to balance independent reading with read-alouds. If a book is too difficult for your child, feel free to read it to him/her and encourage a different book for independent reading. Fluent readers still like to be read to and to listen to audio books. For older readers, be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond his/her maturity level. Both librarians and the reputable websites listed here are great sources of information in this area.

Proficient readers read lots of different types of texts. Read books or brochures about places where you may travel. Keep a journal of a special day or vacation. The library contains a wonderful collection of age-appropriate newspapers and magazines that children can read in order to learn interesting facts and information about their world. Don't forget to encourage reading comprehension by talking with your children about their books or asking them questions about the stories they are reading.

Thank you for your support. Have a summer filled with many reading adventures!

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Award-Winning Titles

2021 Caldecott Medal

We Are Water Protectors. In an appropriately forceful and inspirational call to action, Carole Lindstrom's lyrical picture book about defending Earth's natural resources is a must-read regardless of age. Inspired by Indigenous-led movements across the United States...Lindstrom's powerful words are matched with Michaela Goade's stunning illustrations to create a reading experience that will resonate for years to come.

2021 Newbery Medal

When You Trap a Tiger, by Tae Keller

When Lily moves with her family to Washington to be with her ailing grandmother, or Halmoni, the last thing she expects is to encounter a magical tiger she's heard about in Halmoni's Korean folktales. She soon learns that the tiger is the key to uncovering Halmoni's past and possibly saving her life. ***When You Trap a Tiger*** is a powerful story about one of our greatest powers — storytelling and the effects those stories have on who we become.

2021 Coretta Scott King Award (honoree)

Magnificent Homespun Brown, Samantha Cole Doyon, author; Kaylani Junanita, illustrator

Whether this delightful book is a mirror or a window for a child, it is a must-read for its celebration of love for oneself and one's family. — Clara Hendricks, Cambridge Public Library, MA - School Library Journal

Helpful Websites

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

<http://www.commonsemmedia.org>

<http://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/childrens>

<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Start a Series!

A-Z Mysteries

Alex Rider

Allie Finkle

The American Girl

Artemis Fowl

Bounders

Clementine

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Elephant and Piggy

Eyewitness

Frog and Toad

Geronimo Stilton

Harry Potter

I Survived

Ivy and Bean

Magic Tree House

The Mysterious Benedict Society

Nate the Great

Percy Jackson

The Spiderwick Chronicles

Warriors

Who Was...?

Zach Files

...and others!

More Reading Ideas

Start a Book Club!

school.familyeducation.com

Summer Fun/Ideas (Check out the library!)

hinghamlibrary.org/

Parent Tips

readingrockets.org

