

# Concord Christian School Summer Reading 2023

## For Elementary Students Entering K-5



*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."*

*– Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"*

CCS Library Website Page:

<https://www.concordchristianschool.org/arts/lib>

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## Summer Reading Challenges

The purpose of the summer reading challenge is to encourage all students to continue reading, to enrich learning, and to foster a lifelong love of reading. This year's challenge is meant to give parents and students more autonomy and choice over what you and your child decide to read this summer.

The lists included are merely suggestions if you wish to use them. Our goal is for you to encourage your child to read...**to read alone, to read with someone, to listen to someone read to them...JUST READ!**

Students who read a minimum number of books for their grade level, will receive a prize when they return to school. Parents can send in a note with their child during **the first week of school** stating that the students have completed their minimum number of books for summer reading or that they read every day.

### **#1 Summer Reading Challenge:**

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: 10 total picture or chapter books of their choice

3rd grade: 3 chapter books of their choice

4th grade: 4 chapter books of their choice

5th grade: 5 chapter books of their choice

### **#2 Super Summer Reading Challenge:**

Complete #1, PLUS Read Every Day During the Summer (Read alone, with someone, read to someone, or listen to someone - family devotion time counts as well!)

### **#3 Mrs. Studt's Extra Super Summer Reading Challenge:**

Complete #1 and #2. Print out the linked summer calendar months (June and July), and write down what you read every day on the calendars. Have a parent/guardian/grandparent, etc. sign, and return to Mrs. Studt when school begins this Fall for an Extra Super Prize!

Use the following link, choose "Print," and select June and July to print, and start reading!

<https://print-a-calendar.com/printable-calendars/one-page-per-month>

Accelerated Reader Bookfinder (to find the AR Book Level -noted as BL):

<https://www.arbookfind.com/usertype.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>

# K - 1st Grade

## CCS Suggested Summer Reading List



### **Favorite Fiction Series:**

*The Crayon Books.* Drew Daywalt  
*Biscuit.* A. Cappucilli  
*Fly Guy.* Tedd Arnold  
*Olivia.* Ian Falconer  
*Elephant and Piggie.* Mo Willems  
*Corduroy Books.* Don Freeman  
*Little Critter.* Mercer Mayor  
*Pete the Cat.* James Dean & Eric Litwin  
*If You Give...Series.* Laura Numeroff  
*Junie B. Jones.* Barbara Parks  
*Dinosaur Books.* Jane Yolen  
*Franklin.* Paulette Bourgeois  
*Frog and Toad.* Arnold Lobel  
*Froggy.* Jonathan London  
*Pinkalicious.* Victoria and Elizabeth Kann  
*Amelia Bedelia.* Peggy Parish and Herman Parish  
*Narwhal and Jelly.* Ben Canton

### **Nonfiction Books:**

*Who Would Win Series.* Jerry Pallotta.  
These books compare and contrast different animals in an exciting way.

*Ordinary People Change the World Series.* Brad Meltzer.  
These books focus on famous people and how they changed the world.  
Good books to read together or read aloud.

### **Classics or Chapter Books to Read Aloud to Your Child:**

*Where the Wild Things Are.* Maurice Sendak  
*Babe the Gallant Pig .* Dick King-Smith  
*Mercy Watson.* Kate Dicamillo  
*Make Way for Ducklings.* Robert McCloskey  
*The Tale of Peter Rabbit.* Beatrix Potter  
*Ramona the Pest.* Beverly Cleary

### **Favorite Authors:**

Cynthia Rylant	Drew Daywalt
Mo Willems	Tomi DePaola
Jory John	Stan and Jan Berenstain

Link to other recommended books by grade level (Titles not previewed by CCS Library):  
<https://readingtokids.org/Books/BooksGrade.php>

# 2nd - 3rd Grades

## CCS Suggested Summer Reading List



### **Favorite Fiction Series:**

*Bad Kitty.* Nick Bruel  
*Flat Stanley.* Lori Houran  
*Ivy and Bean.* Anne Barrows  
*Judy Moody.* Megan McDonald  
*Berenstain Bears.* Jan and Stan Berenstain  
*Nate the Great.* Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
*Desert Critter Friends.* Mona Gansberg Hodgson  
*The Treehouse Series.* Andy Griffiths  
*Fly Guy.* Tedd Arnold  
*Magic Tree House.* Mary Pope Osborne  
*Dog Man.* Dave Pilkey  
*Babymouse.* Jennifer Holm and Matthew Holm  
*Sideways Stories from Wayside School.* Louis Sachar

### **Nonfiction Books:**

*Who Would Win Series.* Jerry Pallotta.  
These books compare and contrast different animals in an exciting way.  
*Ordinary People Change the World Series.* Brad Meltzer.  
These books focus on famous people and how they changed the world.  
*The Questioners.* Andrea Beaty.  
A Celebration of STEM and the people who have perseverance and passion to learn.  
*Fly Guy Presents.* Tedd Arnold.  
Books in this series are topical and focus mostly on science and technology.

### **Classics or Chapter Books to Read Aloud to Your Child:**

*Berenstain Bears Chapter Books.* Jan and Stan Berenstain  
*Encyclopedia Brown.* Donald J. Sobol  
*Moo.* Sharon Creech  
*Nancy Drew.* Carolyn Keene  
*Boxcar Children.* Gertrude Chandler Warner  
*Little House on the Prairie.* Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*How to Eat Fried Worms.* Thomas Rockwell

### **Favorite Authors:**

Jan and Stan Berenstain	Jon Scieszka
Kevin Henkes	Megan McDonald
Judy Blume	Katherine Applegate
Sharon Creech	Kate DiCamillo

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# 4th - 5th Grades

## CCS Suggested Summer Reading List



### **Favorite Fiction Series**

*Shiloh Books.* Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
*Wonder Books.* R.J. Palacio  
*The Books of Ember.* Jeanne DePrau  
*Chronicles of Narnia.* C.S. Lewis  
*Land of Stories.* Chris Colfer  
*Left Behind: The Kids Series.* Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins  
*I Survived Series.* Lauren Tarshis  
*Brian Series.* Gary Paulsen  
*The Treehouse Series.* Andy Griffiths  
*Fudge.* Judy Blume  
*Babysitters Club.* Ann M. Martin  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid.* Jeff Kinney  
*The Last Kids on Earth.* Max Brallier

### **Nonfiction Books**

*Who Would Win Series.* Jerry Pallotta.  
These books compare and contrast different animals in an exciting way.  
*Who Is? or Who Was? Series of Biographies.* Various Authors  
*What Is? What Was? or Where Is? Series.* Various Authors

### **Classics or Chapter Books to Read Together:**

*Matilda.* Roald Dahl  
*From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.* E. L. Konigsburg  
*Frindle.* Andrew Clements  
*Slacker.* Gordon Korman  
*A Wrinkle in Time.* Madeleine L'Engle  
*The Secret Garden.* Frances Hodgson Burnett

### **Favorite Authors**

Katherine Applegate	Andrew Clements
Kate DiCamillo	Judy Blume
Madeleine L'Engle	Sharon Creech
Sharon Draper	Gordon Korman
Mike Lupica	Sarah Pennypacker
Tim Green	Gary Paulsen

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### **Award Winning Books:**

**Caldecott Medal 2023 *Hot Dog*. Doug Salati**

Given for the year's most distinguished picture book. For a complete list of winners:

<https://abqlibrary.org/caldecott/all>

**Newbery Medal 2023 *Freewater*. Amina Luqman-Dawson**

Given for the year's most distinguished contribution to children's literature. For a complete list of past winners:

<https://abqlibrary.org/newbery/All>

**Volunteer State Book Award (VSBA) 2022, Primary Division K-2:**

***The Couch Potato*. Jory John**

This is a yearly student choice award for Tennessee. For a list of past winners:

<https://sites.google.com/view/volunteer-state-book-award/past-winners>

**Volunteer State Book Award (VSBA) 2022, Intermediate Division 3-5:**

***My Life As a Potato*. Arianne Costner**

This is a yearly student choice award for Tennessee. For a list of past winners:

<https://sites.google.com/view/volunteer-state-book-award/past-winners>

### **Summer Reading Opportunities:**

Join the Knoxville Public Library for their summer reading program:

<https://www.knoxcountylibrary.org/summer-library-club>

### **Book Review Sites:**

**Common Sense Media:** <https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

**Redeemed Reader:** <https://redeemedreader.com/>

**Compass Book Ratings:** <https://www.compassbookratings.com/>