



Princeton Junior School Summer Reading 2008

Entering Kindergarten

Summer is a delightful time for trips to the library or book store. There is nothing like sharing the wonderful literature written for children in the relaxing environment of summer vacation. We encourage you to read to and with your child daily, or at least several times a week. Please make sure you include poetry and nursery rhymes in your selection. These books help children hear patterns and rhythms in language. Nonfiction science books are a fun exercise before a trip to the beach or park. Have fun reading! Please refer to the kindergarten section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet for reading suggestions.

Entering Grade I

During first grade, students will move from beginning reading to various stages of independent reading. There will be reading experiences in our basal reading texts, challenging reading opportunities, and support activities. Materials will include picture books, beginning reading stories, chapter books, nonfiction, biographies, and poetry. Some of our themes will include family and friends, animals and nature, fantasy and adventure, children around the world, and "little life lessons in literature." Help build strong foundations for first grade reading by structuring time each summer day to read together.

In preparing for next year, I would like you and your child to READ together. Read everything and anything, read street signs, read billboards, read menus, etc. Help your child notice all of the letters and words in their world. Choose two books and /or authors from the Beginning Reading section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet. Read the books together and fill out the "All About the Book" sheets that you will receive. Remember to have fun with this assignment and enjoy this special time with your child.

Entering Grade II

Students are required to read the following books:

Mmm, Cookies by Robert Munsch

Henry & Mudge - The First Book by Cynthia Rylant

A Log's Life by Wendy Pfeffer

The Revolutionary War on Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne

You are also encouraged to read and enjoy books listed in the Grade II section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet. Students will receive book report instructions and forms in June. During the school year we

will be studying the Revolutionary War period, Colonial Life and New Jersey. Books on these topics might be very interesting for the children to enjoy during the summer.

Entering Grade III

Students are required to read a total of four books during the summer.

The required two books:

Revolutionary War on Wednesday by Mary Pope Osborne

A River Ran Wild by Lynne Cherry

In addition, choose two books from the Grade III section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet. You may choose additional books by the authors listed in the booklet. Refer to your summer reading letter for specific instructions on book reports.

Additional topics to consider:

Immigration

Poetry Anthologies

Revolutionary War

Pioneers

The Human body

Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Eyewitness Series

Entering Grade IV

Students are required to read a total of three books during the summer. Choose one book from the fiction list and one book from the nonfiction list from the Grade IV section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet.

Your third book should be chosen from the reading category list below. Refer to your summer reading letter for specific instructions.

Additional reading topics:

The Lewis & Clark Expedition

Exploration

Inventions

The Renaissance

The Civil War

Ancient Egypt

In addition to the nonfiction list in the PJS Summer Reading List booklet, please consider nonfiction books written by Avi, Jean Fritz and Seymour Simon.

Entering Grade V

Students are required to read a total of four books during the summer. You are required to read *Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park. You will be tested on this book during the first week of school. In addition, choose one book from the Grade V section of the PJS Summer Reading List booklet and write a book report on it. You are also required to read a *DK Eyewitness Books* series book of your choice, and write in list form 15 interesting facts from the book. There are over 80 different topics to choose from in this series. Finally, read at least one more grade appropriate book of your choice for pleasure (no book report required).