



## Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

# Lowell Students Read



To Families and Caregivers:

As partners in the education of our youth, I invite you to help your children extend their reading skills this summer.

Have your child read at least **20 MINUTES PER DAY**. Students who read 5 minutes a day score in the 90th percentile. Visit the **Library**. Find reasons for your child to practice writing skills. *Write...* a book, a blog, a zine, a poem.

Engage in meaningful conversations with your child. Stimulating conversations boost language skills. **Audio Books**. Instead of listening to the radio, listen to audio books during long drives. **Model Reading Behavior**. If you read today, they will want to read to you.

**Read to your child**. These books improve skills, imagination, and increase vocabulary. **Learn a new word each week.** Reciprocity, Plethora, Equanimity, Fair Accomplish, Erudition, Panacea. **COOK with your child**. Have your child follow a recipe. This enhances both reading and math skills.

Here's how you can help:

- Check that your child reads for 15-30 minutes every day or read with them.
- Visit the Pollard Library and make sure your child has a book he or she can read. If you don't already have a library card, you can sign up online for an e-library card or use their many resources!

Your child is expected to:

- Select and read titles from the attached list or **any books they want**. This list includes new titles and old favorites. They can also read online or listen to audiobooks.
- Return to school prepared to participate in a discussion about a book that they read.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns their BINGO board will be honored with a certificate at their school.

Log the books your child reads either on paper **OR** online. [Click here](#) to enter each book. This will create a list at their school of all the books your child read. Be sure to keep your log only on paper **OR** only online, not both!

We look forward to hearing about how much you read this summer!

Thank you,

Chief Academic Officer

Summer Reading 2024

Students Entering Grades K-4

# Elementary Summer Reading List 2024

## For Students Entering Grades K-4



### May We Recommend To Read Together...



### Favorite Authors & Illustrators

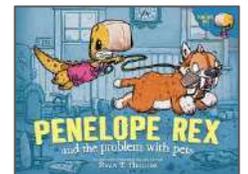
Monica Brown  
 Vashti Harrison  
 Christian Robinson  
 Drew Daywalt  
 Matt de la Pena  
 Susan Middleton Elya  
 Jonathan Fenske



Oge Mora  
 Jory John  
 Grace Lin  
 Meg Medina  
 Yuyi Morales  
 Jacqueline Woodson  
 Joanna Ho

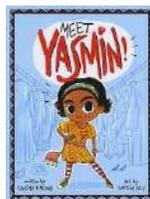
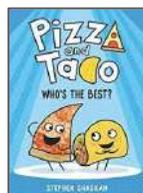


Raul the Third  
 Bob Shea  
 Ryan T. Higgins  
 Mo Willems  
 Mac Barnett  
 Jason Chin  
 Josh Funk

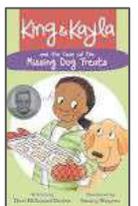


### Favorite Series

Pizza & Taco by Stephen Shasken  
 Owly by Andy Runton  
 Yasmin by Saadia Faruqi  
 Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watts  
 Fly Guy (& Girl) by Tedd Arnold  
 King & Kayle by Dori Hillestad Butler  
 Pea, Bee, & Jay by Brian "Smitty" Smith



The Story of: Biography Series for New Readers  
 National Geographic Kids  
 Diary of a Pug by Kyla May  
 Narwhal & Jelly by Ben Clanton  
 Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo



## May We Recommend for Older Readers

All Reading Counts!  
picture books, chapter books,  
audio books, fiction, nonfiction,  
graphic novels & comics!



### Favorite Authors & Illustrators for Older Readers

Kelly Yang  
Grace Lin  
Dan Santat  
Susan Tan  
Zetta Elliott

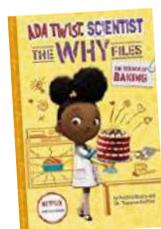
Jennifer L. Holm  
Erin Entrada Kelly  
Katherine Applegate  
Dan Gemeinhart  
Jonathan Fenske

LeUyen Pham  
Dav Pilkey  
Jarrett Lerner  
Stacy McAnulty  
Elana K. Arnold

### Favorite Series

#### Graphic Novels & Comics

Science Comics  
Dogman by Dav Pilkey  
Cat Kid Comic Club by Dav Pilkey  
Babysitters Little Sister by Ann M. Martin & Katy Farina  
Wings of Fire by Tui T. Sutherland  
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis  
HiLo by Judd Winick  
Dragons in a Bag Zetta Elliott



#### STEM & Mysteries

The Questioners by Andrea Beaty  
Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro  
Zach and Zoe Mysteries by Mike Lupica  
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

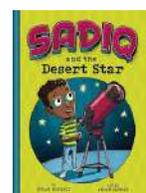
#### Fantasy & Adventure

Dragon Masters by Tracey West  
The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer  
The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier  
The Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol by Andres Miedoso



#### Realistic Fiction

Alvin Ho by Lenore Look  
Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner  
Sadiq by Siman Nuurali  
Trouble at Table Five by Tom Watson  
Jasmine Toguchi by Florence Michiko Florence



# My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:



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Where I will get books:

Borrow from the library

Read Online

Trade books with friends

Buy at a bookstore

Buy Online

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where I will read:

In my bedroom

In the living room

Outside

In my car

At the beach

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Log all of the books that you read. If you read 1 book, write it down. If you read 100, write them down. You can write them here. If you run out of room, add another piece of paper.

**OR**

Looking for an even easier way to log your books, do it online. [Click here](#) to enter your book titles online. Your school will keep a list of all of the books that you read.

Remember, you only need to log your books on paper **or** online. NOT BOTH!

**Happy Summer Reading!**



# Summer Reading

# BINGO

Have a reading party with family	Read for 20 minutes	Read with a flashlight	Read on the swings	Read a book with a BLUE cover
Read to your pet (or stuffed animal)	Read out LOUD	Read on a rainy day	Read a poem to your family	Read a book you love
Read in your PJs	Read a book with a GREEN cover	FREE	Read under a tree	Read a fairy or folk tale
Read a book your parent loved as a kid	Read on a road trip	Read under the stars	Read in a blanket fort	Read in your swim suit
Read while eating ice cream	Read a book at the library	Read a book about animals	Read a book with a RED cover	Read an e-book

[Log your summer reading book titles here!](#)



## SUMMER READING PROJECT

Please show us how much you liked one or more of your summer reading books by making a project from the list below. You can also create your own project that you think up yourself! Share your completed book project or response with your teacher in the fall.

### KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE ONE



- ★ Describe the character \_\_\_\_\_ using key details from the text.
- ★ Draw or paint a picture of your favorite book character and write about it.
- ★ Draw or paint a picture about your favorite part of a book.

### FIRST GRADE TO SECOND GRADE



- ★ Describe what kind of character \_\_\_\_\_ is using key details from the text.
- ★ Create a colorful new cover for one of your books, showing some event from the book or something you learned from it.
- ★ Draw and write about the beginning, middle, and end of a book.

### SECOND GRADE TO THIRD GRADE



- ★ Describe how characters in the text respond to major events and challenges.
- ★ Create a small book poster using pictures you cut from magazines. Include pictures of the setting, important story words, and characters. Paste your pictures creatively on a poster board.
- ★ Write a poem about a book.
- ★ Make an interesting facts poster about a nonfiction book.

### THIRD GRADE TO FOURTH GRADE



- ★ Describe the characters in the text and explain how their actions relate to the events in the text.
- ★ Write a letter to a friend telling why he/she should read your book.
- ★ Write a list of five questions you would ask the main character of a book.
- ★ Write a song or rap about your favorite book.
- ★ Pretend you are a teacher. Make a quiz for the book you are reading.

# Summer reading is easy with...

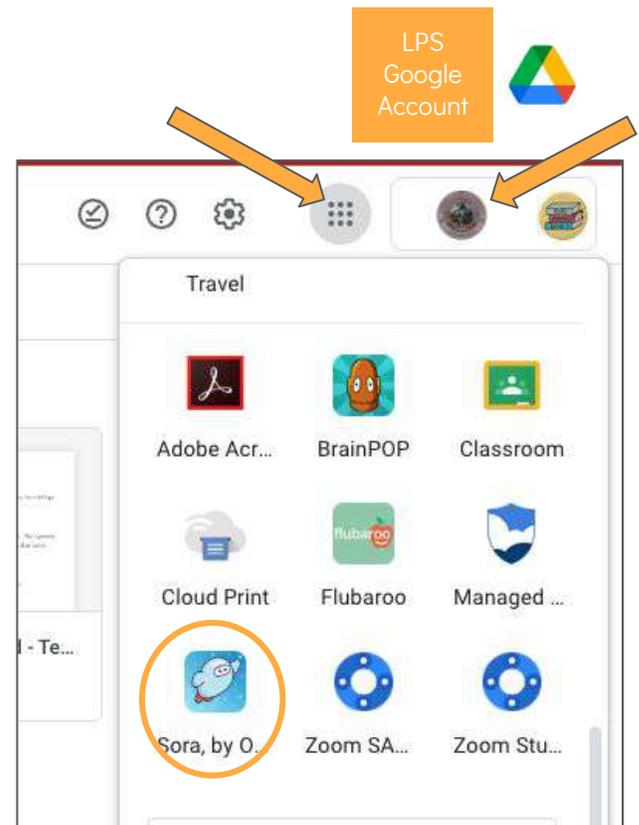
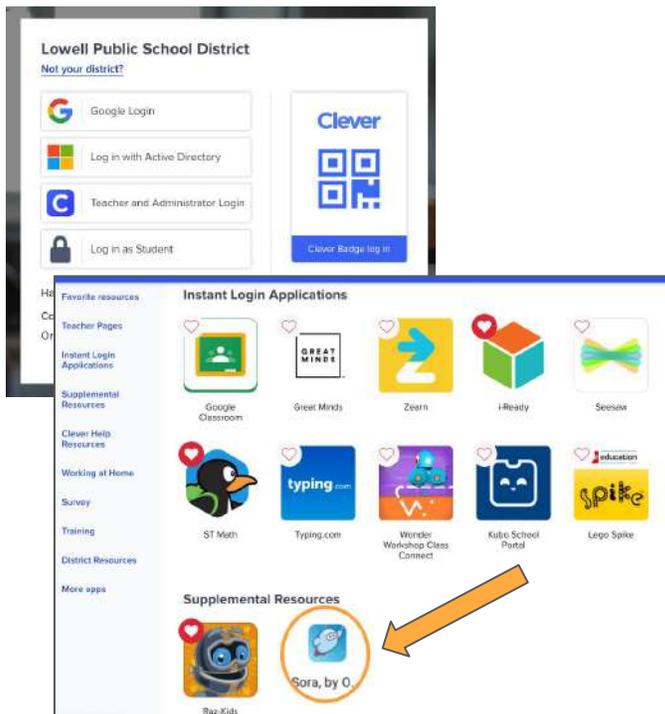


On Sora you'll find all the suggested books and many more - both ebooks and audiobooks!

You can also access hundreds of comics and graphic novels - no holds and no waiting!



All Lowell students have access to Sora.  
Login using Clever or through your LPS Google Account.





# Lowell Public Schools Summer Writing



Want to keep growing as a writer? Over the summer, revisit writing that you already tried during the school year, try out a new kind of writing, or push yourself and try writing something in the next grade level. You can write anything you want!

[Click here](#) to access the Summer Writing Choice Board with video tutorials for each choice.

The graphic is a colorful choice board for summer writing. At the center is a purple box with the text "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD". Surrounding this are several colored boxes representing different grade levels and writing topics. The boxes are: Kindergarten (blue), Grade 1 (yellow), Grade 2 (pink), Grade 3 (light blue), and Grade 4 (purple). There are also boxes for "Letter Writing" (green starburst), "Journaling" (red box with a sun illustration), "Graphic Novels" (teal box), and "Poetry" (pink starburst with a beach scene illustration). At the bottom, there are two ribbon-like boxes labeled "REVISE" (teal) and "EDIT" (pink).

**Kindergarten**

- How-To Writing
- How to write a TRUE story

**Grade 1**

- How Can I Teach My Readers?
- Ways to Bring Stories to Life

**Grade 2**

- Nonfiction Writers
- Crafting Powerful Small Moments

**Letter Writing**

**Journaling**

**Grade 3**

- How to Write a Persuasive Speech
- Crafting Powerful Stories

**Grade 4**

- Nonfiction Teaching Moves
- How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story

**Graphic Novels**

**Poetry**

**REVISE**

**EDIT**