



# Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading Program

## Lowell Students Read



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caretakers:

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



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. 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 he or she reads.

Reading is fun! **Play BINGO!** Each child that returns their BINGO board and his/her name will be entered into a drawing to represent their school at the October School Committee Meeting.

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 2020

Students Entering Grades K-4



# Lowell Public Schools & Pollard Library Elementary Summer Reading List 2020



## May We Recommend...



## Favorite Authors

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Monica Brown    | Kevin Henkes      |
| Eric Carle      | Kate McMullan     |
| Lauren Child    | Meg Medina        |
| Doreen Cronin   | Pat Mora          |
| Matt de la Pena | Christopher Myers |
| Mem Fox         | Mo Willems        |

## Favorite Series

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Arnold, Tedd        | <i>Fly Guy</i> books                             |
| Berenstain, Stan    | <i>Berenstain Bears</i> books                    |
| Cole, Joanna        | <i>Magic School Bus</i> books                    |
| Dean, James         | <i>Pete the Cat</i> books                        |
| Lin, Grace          | <i>Ling and Ting</i> books                       |
| Manushkin, Fran     | <i>Pedro and Katie Woo</i> books                 |
| National Geographic | "Animal" books                                   |
| Parish, Peggy       | <i>Amelia Bedelia</i> books                      |
| Rylant, Cynthia     | <i>Henry and Mudge, Annie and Snowball</i> books |
| Willems, Mo         | <i>Elephant and Piggie</i> books                 |
| Scotton, Rob        | <i>Splat</i> books                               |
|                     | <i>Who Was/Who Is</i> biographies                |

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## May We Recommend (for Older Readers) . . .



### Favorite Authors

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| Beverly Cleary  | Kate DiCamillo |
| Andrew Clements | Grace Lin      |
| Roald Dahl      | Jon Scieszka   |

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### Favorite Series

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| Alvarez, Julia     | <i>Tia Lola</i> books   |
| Barrows, Annie     | <i>Ivy and Bean</i> books   |
| Birney, Betty      | <i>Humphrey</i> books   |
| Brown, Monica      | <i>Lola Levine/Marisol McDonald</i> books                             |
| Clanton, Ben       | <i>Narwhal and Jelly</i> books  |
| Colfer, Chris      | <i>The Land of Stories</i> books                                      |
| DiTerlizzi, Tony   | <i>Spiderwick Chronicles</i> books                                    |
| Elliot, Rebecca    | <i>Owl Diaries</i> books  |
| English, Karen     | <i>Carver Chronicles/Nikki and Deja</i> books                         |
| Kirby, Stan        | <i>Captain Awesome</i> books  |
| Hale, Shannon      | <i>Princess in Black</i> books  |
| Look, Lenore       | <i>Alvin Ho</i> books and <i>Ruby Lu</i> books                        |
| McDonald, Megan    | <i>Judy Moody/Stink</i> books   |
| Osborne, Mary Pope | <i>Magic Tree House</i> books   |
| Park, Barbara      | <i>Junie B. Jones</i> books   |
| Pilkey, Dav        | <i>Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot, Dogman, Captain Underpants</i> books |
| Roy, Ron           | <i>A to Z Mysteries</i> books   |
| Stilton, Geronimo  | <i>Geronimo Stilton/Thea Stilton</i> books                            |
| Tarshis, Lauren    | <i>I Survived</i> books   |
| Warner, Sally      | <i>EllRay Jakes</i> books   |

# My Summer Reading Plan



Books/Authors I want to read:



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Where I will get books:

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Borrow from the library  
Buy at a bookstore

☐  
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Read online  
Buy Online

☐  
☐

Trade books with friends  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where I will read:

☐  
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In my bedroom  
In my car

☐  
☐

In the living room  
At the beach

☐  
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Outside  
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!**



# Lowell Public Schools Summer Reading



Mark each space you complete. Can you get bingo? Can you fill the entire card?

| B   | I  | N  | G  | O  |
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| Read a graphic novel or comic book<br>     | Read a magazine for kids   | Read a chapter book  | Read with a flashlight<br>                         | Read aloud to a family member  |
| Listen to an audio book   | Read to a sibling or friend  | Read the instructions to a game. Then play it!<br> | Swap a book with a friend; read it   | Read a book when it is raining outside<br> |
| Read for 20 minutes in a comfy chair<br> | Read a poem<br> | Read a nonfiction book   | Read a book that is also a TV show or movie<br> | Got to the library and pick out 3 books to read  |
| Read a story and tell someone about the main characters   | Read a book with someone and take turns reading pages  | Read a book with a 1-word title<br>               | Read a book electronically   | Read a book outside on a sunny day<br>    |
| Read a book that has won an award<br>    | Read a funny book  | Read a book you love<br>                          | Read the first book in a series  | Read a book based on a superhero<br>      |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## My Summer Reading Log

Remember if you want an easier way, enter all of your books online by [clicking here](#) each time you finish one. (You don't need to keep a paper copy!)

| Book Title | Book Author |
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## 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 book poster using pictures you cut from magazines. Include pictures of the setting, important story words, and characters. Paste your pictures creatively on 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.



## 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. It features a central purple box labeled "SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD". Surrounding this are several colored boxes for different grade levels and writing topics. At the top are boxes for Kindergarten (blue), Grade 1 (yellow), and Grade 2 (pink). At the bottom are boxes for Grade 3 (blue) and Grade 4 (purple). To the left is a green starburst for "Letter Writing" and a red box for "Journaling" next to a sun illustration. To the right is a pink starburst for "Poetry" next to a beach scene illustration. At the bottom are two ribbon-like boxes labeled "REVISE" (blue) and "EDIT" (pink). Each grade level box contains specific writing prompts or topics in smaller yellow boxes.

| Kindergarten   | Grade 1   | Grade 2  |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How-To Writing</li><li>How to write a TRUE story</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How Can I Teach My Readers?</li><li>Ways to Bring Stories to Life</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nonfiction Writers</li><li>Crafting Powerful Small Moments</li></ul> |

**Letter Writing**

**SUMMER WRITING CHOICE BOARD**

**Journaling**

| Grade 3  | Grade 4  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>How to Write a Persuasive Speech</li><li>Crafting Powerful Stories</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nonfiction Teaching Moves</li><li>How to Write a Realistic Fiction Story</li></ul> |

**Graphic Novels**

**Poetry**

**REVISE**

**EDIT**