

Canton Academy Elementary School Summer Reading Program Summer 2025

Each summer students at CA Elementary are required to participate in the summer reading program. The purpose of the program is to augment the curriculum, expose students to quality literature and cultivate a love of reading. All students are required to complete their respective reading assignments. Reading assignments are listed below.

Please contact Dawn Blanton at dblanton@cantonacademy.org with any questions.

Students in rising grades **2nd – 5th** will receive **one bonus 100 reading test grade** for reading **2 books** when they achieve an 80% AR score or better on the corresponding AR test for one of their 2 books. **1st – 5th** Students will also be **REQUIRED** to complete an in-class project for one of their books during the first two weeks of school, and will need to bring the book of their choice (out of the 2 they read) to school. For students in 2nd – 5th, the AR test **COMBINED** with the in-class project will be required for the bonus test grade in Reading. Students can start the year with a 100 average in Reading!

Students will have until **Friday, August 16** to complete Summer Reading AR tests in order to receive the bonus test grade. Classroom teachers will assign the in-class projects and give the due dates for these.

Incoming Kindergarten (NO ASSIGNMENT): We encourage you to foster a love for reading within your child by regularly visiting the library and having a set time to read to them each day. Skills to work on include predicting what happens next, retelling the story, and completing rhymes (see below for recommendations).

As the school year approaches, consider reading books about kindergarten and becoming independent, such as:

Kindergarten, Here I Come! by David Steinberg
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
The Jesus Storybook Bible by Sally Lloyd-Jones
Too Shy to Say Hi by Shannon Anderson

Family read aloud book recommendations:

Carlson, Nancy – Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come (ISBN-10: 0140568387)
Graham, Oakley – I Can Tie My Own Shoelaces (ISBN-10: 1782448241)
McGhee, Alison – Countdown to Kindergarten (ISBN-10: 015205586X)
Penn, Audrey – The Kissing Hand (ISBN-10: 1933718102)
Wing, Natasha – The Night Before Kindergarten (ISBN-10: 0448425009)

For incoming 1st grade students:

Incoming first grade students will only have the IN-CLASS project for their summer reading bonus test grade.

Required : Biscuit Finds a Friend (AR 1.1)
and at least 3 of the following books:

Biscuit's New Trick (AR 1.0)
The Foot Book by Dr. Seuss (AR 0.6)
There's a Hole in My Pocket by Akimi Gibson (AR 0.6)
I Lost My Tooth! By Mo Williams (AR 0.7)
The Eye Book by Dr. Seuss (AR 0.8)
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus by Mo Williams (AR 0.9)
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown (AR 1.0)
Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat (AR 1.0)
Go, Dog, Go by P.D. Eastman (AR 1.2)
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel (AR 1.4)
Fly High Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold (AR 1.4)
Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (AR 1.5)
Eat Your Peas Louise by Pegeen Snow (AR 1.5)
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein (AR 1.6)
Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant (AR 2.0-3.0)

Rising first graders may be reading at a variety of levels, so please be discerning when choosing books for your child. Choose books at your child's reading level so they do not become discouraged. Your young reader may require some assistance as they decode words, which is to be expected after the kindergarten year. Consider helping your child read through any number of the books selected from the authors/series listed below while focusing on his/her development of decoding skills.

Family read aloud book recommendations:

Leithart, Peter J. – Wise Words: Family Stories that Bring Proverbs to Life (ISBN-10: 1591280141)

Offen, Hilda – A Treasury of Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes (ISBN-10: 0671501186)

Incoming 2nd grade: Joseph had a Little Overcoat by Simms Tabak (1.7, .5 points) or Snowshoe Thompson by Smiler Levinson (2.2, .5 points).

Read one additional book selected from the CA Book Recommendations List:

For incoming 2nd grade students:

Aylesworth, Jim – Old Black Fly (1.4, .5 points)

Byars, Betsy – The Golly Sisters (Series) (2.1-2.5, .5 points)

Henkes, Kevin – Kitten’s First Full Moon (2.3, .5 points)

Klassen, Jon - This Is Not My Hat (1.6, .5 points)

Lobel, Arnold – Days with Frog and Toad (2.5, .5 points)

Minarik, Else Holmelund – Little Bear (Series) (2.1-2.8, .5 points)

Parish, Peggy – Amelia Bedelia (2.5, .5 points)

Rylant, Cynthia – The High-Rise Private Eyes (Series) (most are 2.2-2.4 and .5 points)

Wiesner, David – The Three Pigs (2.3, .5 points)

Incoming 3rd grade:

Read a book from Mr. Putter & Tabby (series) by Cynthia Rylant (2.0-2.6, .5 points) or read The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot by Alice Provenson (ISBN 9780140507294, 2.6, .5 points).

Read one additional book selected from the CA Book Recommendations List:

For incoming 3rd grade students:

Brown, Marcia – Once a Mouse...(3.2, .5 points)

Bulla, Clyde R. – Shoeshine Girl (2.7, 1 points)

Mattick, Lindsay – Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear (3.4, .5 points)

Parish, Peggy – Amelia Bedelia (2.5, .5 points)

Rathmann, Peggy – Officer Buckle and Gloria (3.4, .5 points)

Rylant, Cynthia – Henry and Mudge (Series) (most are 2.2-2.8, .5 points)

Stevens, Janet and Susan Stevens Crummel – And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon (2.6, .5 points)

Yolen, Jane – Owl Moon (3.2, .5 points)

Young, Ed – Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China (3.5, .5 points)

Incoming 4th grade: Read Little Lord Fauntleroy: Retold from the Frances Hodgson Burnett Original by Eva Mason (4.3, 3 points) or read The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dagleish (3.9, 1 point)

Read one additional book selected from the CA Book Recommendations List:

For incoming 4th grade students:

Averill, Esther – Jenny the Cat Club (4.6, 2 points)

Dixon, Franklin – The Hardy Boys (Series) (4.0 – 5.0, 4- 5 points)

Fleischman, Sid – The Whipping Boy (3.9, 2 points)

Goble, Paul - The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses (4.1, .5 points)

Haywood, Carolyn – B is for Betsy (4.3, 2 points)

Karon, Jan – Jeremy: The Tale of an Honest Bunny (4.5, 1 point)

Lobel, Arnold – Fables (4.2, 1 point)

Lovelace, Maude Hart – Betsy Tacy (4.0, 3 points)

DePaola, Tomie - Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile by (3.5, .5 points)

Incoming 5th grade: Read *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare (ISBN-10: 9780547577111, 4.9, 5 points) or *The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White (ISBN-10: 0064410943, 4.9, 6 points) or *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George (ISBN-10: 0140348107, 5.2, 6 points)

Read one additional book selected from the CA Book Recommendations List:

For incoming 5th grade students:

Banks, Lynne – *The Indian in the Cupboard* (4.6, 6 points)
Bulla, Clyde R. – *Riding the Pony Express* (5.1, 4 points)
Cleary, Beverly – *Ramona* (Series) (4.5-5.2, 3-4 points)
Cleary, Beverly – *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* (5.1, 3 points)
Enright, Elizabeth – *Thimble Summer* (5.7, 5 points)
Jacques, Brian – *Redwall* (5.6, 16 points)
Keene, Carolyn – *The Nancy Drew Mystery Stories* (Series) (5.0-5.6, 4-5 points)
Lenski, Lois – *Strawberry Girl* (4.8, 6 points)
Lewis, C.S. – *Prince Caspian* (5.7, 7 points)
Little, Jean – *Mine for Keeps* (5.1, 7 points)
Lofting, Hugh – *The Story of Dr. Doolittle* (5.1, 4 points)
Nesbit, Edith – *Five Children and It* (5.7, 8 points)
Norton, Mary – *The Borrowers* (5.3, 5 points)
O'Dell, Scott – *Island of the Blue Dolphins* (5.4, 6 points)
Paulsen, Gary – *Hatchet* (5.7, 7 points)
Porter, Eleanor H. – *Pollyanna* (5.2, 8 points)
Rawls, Wilson – *Summer of the Monkeys* (4.8, 13 points)
St. John, Patricia – *Treasures of the Snow* (5.6, 8 points)
Wilder, Laura Ingalls – *Little House on the Prairie* (4.9, 8 points)