

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School Kindergarten-Grade 3 Summer Reading List 2020-2021

Summer reading is required at AKFCS because of the many benefits it brings. These benefits include improved reading skills, increased desire to read, improved self-esteem, neutralized summer learning loss, and improved comprehension and memory skills.

Students will be required to complete a project based off of their grade level text when they return to school in the Fall. You can read the listed text to them, with them, or they can read it independently.

Grade Level	<i>Book Title and Author</i>
Entering Kindergarten	<i>Dog on a Frog, by Kes and Claire Gray</i>
Entering Grade 1	<i>Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes</i>
Entering Grade 2	<i>When I was Young in the Mountains, by Cynthia Rylant</i>
Entering Grade 3	<i>Frindle, by Andrew Clements</i>

In addition, students are challenged to read at least three books of their choice. Help them choose books that they are excited about reading! Here are some tips on how to help your child choose a book.

Try the Five Finger Rule

- Have your child choose a book that they think they will enjoy.
- Have them read the second page.
- Ask them to hold up a finger for each word they are not sure of, or do not know.
- If there are five or more words that they did not know, you should consider choosing an easier book.
- You can try this on a few pages just to be sure.

OR

Try the Good Fit Pick

- Have your child read two or three pages of a book.
- Ask your child the following questions:
 - Do you think that this book will be easy and fun to read?
 - Do you understand what you are reading?
 - Do you know most of the words?
 - When you read it aloud, can you read it smoothly?
 - Do you think the topic is interesting?
- If most of the answers were "yes", this should be an appropriate book for your child to read independently.

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Looking for some suggestions? Reading a book from a series is a great way to get kids excited about reading, boost their fluency, and expose them to patterns in writing.

Try a book from one of the series below!

- *A-Z Mysteries-Ron Roy*
- *Amelia Bedelia-Peggy Parish*
- *Babymouse-Jennifer Holm*
 - *Bad Kitty-Nick Bruel*
- *Captain Awesome-Stan Kirby*
- *Clementine-Sarah Pennypacker*
- *Daisy Dreamer-Holly Anna*
- *Elephant and Piggie-Mo Willems*
 - *Fly Guy-Tedd Arnold*
 - *Frog and Toad-Arnold Lobel*
 - *Froggy-Jonathan London*
- *Geronimo Stilton-Elisabetta Dami*
 - *Goosebumps-R.L.Stine*
- *Heidi Heckelbech-Wanda Coven*
- *Humphrey books-Betty G. Birney (Series at two levels)*
- *Inspector Flytrap-Tom Angleberger and Cece Bell*
 - *Ivy and Bean-Annie Barrows*
 - *Jada Jones-Kelly Starling Lyons*
 - *Judy Moody-Megan McDonald*
 - *Katie Woo-Fran Manushkin*
- *Magic Tree House-Mary Pope Osbourne*
 - *Mercy Watson-Kate DiCamillo*
 - *My Weird School-Dan Gutman*
 - *Nate the Great-Nate Sharmat*
 - *Owl Diaries-Rebecca Elliott*
- *Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe-Noah Z. Jones*
 - *Ready Freddy-Abby Klein*
- *Sophia Martinez-Jacqueline Jules (Series at two levels)*
 - *Stink-Megan McDonald*
 - *Wayside School-Louis Sachar*
 - *Where is... Various authors*
 - *What Was... Various authors*
 - *Who Was... Various authors*