



2026 SBCA SUMMER READING and MATH

SBCA SUMMER READING Required grades 3 - 6

Summer Reading: Students are required to read a minimum of 3 books over the summer. The first is a required book for their grade level as of [Fall, 2026](#).

Sharing a common text will help to foster a community of readers that can share their reading experiences and discuss the same book when school begins.

The other books are of their choosing. For other book recommendations, see the following link to the Boston Public Library summer reading lists:

<https://www.bpl.org/youth-summer-reading/>

PLEASE NOTE: Students are expected to be prepared to engage in discussions and assignments based on their summer reading. We have attached several graphic organizers below for your student to choose to help think about and keep track of their summer reading. NOTE: They are not required to fill out all 3 forms, but rather choose one form that works best for them. They should fill out a form for the required book and 2 others.

REQUIRED BOOKS FOR GRADE 3 :

Students are required to choose 2 books from the list below and answer the **Reading Guiding Questions**.

Grade 3 Summer Reading List

Book List (Choose 2):

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate Dicamillo

Superfudge by Judy Blume

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling

Tale of Despereaux by Kate Dicamillo

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

Dinosaur Before Dark (First Magic Tree House book) by Mary Pope Osborne

REQUIRED BOOKS FOR GRADES 4 - 6

entering grade 4: *James and the Giant Peach* Roald Dahl

entering grade 5 : *Holes* by Louis Sachar

entering grade 6: *City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau

READING GUIDING QUESTIONS:

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD HELP GUIDE STUDENTS IN THEIR THINKING ABOUT THE BOOKS THEY ARE READING:

Before Reading

1. What do you think this book will be about?
2. What clues from the cover helped you make your prediction?
3. What do you already know about this topic?

During Reading

4. Who is your favorite character so far? Why?
5. How would you feel if you were in the character's situation?

6. What do you think will happen next?

After Reading

7. Who was the main character, and how would you describe his/her character?

8. What was the main problem in the story? How was the problem solved?

9. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

10. How did the main character change from the beginning to the end? Explain.

11. What lesson did you learn from this book?

12. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Suggested Summer Activities for Students **Entering 2nd Grade**

Literacy:

- Read daily (at least 20 minutes) to build reading stamina.
- Read orally with an adult, silently, and out loud to yourself to practice fluency
- Read at least 3 books from the summer reading list (below)
- Retell using beginning, middle, and end
- Sequence events in the story (first, next, middle, last)
- Identify story elements (ex. characters, setting, problem & solution)
- Make a reading log of completed books to hold your child accountable for their reading
- Practice second grade sight words (see below) with both reading and spelling
- Practice neat handwriting (print).
- Write in a journal about your summer using details in your sentences

- Write complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Practice reading over what you have written. Check for spelling of unknown words, capitalization at beginning of sentence and proper nouns, and punctuation marks.

***Summer Reading Age Appropriate Titles:**

Ivy and Bean by Ann Borrowas	Amelia Bedelia series
Nate the Great series	Frog and Toad series
Henry and Mudge series	Cam Jansen series
Little Bear series	Magic Tree House series
Judy Moody series	Pee Wee Scouts series
Franklin series	
Nonfiction books such as DK Readers or Scholastic Science	

***Summer Reading Age Appropriate Authors:**

David Adler	Cynthia Rylant
Geronimo Stilton	Arnold Lobel
Eric Carle	Majorie Sharmat
Johanna Hurwitz	Frank Asch
Maurice Sendak	Marc Brown

***Second Grade Sight Word List:**

always, around, because, been, before, best, both, buy, call, cold, does, don't, fast, first, five, found, gave, goes, green, its, made, many, off, or, pull, read, right, sing, sit, sleep, tell, their, these, those, upon, us, use, very, wash, which, why, wish, work, would, write, you

Have a great summer!

Name/s _____

Title _____

Chapter Grid

In each box, put the chapter number and one or two sentences that summarize the important information.

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Name/s _____

Story Map Narrative Text

Title and Author	
Setting	
Characters (Main and Supporting)	
Problem	
Events	
Solution	

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Important Elements

Book Title _____

Setting:

The story takes place _____

Evidence: _____

Characters

An important character is _____

Evidence: _____

Another important character is _____

Evidence: _____

Plot:

The problem begins when: _____

Then _____

After that _____

Finally _____

SBCA SUMMER MATH

Summer Math: Students entering Grade 1 through 6 are strongly encouraged to practice fact fluency using their school IXL account; or the links below for Khan Academy Math. The intent of summer math is to ensure that students retain fluency in math facts learned to date. There are no formal written assignments for math.

Student IXL accounts continue to be active during this summer if your child wishes to practice fact fluency: [IXL.COM](https://www.ixl.com)

[Alternatively the following links provide excellent practice for students:](#)

Students entering grade 1

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/compare-shapes>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/which-has-more->
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/sort-groups-by-count>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/making-five>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/how-many-objects-2>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/making-totals-in-different-ways-within-10>

Students entering grade 2

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/attributes-of-shapes>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/measuring-lengths-1>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/solving-problems-with-bar-graphs-1>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/measuring-lengths-1>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/halves-and-fourths>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/addition-and-subtraction-within-10>

Students entering grade 3

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/equal-parts-of-circles-and-rectangles>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/counting-money--us->
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/telling_time
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/solving-problems-with-line-plots-1>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/subtracting-1s-or-10s>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/add-sub-within-100-w-num-line>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/addition-and-subtraction-word-problems-within-100--level-3>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/repeated-addition>

Students entering grade 4

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/cutting-shapes-into-equal-parts>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/decompose-shapes-to-find-area>
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/reading_pictographs_1
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/multiplication_0.5
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/patterns-in-the-addition-table-and-multiplication-table>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/rounding-to-the-nearest-ten-or-hundred>

Students entering grade 5

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/drawing-right--acute--and-obtuse-angles>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/area-and-perimeter-of-rectangles-word-problems>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/naming-angles>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/interpreting-line-plots-with-fraction-addition-and-subtraction>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/comparing-with-multiplication>

- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/divisibility_intuition

Students entering grade 6

- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/graphing_points
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/decompose-figures-to-find-volume>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/interpreting-line-plots-with-fraction-multiplication-and-division>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/multiplying-fractions-by-fractions-word-problems>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/expressions-with-parentheses>

Advanced work opportunities - grade 6

- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/area-of-quadrilaterals-and-polygons>
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/volume-word-problems-with-fractions>
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/graphing_points_2
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/fractions_on_the_number_line_3
- ✓ https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/rate_problems_0.5
- ✓ <https://www.khanacademy.org/exercise/polygons-in-the-coordinate-plane>