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The Roselle Public School District stands on its commitment to ensure the success of all our students by reading books this summer to close the reading gap. It is especially important that our students *GET In The GAME* to *READ* to prepare them for the coming school year. Students may choose from the list of grade level appropriate books with just one click from either *GETEPIC.com* and E-books from Hoopla through the Roselle Public Library. Students can also borrow books from the Roselle Public Library through curbside pickup. Our goal is simple, *READ, LEARN, and HAVE FUN.*

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Literacy Development Begins in the Home: How to Connect Home Literacy Practices to School Literacy Practices

Literacy development begins early in the home. There is not one definition for literacy nor is there one way in which families can and should do literacy at home. According to Barton and Hamilton (2005), “literacy practices are the general cultural ways of utilizing written language which people draw upon in their lives” (p.7). Literacy is all around you and always present in your daily experiences. You may also access books for your child by clicking the link. [Soar Into Summer Reading Collection](#)

Here are some ways to connect a few common home literacy practices to school literacy practices.

1. Storytelling

Storytelling is a great way for your children to build their oral language and listening skills. Tell stories often and invite your child to tell their own stories. If there is a story that has been passed down in your family, be sure to introduce who in the family is the original author. For example, “This is a story that has been told in our family for many years and my aunt told it to me.”

2. Photographs

Like storytelling, photographs are a great example of a home literacy practice. Look at family photographs with your child and tell a story about the photograph or the people in the photograph. Let your child tell you stories based on photographs in your home. If you have a photo album, treat it like a book and read from it before bedtime.

3. Cooking

There are many literacy practices involved in cooking such as reading from a recipe book. If you are using a recipe book, allow your child to see you using the book. Point as you read the labels on food. Your child will begin to see the connection

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that books and other printed materials can provide information. If it is a recipe that has been passed down your family, introduce the family member who taught you the recipe. You can write a recipe book as a family, even the youngest family member can illustrate the pages. Talking about steps in a recipe (e.g. first, next, last) also introduces the skill of sequencing.

4. **Social Media**

Many families stay connected through digital platforms (Facebook, email, etc.). Allow your child to see you using this as means to communicate. Read family emails or Facebook messages to your child so he/she begins to see that print conveys meaning. If possible, allow him/her to play with the keyboard and notice letters in the alphabet.

5. **Digital Literacy**

Many families use the Internet to find information. For example, you may search the web to find a plumber or look up how to fix a broken appliance. Allow them to see you using a search engine, typing in key words, and searching through the results to find an answer. As you are doing this, talk to your child about what you are doing and why. This process requires many of the thinking skills that children will encounter in school.

6. **Poetry, Spoken Word, and Music Literacy** is abundant in these creative ways of self-expression. Engage your child in all creative expressions and encourage them to create their own. For example, if you sing from a hymnbook at a religious event, point to the words so that your child can begin to make the connection that songs have printed words and that music notes convey meaning. Singing songs, especially songs with rhymes, helps children develop their phonological awareness which will transfer into phonics skills when they enter school.

7. **Daily Scheduling** There are many benefits to talking about or writing out your daily schedule. Talking about the daily schedule introduces children to the skill of sequencing (e.g. first, next, last) as well as some of the grammar they will encounter in school (e.g. in the morning, in the afternoon). You can introduce days of the week by discussing what your family does on different days.

(Source: Written for Reading Is Fundamental by Erin Bailey, MA using following reference(s): Hamilton, M., & Barton, D. (2005). Literacy practices. In *Situated literacies* (pp. 25-32). Routledge. Last Modified: April 2019)

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Rising K-8 Summer Reading Lists



All Rising K-7 students

- Choose books from the suggested list below or select books on their own
- Log in to Getepic.com and select E- books from their collection
- Select E-books (Hoopla) from the Roselle Public Library list by going to their website
- Borrow books from the Roselle Public Library for curbside pick-up
- Go to Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) to access Soar into Summer Reading Collection
- Use the links provided for some of the grade level books

All Rising Grades 8-12 students

- Read the required reading books for both English and History Courses as assigned by their teachers
- Use some of the links provided for some of the books, or borrow books from the Roselle Pubic Library
- Complete the writing requirements and projects as assigned to be submitted to their English and History teachers on or before September 20, 2021 to receive credit.

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Rising K Book List

DRA Levels A1, 2, 3-4, 6-8

Books from the list below are meant to be read aloud to your child. You may access some books from the YouTube Video Read Aloud by clicking the links provided.



Title /Genre/Link	Author
The Kissing Hand The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn
All Are Welcome All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman
Imani's Moon Imani's Moon	Ja Nay Brown Wood
The Zebra Said Shh The Zebra Said Shh	M. R. Nelson
The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten The Day My Mom Came to Kindergarten	Maureen Fergus
Ayobami and the Names of the Animals	Pilar Lopez Avila
Biscuit in the Garden	Alyssa Satin Capucilli

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Elephant and Piggie: I Love My New Toy	Mo Willems
Big Choo	Stephen Shaskan
Harold and the Purple Crayon	Crockett Johnson
My Rainbow Surprise	Amy Skiansky and Anna Dunn
Be Brave Little Penguin	Giles Andreae, Guy Parker Reese
How to Make a Mudpie /NF	Rozanne Williams
How's the Weather/ NF	Rozanne Williams
I am Special/ NF	Tom Cochrane
Signs at School/NF	Mary Hill
In Our Country /NF	Susan Canizares

Writing Activities: You have an option to complete one activity for each book you read, create your own project, or complete a reading log signed by your parents or guardian. Submit to your English teacher on or before September 20, 2021 to receive a project grade.

- Draw and label a character you liked or disliked.
- Gather a collection of objects described in the book.
- Draw or paint pictures of the main character and describe him or her.
- Create a character or animal from the story using clay or some other materials.
- Make a poster about the book using two or more of the following media: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, or real materials

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Rising 1st Grade Book List

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DRA/Lexile	Title/Genre	Author	Summary <i>(Note: Summary text provided by external source).</i>
Video	A Same Difference (A Children's Book Story)	Calida Rawles	A Same Difference
Video	Be Kind	Pat Zietlow Miller	Be Kind
Video	Be Nice to Spiders	Margaret Bloy Graham	Be Nice to Spiders
Video	The Angry Bee A Story of Forgiveness		The Angry Bee A Story of Forgiveness
Video	Pete The Cat and the Missing Cupcakes	Kimberly and James Dean	Pete The Cat
	The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art NF	Barb Rosenstock	A Caldecott Honor Book. Vasya Kandinsky was a proper little boy: he studied math and history, he practiced the piano, he sat up straight and was perfectly polite.

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DRA20-28/510 L	Interrupting Chicken F	David Ezra Stein	A favorite joke inspires this charming tale, in which a little chicken's habit of interrupting bedtime stories is gleefully turned on its head. It's time for the little red chicken's bedtime story -and a reminder from Papa to try not to interrupt.
DRA20-28/520L	Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great-F	Bob Shea	Ever since Unicorn moved into the neighborhood, Goat has been feeling out of sorts. Goat thought his bike was cool-until he saw that Unicorn could <i>fly</i> to school!
DRA20-28/540L	The Lending Zoo F	Frank Asch Aladdin	Miss Perkins is happy to be the 'zoo-brarian' at The Lending Zoo, a 'zoo-brary' that lends out all types of animals—from massive elephants to majestic giraffes. Everything usually goes smoothly: water buffaloes, snakes, parrots, and more are checked out and returned without a problem.
DRA20-28/450L	The Mixed –Up Chameleon -F	Erick Carle	The chameleon's life was not very exciting until the day it discovered it could change not only its color but its shape and size, too.
DRA30-38/580L	Friends Stick Together -F	Hannah Harrison	Rupert is a rhinoceros of refined sensibilities. Levi, the new tickbird in class, is not. He burps the alphabet, tells corny jokes, and does really embarrassing air guitar solos. Rupert wants him gone.
DRA20-28/420L	Llama Llama Loves to Read - F	Anna Dewdney	Throughout the school day, the teacher helps Llama Llama and the other children practice their letters, show word cards, read stories, and bring them to the library where they can all choose a favorite book. By the end of the day, Llama Llama is recognizing words and can't wait to show Mama Llama that he's becoming a reader!

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DRA40-50/840L	The Ugly Duckling -F	Hans Christian Anderson	The story tells of a plain-looking little bird (the Ugly Duckling) born in a barnyard. His brothers and sisters as well as the other birds and animals on the farm tease him for being plain and ugly, so he runs off. The Ugly Duckling approaches the swans, he's delighted to find that they accept him and treat him like one of them.
DRA20-28/470L	Queen of the World (Babymouse)#1 - F	Jennifer L. Holms	It's the same thing every day for Babymouse. Where is the glamour? The excitement? The adventure? Nothing ever changes, until . . . Baby mouse hears about Felicia Furrypaws's exclusive slumber party.
DRA	<i>A Gardener's Alphabet</i> -NF	Mary Azarian	Revealing the variety of life underground, the bright comfort of a greenhouse on a winter's day, or the anticipation of starting seeds indoors in early spring, this striking alphabet book celebrates the simple joys of gardening.
DRA8-18/300L	<i>Signs at School</i> -NF	Mary Hill	For use in schools and libraries only. The Signs in My World emergent reader series introduces children to many different signs that a child may observe in his or her environment. Full-color photographs directly match the text to provide reading clues.

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- Draw and write about a character you liked or disliked.
- Gather a collection of objects described in the book.
- Draw or paint pictures of the main character and describe him or her.
- Create a character or animal from the story using clay or some other materials.
- Make a poster about the book using two or more of the following media: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, or real materials

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Rising 2nd Grade Book List



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Video (Read Aloud)	Elmer The Elephant Patchwork	By David McKee	Elmer The Elephant
Video (Read Aloud)	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Video (Read Aloud)	The Mixed Up Chameleon	Eric Carle	The Mixed Up Chameleon
Video (Read Aloud)	The Tortoise and The Hare (Cartoon)	Aesop	The Tortoise and the Hare
Video (Read Aloud)	David Gets in Trouble	David Shannon	David Gets in Trouble
AD 900L	Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents - NF	L. Judge	What do grizzly bear cubs eat? Where do baby raccoons sleep? And how does a baby otter learn to swim? Every baby mammal, from a tiny harvest mouse "pinky" to a fierce lion cub, needs food, shelter, love, and a family

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DRA8-18/250 L	The Tale of Peter Rabbit- F	B. Potter	The story of the curious little bunny who disobeys his mother and finds himself trapped in Mr. MacGregor's garden.
DRA8-18/400 L	Frog and Toad Are Friends~ F	A. Robel	This classic features the escapades of Frog and Toad, an adorable amphibious duo who are the best of friends.
DRA20-28/630L	The Empty Pot ~F	Demi	The emperor of China is looking for a successor, and he gives all the children in the land one seed. He tells them that the one who grows the most beautiful flowers in one year will be emperor.
DRA20-28/620L	Little Cliff's First Day of School-F	C. Taulbert	Little Cliff does not want to go to first grade. He does not want to leave his toys or his family. However, once he sees his friends and hears everyone having a good time, he quickly changes his mind.
DRA8-18/350L	How the Elephant Got Its Trunk~F	R.James	Long ago, Baby Elephant keeps asking what Crocodile eats for dinner until he goes to the source and gets a big surprise.
DRA8-18/380L	Junie. B Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus~F	B.Park.	Remember when it was scary to go to school? Because it was your first day and you didn't know anything. Meet Junie B. Jones, kindergartner. She's so scared of the school bus and the meanies on it that when it's time to go home, she doesn't.
DRA20-28/440L	A Birthday Basket for Tia~F	P. Mora	When her great-aunt, her tia, turns ninety, little Cecilia lovingly gathers together a basket full of memories.
DRAA-6/150L	I am Water (NF)	J. Marzollo	Describes the properties of water, its uses, and its many forms, including rain, ice, and snow.
			A family spends a day at the fair riding rides, winning prizes, and seeing animals. Color photographs

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DRA8-18/260L	Let's Go to the Fair (NF)	C. Foley	accompany the text in this introductory informational book.
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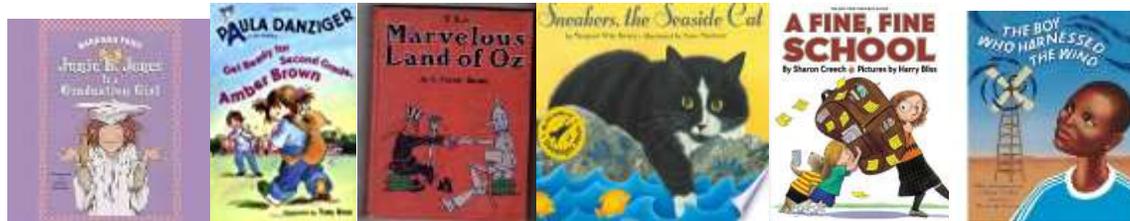
- Draw and write about a character you liked or disliked.
- Gather a collection of objects described in the book.
- Create a character or animal from the story using clay or some other materials.
- Make a poster about the book using two or more of the following media: paint, crayons, chalk, paper, ink, or real materials.
- Create a puppet show to perform in school.

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Rising 3rd Grade Book List



DRA/Lexile	Title/Genre	Author	Summary <i>(Note: Summary text provided by external source).</i>
Video	The Day the Crayons Came Home	Drew Daywalt	The Day the Crayons Came Home
Video	How Not To Start Third Grade	Cathy Hapka and Ellen Titlebaum	How Not to Start Third Grade
Video	A Fine, Fine School	Sharon Creech	A Fine, Fine School
Video	A Bad Case of Stripes	David Shannon	A Bad Case of Stripes
	Imani’s Moon	JaNay Brown Wood	Imani's Moon
DRA 40-50 /850 L	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind- Memoir	W. Kamkwamba	William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. But William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of

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			building one that would bring to his small village a set of luxuries that only 2 percent of Malawians could enjoy: electricity and running water.
DRA8-18/510L	Alien In the Classroom-F	C. Keene	According to the "National Snooper", the queen of planet Zagon is on earth. It seems pretty silly until Nancy and her friends have a new substitute teacher, Ms. Zagon. Kate Zaleski says Ms. Zagon is an alien. Nancy says she's not, and she's going to prove it...
DRA30-38/680L	Once Upon a Time-F	N. Daly	There is something worrying Sarie at school. Every time her teacher says, "Children, take out your reading books," Sarie feels sick. The letters in the book all run together, tripping her up so that she stumbles and falters, and the girls in the back always make fun of her. Only Sarie's old friend, Auntie Anna, seems to understand that letters and words can be difficult things to grasp.
DRA20-28/500L	A Fine, Fine School-F	S. Creech	One day, Mr. Keene called all the students and teachers together and said, "This is a fine, fine school! From now on, let's have school on Saturdays too." And then there was more. School all weekend. School on the holidays. School in the SUMMER! What was next ...
DRA8-18/310L	Ira Sleeps Over-F	B. Waber	A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.
DRA30-38/520L	Sneakers, the Seaside Cat-F	M. Brown,	On Sneakers' first trip to the seaside, his curious paws find surprises in the sand. There's a mischievous crab, playful shrimp, and a shell that echoes the roar of the ocean.
DRA60/1030L	The Marvelous Land of Oz-F	L. Frank Baum	Few fantasy lands have captured our hearts and

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			imaginations as has the marvelous land of Oz.
DRA8-18/460	Henry and Mudge: The First Book-F		Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.
DRA8-18/310L	Math At the Store ~ NF	W. Amato	Simple text and pictures show how math can be used in buying food at the store.
DRA50/980L	What Presidents Are Made of- NF	H. Piven -	George Washington is made of... good intentions. Thomas Jefferson is made of... comfortable shoes. Bill Clinton is made of... enthusiasm. In this funny, unusual, and visual book, Piven uses kid-friendly materials, ranging from blue jeans to boxing gloves, to create caricature portraits that reveal what "makes up" the temperaments of several U.S. presidents.
DRA8-18/300L	Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown-F	P. Danziger	Amber Brown and her classmates are worried about the new teacher. The students' concerns are soon put to rest as Ms. Light meets them at the door wearing cool earrings and revealing an upbeat attitude.

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- Write a new ending to the story.
- Make a new jacket with an original blurb or make a book jacket with an inside summary.
- Create either a Podcast, a blog or an I-movie about the book.
- Make a poster to advertise the book.
- Create a puppet show to perform in school.

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Rising 4th Grade Book List



DRA/Lexile	Title/Genre	Author	Summary <i>(Note: Summary text provided by external source).</i>
Video	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	The Giving Tree
Video	The Day You Begin	Jacqueline Woodson	The Day You Begin
Video	A Computer Called Katherine	Suzanne Slade	A Computer Called Katherine
Video	The Hula- Hoopin Queen	Thelma Lyne Godin	The Hula-Hoopin Queen
Video	Grace For President	Kelly DiPucchio	Grace for President
DRA-40-50 820 L	Seeds of Change NF	Jen Cullerton Johnson	A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman and first environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize (in 2004), for her work planting trees in her native Kenya.

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DRA20-28/620L	Jumanji F	Chris Van Allsburg	The game under the tree looked like a hundred others Peters and Judy had at home. But they were bored and restless and, looking for something interesting to do, thought they'd give Jumanji a try.
DRA30-38/590L	Star Girl- F	Jerry Spinneli	Leo Borlock follows the unspoken rule at Mica Area High School: don't stand out--under any circumstances! Then Stargirl arrives at Mica High and everything changes--for Leo and for the entire school.
DRA50/990L	2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids F	Amy Zuckerman and Jim Daly	Global events and new technology change how we live from moment to moment. So, what will our world be like in twenty years? Come take a look as futurists Amy Zuckerman and James Daly examine what a kid's daily life might be like in the year 2030.
DRA30-38/540L	George and Martha F	James Marshall	Two lovable hippos teach the meaning of friendship in five separate vignettes: "Split Pea Soup," "The Flying Machine," "The Tub," "The Mirror," "The Tooth."
DRA20-28/430L	A Letter to Amy F	Ezra Jack Keat	Peter is having a birthday party, and he's asked all of his friends to come. But Amy is a special friend because she's a girl, so Peter decides to send her a special invitation. When he rushes out in a thunderstorm to mail it, he bumps smack into Amy herself and knocks her to the ground. Will she come to his party now?
DRA30-38/640L	Mapping Penny's World F	Loreen Leedy	Lisa and her dog, Penny, learn the basics of mapmaking in this delightful sequel to <i>Measuring Penny</i> .
DRA20-28/470L	Tales of a Fourth Grade	Judy Blume	Nine-year-old Peter Hatcher lives with his parents and 2-

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	Nothing F		year-old brother, Farley (nicknamed Fudge), in a New York City apartment. This series of vignettes in the life of Peter and his family is told from Peter's perspective as the big brother. Fudge is always getting into mischief — often annoying his older brother.
DRA40/900L	The Great White Sharks NF	Sandra Markle	Some of the fiercest and most skilled hunters in the world, great white sharks use intellect, camouflage, and a strong sense of smell, hearing, and sight to track and kill their prey.
DRA30-38/580L	The Nature Treasury: A First Look at the Natural World NF	Lizann Flatt	This lavishly illustrated book is a fun first reference for inquisitive young children who want to know more about their world, elements, and environments.

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- Make a collage that represents major characters and events in the book you read. Use pictures and words cut from magazines in your collage.
- Make a shoe box diorama of a scene from the book you read. Write a paragraph explaining the scene and its relevance to the story.
- Pretend that you are one of the characters in the book you read. Tape a monologue of that character telling of his or her experiences. Be sure to write out a script before taping. You could perform this "live" if you so choose.
- Draw a comic-book page complete with bubble-style conversations showing an incident in your book.
- Create either a Podcast, an I-Movie, or a blog about the book.

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Spanish Summer Reading Book Titles for K-4

Lola by Loufane Gladys Rosa Mendoza

The Weather/El Tiempo by Gladys Mendoza

The Day It Snowed Tortillas/El Dia que Nevaron Tortillas by Joe Hayes
Buenas noches, luna (Good Night Moon) Margaret Wise Brown

El Conejito Andarín (The Runaway Bunny) Margaret Wise Brown

El Gran Granero Rojo (The Big Red Barn) Margaret Wise Brown

La Oruga Muy Hambrienta (The Very Hungry Caterpillar) Eric Carle

De la Cabeza a Los Pies (From Head to Toe) Eric Carle

Tren de Carga (Freight Train) Donald Crews

Perro Grande... Perro Pequeno (Big Dog... Little Dog) P.D. Eastman

El canto de las Palomas (Calling the Doves) Juan Filipe Herrera

¿Me Quieres, Mamá? (Mama, Do You Love Me?) Barbara M. Joesse

Almuerzo con Ponche (A Lunch with Punch) Jo S. Kittinger

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Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo, ¿Qué Ves Ahí?
(Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?) Bill Martin Jr.

Oso polar, oso polar, ¿qué es ese ruido?
(Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?) Bill Martin Jr.

Froggy aprenda a nadir

Gus Cultiva Una Planta

Ellen Ochoa

Soy El Agua

Que monton de tamales

Pinguino Finos

Vamos a leer sobre...Cesar Chavez

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Rising 5th Grade Book List



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960L	Kid Activists: True Tales of Childhood from Champions of Change (Epic)	Robin Stevenson	Moving yet funny childhood biographies of Martin Luther King Jr., Helen Keller, Malala Yousafzai, and other inspiring activists.
960L	Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends (Epic)	David Stabler	Hilarious childhood biographies show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, and other sports champions faced challenges growing up.
990L	Malala Yousafzai: Pakistani Activist for Female Education	Elisa Peters	The remarkable Malala Yousafzai is a widely admired young woman. Follow her story from her youth in Pakistan through her current work.
GN290L	The Sisters No.1: Just Like Family	Christophe Cazenove, Maury William	Marine wants to hang out with her older sister and nothing is more embarrassing for Wendy. They love each other but can they live together?!

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800 L	Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.
880L	Susan Marcus Bends the Rules	Jane Cutler	In 1943, ten-year-old Susan Marcus discovers a world of prejudice right in her own backyard and takes a courageous stand toward equality.
900L	How Ecosystems Work	Julie Lundgren	This Title Explains What An Ecosystem Is And How The Plants And Animals Within An Ecosystem Rely On And Effect Its Existence.
540L	I am a Promise	Shelly Ann Fraser	Learn about the journey of Jamaican six-time Olympic medal winner Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce, from her childhood to her Olympic gold medal.
990L	U.S. Women's National Soccer Team	J. E. Skinner	U.S. Women's National Soccer Team explores the way the celebrated team served to bring Americans together across the years.
NC1260 L	The Elephant Scientist NF	Caitlin O'Connell and Donna Jackson	In the sprawling African scrub desert of Etosha National Park, they call her “the mother of all elephants.” Holding binoculars closely to her eyes, American scientist Caitlin O’Connell could not believe what she was seeing from these African elephants.

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DRA50/840L	Matilda F	Roald Dahl	Miss Honey is a cruel authoritarian that loathes children. Matilda befriends her school teacher, Miss Honey. She soon realizes Matilda's talents, but is later amazed to see the full extent of Matilda's powers.
DRA30-38/680L	Tangerine F	Edward Bloor	In Tangerine, underground fires burn for years and lightning strikes the same field every day. Strange things happen here -- but nothing is stranger than the secrets Paul discovers about his brother, his new group of friends, and his own dangerous past.
DRA30-38/520L	Magic Tree House (Series) F	Mary Pope Osborne	Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse. Each book in the collection takes them to different places.
DRA40/940L	Small Acts of Amazing Courage F	Gloria Whelan	The heart of this penetrating story is Rosalind's coming of age set against the hardship of life for the Indian people. Rosalind's daily life in India, the rise of Ghandi and Rosalind's coming to make her own decisions and become her own person.
DRA40/940L	Chronicle of Narnia F	C.S. Lewis	During the World War II bombings of London, four English siblings are sent to a country house where they will be safe. One day Lucy (Georgie Henley) finds a wardrobe that transports her to a magical world called Narnia.

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DRA30-38/620L	Mr. Lincoln's Way F	Patricia Polacco	<i>Mr. Lincoln's Way</i> starts off by describing the "coolest principal in the whole world," Mr. Lincoln. He interacts with the students and has a lot of fun with them.
DRA40/920L	The Pepins and Their Problems F	Polly Horvath	Whether it's waking up to find toads in their shoes, becoming trapped on the roof, or searching for cheese when their cow makes only lemonade, the Pepin family always seem to get into the most bizarre scrapes.
DRA30-38/630L	The Top 10 Ways to Ruin the First Day of 5 th F	Kenneth Derby	Fifth-grader Anthony "Tony Baloney" Madison's greatest desire is to be on the <i>Late Show with David Letterman</i> . He writes Letterman about his adventures and suggests Top Ten Lists. Tony devises a stupid human trick: jumping rope while standing on a toilet.
DRA50 900L	A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids: Understanding Climate Change and What You Can Do About It NF	Julie Hall	Kids, parents, and teachers will find the very latest information about the causes and effects of climate change, how people are working to reduce it, and ways kids and their families and schools can join the fight.
DRA50/990L	How Basketball Works by Keltie Thomas NF	Keltie Thomas	How Basketball Works, is a part of the How Sports Work series. The book is about how the sport is played and what makes basketball an exciting game, the science behind refining your skills; and how height became a dominating force on the court.

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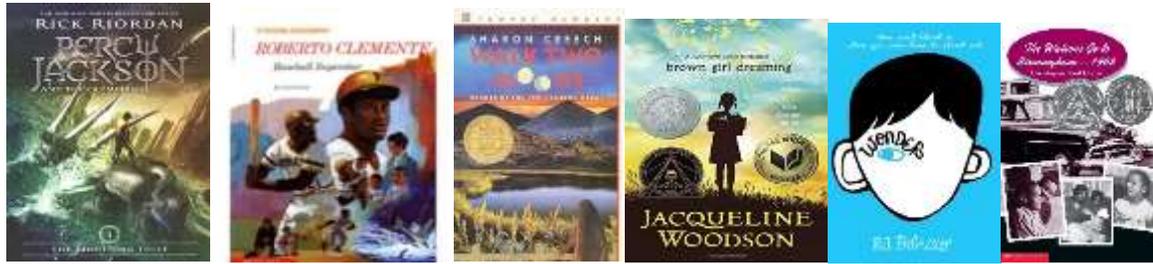
- Pretend that you are one of the characters in the book you read. Tape a monologue of that character telling of his or her experiences. Be sure to write out a script before taping. You could perform this "live" if you so choose.
- Make a television box show of ten scenes in the order that they occur in the book you read. Cut a square from the bottom of a box to serve as a TV screen and make two slits in opposite sides of the box. Slide a butcher roll on which you have drawn the scenes through the two side slits. Make a tape to go with your television show. Be sure to write out a script before taping or performing live.
- Find a song or a poem that relates to the theme of your book and explain the similarities.
- For fun, exaggerate either characteristics or events and write a tabloid-style news story related to your book.
- Create either a Podcast, a blog, or an I-Movie about the book.

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DRA/Lexile	Title/Genre (Highlighted in blue are from GetEpic.com)	Author	Summary
1050	Yes! We Are Latinos	Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy	Poems and Prose About the Latino Experience Thirteen young Latinos and Latinas living in America are introduced in this book
670	Midsummer's Mayhem	Rajani LaRocca	Can Mimi undo the mayhem caused by her baking in this contemporary-fantasy retelling of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream?
1060	Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles (Ronan Boyle #1)	Thomas Lennon	Ronan's parents are in jail, but Ronan is convinced that they were framed by the wee people.

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710L	Who Killed Darius Drake?	Rodman Philbrick	A fast-paced whodunit about two socially outcast boys who set out to find jewels hidden for a century, unwittingly flush out a murderer.
GN340L	Big Nate: Revenge of the Cream Puffs	Lincoln Peirce	Nate and his baseball team, with the most embarrassing name in Little League history, want to show the world they're not a bunch of cupcakes.
550L	Mallory on the Move	Laurie Friedman	Despite trying to convince her mom not to move which would separate her from her friends, Mallory's parents go forward with their plans.
680	Looking for Juliette (Investigators of the Unknown)	Janet Taylor Lisle	Poco is horrified when Angela's cat disappears while under her watch. Is magic involved?
1020	And Condors Danced	Zilpha Keatley Snyder	One fateful summer and fall, two tragedies will test eleven-year-old Carly's courage and forever alter her views on life

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			and death.
740 L	<i>The Lightning Thief</i>	Rick Riordan	Always trouble-prone, the life of teenager Percy Jackson (Logan Lerman) gets a lot more complicated when he learns he's the son of the Greek god Poseidon.
730 L	<i>The Book Thief</i>	Markus Zussak	This is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside of Munich. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist-books.
610 L	Roberto Clemente	Carol Greene	Roberto Enrique Clemente Walker was a Puerto Rican professional baseball right fielder who played 18 seasons in Major League Baseball for the Pittsburgh Pirates.
770 L	Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech	Thirteen-year-old Salamanca Tree Hiddle, proud of her country roots and the "Indian-ness in her blood," travels from Ohio to Idaho with her eccentric grandparents.
990 L	Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	This novel in verse form

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			discusses the author's childhood as an African American growing up in the 1960s in South Carolina and New York.
670 L	Through the Looking Glass E- book	Lewis Carroll	This is the sequel to <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> (1865). Alice again enters a fantastical world, this time by climbing through a mirror into the world that she can see beyond it.
920 L	The Watsons Go To Birmingham	Christopher Paul Curtis	When Kenny Watson&'s brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, the Watson family heads south to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma&'s church is bombed.
980L	Beyond the Solar System by Mary Kay Carson	Mary Kay Carson	Humans have gazed into the night sky for thousands of years and wondered, What are those twinkling lights?
790 L	Wonder	R.J. Palacio	August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school.

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780 L	Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of Cultural Revolution	Ji-Li-Jiang	In 1966 Ji-li Jiang turned twelve. An outstanding student and leader, she had everything: brains, the admiration of her peers, and a bright future in China's Communist Party. But that year China's leader, Mao Ze-dong, launched the Cultural Revolution, and everything changed.
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- Include the following: (a) a drawing or cut out picture of the character or object, (b) a physical description of the character or object, (c) the character's or object's misdeeds (or deeds?), (d) other information about the character or object which is important, (e) the reward offered for the capture of the character or object.

Rising 7th Grade ELA and Social Studies Summer Reading Requirements

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1. **7th Grade Social Studies Required Reading:** *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane (660)

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/73/73-h/73-h.htm>

- **Writing Requirement for 7th Grade Social Studies: *The Red Badge of Courage*:** In the author’s point of view, is it wrong for Henry to run from the battle? Is it wrong for him to abandon the tattered soldier? Write an essay that explains Henry’s decision and how he rationalized his decision to flee from the battle compared to the others who has done the same. **This must be at least two pages typed and double spaced, or written legibly on a clean sheet of paper, with your name, and grade level.**

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Rising 8th Grade Summer Reading Requirements

All students entering 8th Grade will read a required book for English and an additional book of their choice, and a required book for Social Studies. You will complete the corresponding writing assignments **to receive a project grade for both required books. For E-Books, you may click on the link below:**

Use ID & PW = achs.

Mid/High School eBook Subscription Collection: <http://ebooks.infobaselearning.com/Default.aspx?InstID=15890>
https://ebooks.infobase.com/e_Home.aspx

Required Summer Reading Book for ELA: *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton (750 L) Click on the link below to access the complete chapters of the book:

https://www.dvusd.org/cms/lib/AZ01901092/Centricity/Domain/4219/the-outsiders_se_hinton.pdf

Activity for the required book, *The Outsiders*: Write a character analysis of one character of your choice from the book. Explain how the character's motives and actions resulted in the outcome of the story. You may identify significant changes in the character's attitude and behavior throughout the story. This must be at least two pages typed and double spaced, or written legibly on a clean sheet of paper, with your name, and grade level. **This must be submitted to your English teacher on or before September 20, 2021.**

Required Summer Reading Book for Social Studies: *Hammurabi* by Judith Levin (Talks about the life of Mesopotamian Leader Hammurabi)

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Writing Requirement for 8th Grade Social Studies: *Hammurabi* by Judith Levin is a story about Hammurabi being a leader and ruler of Mesopotamia. Almost 4,000 years ago, a young king named Hammurabi inherited the small and unimportant city of Babylon in the region of Mesopotamia, now in present-day Iraq. Over his lifetime, Hammurabi expanded Babylon in size and in importance, making the city the most important in the region by the time of his death. It would remain so for more than 1,000 years. Though Hammurabi was a politician, a diplomat, and a warrior, he is remembered mostly for his code of law, the tall monument of stone inscribed with hundreds of legal rulings that influenced the future laws of the region and then of the Western world. Hammurabi explores the life and times of a ruler known as "The King of Justice" through the king's own words and those of legal and historical documents and literature of the time. **Write an essay that describes how Hammubari helped shape Mesopotamia and what his important contributions to history are. This must be at least two pages typed and double spaced, or written legibly on a clean sheet of paper, with your name, and grade level.**

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Additional Reading List for Grades 7 & 8

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1120 L	<i>Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London	<i>The Call of the Wild</i> is a short adventure novel by Jack London, published in 1903 and set in Yukon, Canada, during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush, when strong sled dogs were in high demand. The central character of the novel is a dog named Buck. .
860 L	Waterless Mountain	Laura Adams Armer	Younger Brother lives in a dry land, and he dreams of finding the wide water of the Pacific Ocean. This gentle coming-of-age story, rooted in the traditional culture of the Navajo, recounts Younger Brother's journey toward finding his vocation as a medicine man.
980 L	Terpin	Tor Seider	Terpin Taft is an easygoing, popular boy -- a "good egg," happy to tell people what they want to hear, even if it means stretching the truth a bit. Until the day he meets a stranger on a train and tells the man a consoling lie. The results are so disastrous that Terpin resolves never again to speak or act except by the truth in his heart.

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<p>1080 L</p>	<p><i>12 Days in May Freedom Ride 1961</i></p>	<p>Larry Dane Brimmer</p>	<p>On May 4, 1961, a group of thirteen black and white civil rights activists launched the Freedom Ride, aiming to challenge the practice of segregation on buses and at bus terminal facilities in the South.</p>
<p>930 L</p>	<p><i>Separated</i></p>	<p>Shane Peacock</p>	<p>When Adam's grandfather first suggests taking him on a quick trip to Sweden to celebrate his upcoming thirteenth birthday, visions of being in one of the coolest places on earth—and he's not thinking of the temperature—dance in Adam's mind. But on his way there he reads that Swedes have a darker past, and present, than he ever imagined.</p>

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<p>1130L</p>	<p><i>The War of the Worlds</i> https://read.activelylearn.com/#student/catalog/29</p>	<p>H.G. Wells</p>	<p>The unnamed Narrator lives in Woking, outside of London, in the early twentieth century. He tells the story of an invasion of Earth by Martians. The events start at the end of the nineteenth century, while Earth is being observed by Martians..</p>

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<p>870L</p>	<p><i>Peter Pan</i></p> <p>https://read.activelylearn.com/#student/catalog/32</p>	<p>J.M Barrie</p>	<p>A mischievous boy who can fly and never grows up, Peter Pan spends his never-ending childhood adventuring on the small island of Neverland as the leader of his gang, the Lost Boys, interacting with mermaids, Native Americans, fairies, pirates, and occasionally ordinary children from the world outside of Neverland.</p>
<p>1070 L</p>	<p><i>The Jungle Book</i></p> <p>https://read.activelylearn.com/#student/catalog/20552</p>	<p>Rudyard Kipling</p>	<p><i>The Jungle Book</i> (1894) is a collection of stories by the English author Rudyard Kipling. Most of the characters are animals such as Shere Khan the tiger and Baloo the bear, though a principal character is the boy or "man-cub" Mowgli, who is raised in the jungle by wolves.</p>
<p>950L</p>	<p><i>White Fang</i></p>	<p>Jack London</p>	<p>The story takes place in Yukon Territory, Canada, during the 1890s Klondike Gold Rush and details White Fang's journey to domestication. It is a companion novel (and a thematic mirror) to London's best-known work, <i>The Call of the Wild</i>, which is about a kidnapped, domesticated dog embracing his wild ancestry to survive and thrive in the wild.</p>

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KINDERGARTEN	A		A-1	1
	B		2-2	2
	C		4	3-4
	D		6	5-6
	E		8	7-8
	F		10	9-10
GRADE 1	G	190L-530L	12	11-12
	H		14	13-14
	I		16	15-17
	J		18	
GRADE 2	K	420L-850L	20	18-20
	L		24	
	M		28	
GRADE 3	N	520L-820L	30	
	O		34	
	P		38	
GRADE 4	Q	740L-940L	40	
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GRADE 5	S	830L-1010L	50	
	T			
GRADE 6	U	825L-1070L	60	
	V			
GRADE 7	W	970L-1120L	70	
GRADE 8	X	1010L-1185L	80	
GRADE 9	Y	1050L-1260L		
GRADE 10	Z	1080L-1335L		
GRADE 11	2+	1185L-1385L		
GRADE 12				