

Selwyn Summer Reading
Entering 1st Grade through 3rd Grade

Research has shown that in order to combat the “summer slide” students need to engage in reading activities over the summer. Ideally, students should read three chapter books or twelve picture books over the summer to keep their reading skills sharp. At Selwyn, we want younger students to take control of their reading choices. Rather than assigning specific books, we have created recommended lists for students to choose from, but students may choose any book they like to read this summer. Books written in any form (chapter books, picture books, books written in verse, graphic novels, and audiobooks) are acceptable. We just want our students to find joy in reading and engage in reading activities this summer. We have provided each family a reading Badge Book full of fun reading activities to complete. Students can work in the Badge Book or download the associated app. Students should bring the Badge Book to school the first day of school to share with their teacher all the fun reading activities they completed over the summer.

Book suggestions from your teachers and librarian:

Novels:

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold
Allergic by Megan Lloyd
Bunnicula by James and Deborah Howe
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
Matilda by Roald Dahl
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater
Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lundgren
The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling
The Littles by John Peterson
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
WeirDo by Ahn Do

Series:

Absolutely Alfie by Sallie Warren

Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey

Cam Jansen by David Adler

Cul de Sac Kids by Beverly Lewis

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

Ellray Jakes by

Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

HiLo by Judd Winneck

Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline

Humphrey's Tiny Tales by Bettie G. Birney

Ivy and Bean by Annie Barrows

Jada Jones by Kelly Starling Lyons

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Junie B Jones by Barbara Park

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

Press Start by Thomas Flintham

Roscoe Riley Rules by Katherine Applegate

The Questioners by Andrea Beaty

Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors

Who Was or What Was by various authors

Picture Books:

A Big Bed for Little Snow by Grace Lin

Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band by Kwame Alexander

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst

Amos and Boris by William Steig

Baby Bear by Nelson Kadir

Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

Encounter by Jane Yolen

Harold and the Purple Crayon by Crockett Johnson

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers

Inch by Inch by Leo Lionni

Jumanji by Chris Van Allsburg

La Princesa and the Pea by Susan Elya

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
Owen by Kevin Henkes
Some Dinosaurs are Slow by Charlotte Voake
The Color Monster: A Story About Emotions by Anna Llenas
The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown
This is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen
Toasty by Sarah Hwang
Uni the Unicorn by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
We Are Best Friends by Aiki
Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton
You are My Friend: The Story of Mister Rogers and His Neighborhood by Aimee Reed

Other great resources for books:

[Texas Bluebonnet Award List](#)

[2x2 List](#)

[Little Maverick Graphic Novel List](#)

Research on Summer Reading/Learning Activities:

<https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/summer-slide.html>

<https://www.nwea.org/blog/2021/summer-learning-loss-what-we-know-what-were-learning/>