

Hingham Public Schools *Summer Reading K-5*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills. You can continue this literacy support by making sure that your child has many opportunities to read and write throughout the summer.

The attached resource list includes some book suggestions and other related links for you and your family's reading enjoyment. You can access the live links on the Hingham Public Schools website and on your school's website. As always, the Hingham Public Library is a wonderful resource for materials and programs to foster reading. Students in grades K-5 are invited to make choices from the attached resource list. This year, in addition to their choices, all students entering grades 4 and 5 are *required* to read the following selections:

Grade 5: *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
Grade 4: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements

To help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading level, follow the *Five Finger Rule*.

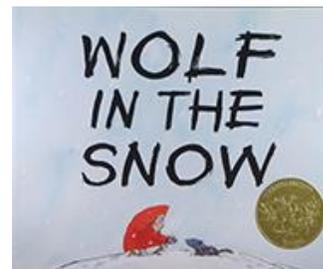
- Choose a passage (or book) of about 100 words.
- When your child comes to a word that he/she cannot pronounce correctly, ask him/her to put up a finger.
- If your child reaches the fifth finger, the book is too difficult. Choose a different book.

Remember to balance independent reading with read-alouds. If a book is too difficult for your child, feel free to read it to him/her and encourage a different book for independent reading. Fluent readers still like to be read to and to listen to audio books. For older readers, be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond his/her maturity level. Both librarians and the reputable websites listed are great sources of information in this area.

Proficient readers read lots of different types of texts. Read books or brochures about places where you may travel. Keep a journal of a special day or vacation. The library contains a wonderful collection of age-appropriate newspapers and magazines that children can read in order to learn interesting facts and information about their world. Don't forget to encourage reading comprehension by talking with your children about their books or asking them questions about the stories they are reading. Finally, remember to be a role model for your children. It is important for them to see you reading! Relax and read for pleasure!

Thank you for your support. Have a summer filled with many reading adventures!

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Award Winning Titles

2018 Caldecott Title

Wolf in the Snow, illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell, and published by Feiwel and Friends, an imprint of Macmillan.

In this spare, nearly wordless picture book, a girl and a wolf cub each get lost in the snow and rescue each other. Cordell uses pen and ink and watercolor wash to capture the frenzied snowfall and the brave girl's frantic, frightful journey. Fairy tale elements and a strong sense of color and geometry offer an engrossing, emotionally charged story.

2018 Newbery Title

Hello, Universe, written by Erin Entrada Kelly, published by Greenwillow Books, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers.

Filipino folklore and real life converge at the bottom of a well. Even while following signs and portents, the characters are the definition of creative agency. Masterfully told through shifting points of view, this modern quest tale shimmers with humor and authentic emotion.

Helpful Websites

(Live access to these links can be found on the Hingham Public Schools website or your school's website.)

<http://www.kidsreads.com>

<http://www.ala.org/>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/>

<http://www.goodreads.com/list/tag/childrens>

<http://www.bookadventure.com/Home.aspx>

Start a Series!

A-Z Mysteries
Alex Rider
Allie Finkle
The American Girl
Artemis Fowl
Bounders
Clementine
Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Elephant and Piggy
Eyewitness
Frog and Toad
Geronimo Stilton
Harry Potter
I Survived
Ivy and Bean
Magic Tree House

The Mysterious Benedict Society
Nate the Great
Percy Jackson
The Spiderwick Chronicles
Warriors
Who Was...?
Zach Files
...and others!

More Reading Ideas

Start a Book Club!

school.familyeducation.com

<http://www.kidsreads.com/reviews/the-kids-book-club-book>

Books Just For Boys

guysread.com/

Summer Fun/Ideas (Check out the library!)

hinghamlibrary.org/

Parent Tips readingrockets.org

