

Get ready for **SUMMER**
READING



Hope Lutheran School - Summer Reading List
For the 2024-2025 School Year

Dear Hope Parents and Students,

Reading over the summer months is shown to improve comprehension and test scores as well as to help children avoid the summer brain drain. To this end, students are encouraged to read, and read, and read some more! It is so important this summer so the students do not lose what they have gained from reading.

This summer there is **REQUIRED READING**. This document has been created to help students, and parents, choose books that stimulate interest in reading as well as maintain, and possibly extend, students' comprehension and critical thinking skills.

While all of these books are great reads, parents are encouraged to choose each book with their children as well as to conduct internet searches to be sure the book is right for the child.

Attached you will find the **REQUIRED READING LIST** for each grade level. Additionally, students will be encouraged to read from the **RECOMMENDED BOOKLIST**, which should be chosen from the attached lists or book of your choosing with your teacher's approval.

Happy Reading!
Hope Lutheran School Teachers

Summer Reading List 2024-2025

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GOING INTO First Grade

REQUIRED Reading (write a sentence and draw a picture about what happened in each story):

Pete the Cat Too Cool for School by Kimberly and James Dean

Drop It, Rocket by Tad Hills

Write a Sentence and draw a picture about what happened in each of the Required Reading selections. PLUS read 1 book per week from the recommended list.

Recommended (choose at least 1 book per week):

"Clifford" books by Norman Bridwell

"Biscuit" books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

"Little Critter" books by Mercer Mayer

Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton (any in the series)

Clark the Shark by Bruce Hale (any in the series)

Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin (any in series)

Bear's Loose Tooth by Karma Wilson (or any others in the series)

If you Give a... books by Laura Joffe Numeroff

Franklin books (any in series) by Paulette Bourgeois

Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss (or any others in the series)

Danny and the Dinosaur By Syd Hoff

Curious George (various titles) by H.A. Rey

Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastmann

Little Bear by Elsa Minarik

Frog and Toad (any in series) by Arnold Lobel

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Amelia Bedelia (any in series) by Peggy Parish

Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina

The Pigeon Has to Go to School by Mo Willems

"Elephant and Piggie" books by Mo Willems

The Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone

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Please write a 2-5 sentence summary of each book you read. Include an illustration of your favorite part.

REQUIRED Reading:

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey

Pig the Pug by Aaron Blabey

PLUS 5 books of your choice from the recommended list

Recommended (choose 5):

Frog and Toad (any in series) by Arnold Lobel

Fly Guy (any in series) by Tedd Arnold

Little Bear by Else Minarik

Amelia Bedelia (any in series) by Peggy Parish

Henry and Mudge (any in series) by Cynthia Rylant

Arthur (any in series) by Marc Brown

Nate the Great (any in series) by M. W. Sharmat

Owl Moon by Jan Yolen

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Black Lagoon (any in series) by Mike Thaler

The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Janet Stevens

There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly by Simms Taback

Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney

Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osbourne (advanced readers)

The Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles (advanced readers)

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GOING INTO Third Grade

Please write a paragraph summary of each book you read. Include an illustration of your favorite part.

REQUIRED Reading:

The Littles by John Peterson

Any of The Magic Tree House Books by Mary Pope Osborn

PLUS 1 book of your choice from the recommended list

Recommended (choose at least 1):

Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

Sarah, Plain and Tall

Nancy Drew (any from the series) by Carolyn Keene

Ramona (any from the series) by Beverly Cleary

Any of the "Cam Jansen "series by David Adler

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney

Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce

Geronimo Stilton series books by Elisabetta Dami

Any book by Matt Christopher (books about sports)

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GOING INTO Fourth Grade

Please write a half-page summary (at least 2 paragraphs) of each book you read. Can be typed or neatly handwritten.

REQUIRED Reading:

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

PLUS 2 books of your choice from the recommended list

Recommended (choose at least 2):

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

Amber Brown Goes Fourth by Paula Danziger

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Stuart Little by E.B. White

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

Tales of a Fourth-Grade Nothing by Judy Bloom

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

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GOING INTO Fifth Grade

Write a three-paragraph summary of each book you read. (12 font, double spaced or in your best handwriting.)

REQUIRED Reading:

Read two books from the following list.

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

Lawn Boy Returns by Gary Paulsen

Prince Caspian by C.S. Lewis

Voyage of the Dawntrepper by C.S. Lewis

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM Robert C. O'Brian

The Invention of Hugo Cabret: A Novel in Words and Pictures by Brian Selznick

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Magician's *Elephant* by Kate DiCamillo

The Door in the Wall by Marguerite Di Angeli

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

11 Birthdays by Wendy Mass

Half Magic by Edward Eager

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

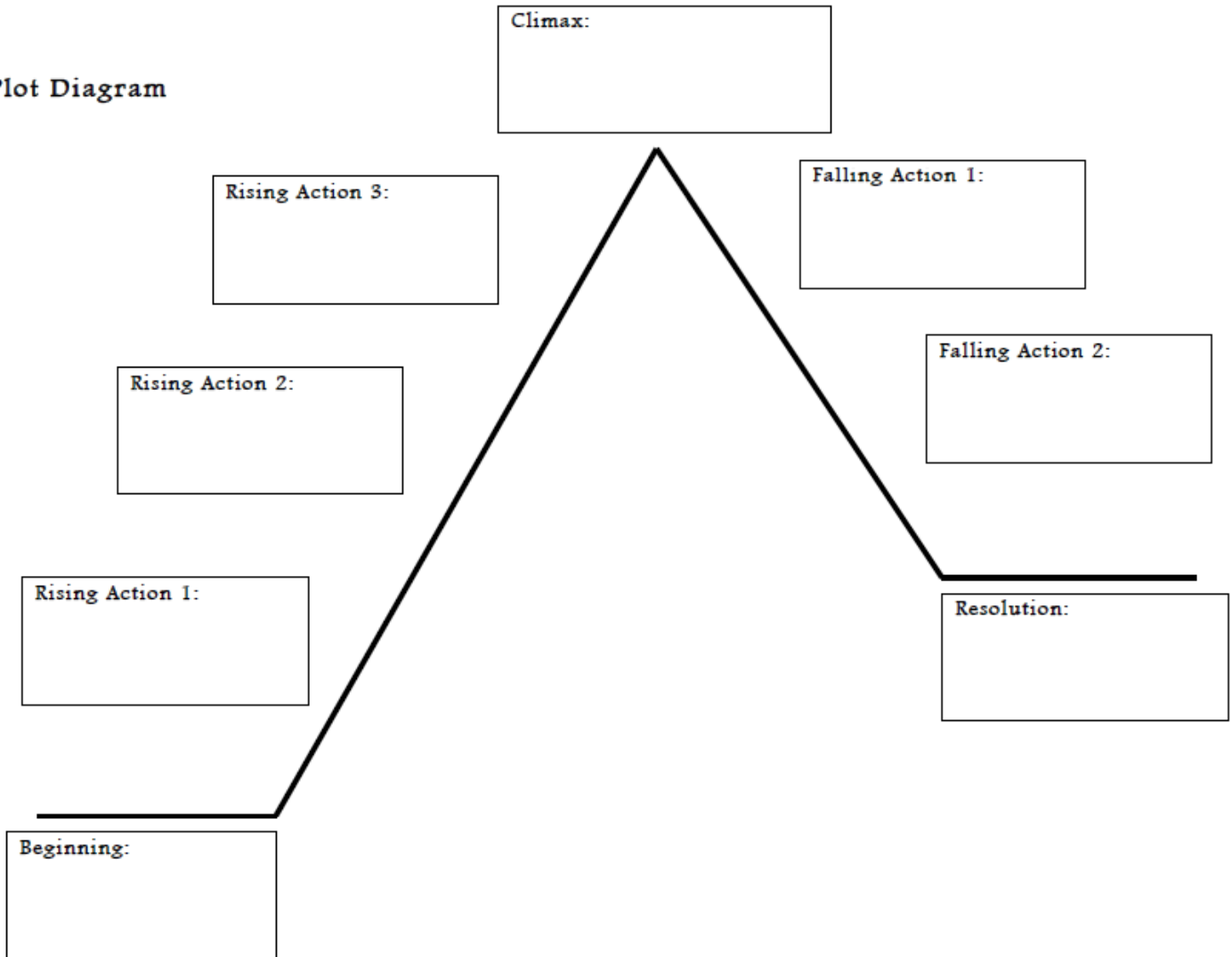
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey

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GOING INTO Sixth Grade Read at least two books from the list below. For two of them, fill in the diagram below. Your book may have more or less Rising and Falling Action than this diagram shows. Then, use these events to type a one-page summary of each book in 12-point font, double-spaced.

Plot Diagram



6th GRADE REQUIRED Reading: Read at least two books from the following list.

Auggie and Me by R. J. Palacio
Hoot by Carl Hiaason
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson
So B. It by Sarah Weeks
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Snyder
The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman

Maniac McGee by Jerry Springer
The Raven Heir by Stephanie Burgis
Savvy by Ingrid Law
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

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GOING INTO Seventh & Eighth Grade

For two of them, **TYPE** a one-page summary of each book you read.
Times New Roman, 12-point font, double spaced

REQUIRED Reading:

Read at least two books from the following list.

The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Framed by James Ponti

All Four Stars by Tara Dairman

The Unteachables by Gordon Korman

Jennifer Chan is Not Alone by Tae Keller

The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart

Three Strike Summer by Skyler Schrempp

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick

The Friendship War by Andrew Clements

Nothing Else but Miracles by Kate Albus

Restart by Gordon Korman

Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

Alone by Megan E. Freeman

Fast Break by Mike Lupica

We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly

More to the Story by Hena Khan

I Will Always Write Back by Martin Ganda and Caitlin Alifirenka

The Finest Hours by Michael J. Tougias and Casey Sherman

We Are Not From Here by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Downriver by Will Hobbs

A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Call It Courage by Sperry Armstrong

I am Malala: Young Readers Edition by Malala Yousafzai

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Walk two Moons by Sharon Creech