

# Get ready for SUMMER READING

## Hope Lutheran School - Summer Reading List For the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026

At Hope Lutheran School, we value reading, and reading every day during the summer is important. Students at each grade level (1st - 8th grade) are **REQUIRED** to read books by August 15, 2024.

### 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