



PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

1st Grade 2026 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

“Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or duty.
It should be offered to them as a precious gift.” *Kate DiCamillo*

Providence Classical Academy seeks to develop good readers and desires for our students to be lifelong readers. Learning to read well requires direction, discipline, and diligence just as if you were training to be a fine musician or amazing athlete. This is why it is so important to encourage and inspire our Knights to read throughout the summer. We hope you will encourage your child to take this challenge and help them by saturating your family with books that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). We have chosen each book on our summer reading lists with the hope that it cultivates a greater love for the written word.

The books on our suggested reading lists may be found in our public libraries, Amazon, or book stores (Barnes and Noble; 2nd and Charles; & Thrifty Peanut). Audio books from Hoopla/Libby are also great options for students to listen to as they are playing this summer. The Reading Lists and Reading Log will also be posted on our school website.

TO EARN A GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE MEDAL, STUDENTS MUST...

- Record the title and number of minutes for each book on the Reading Log.
- Our reading lists are to help you with selections for reading material. Students may log books not on our lists, too.
- Electronic books may be read. Audio books are also permissible, but please note that we **highly encourage** students to follow along with a hard copy of the text. For our emerging readers going into 1st grade, we do allow minutes to be recorded when students are **read to** by an adult.
- Please make sure you **record the number of minutes read** in the **minutes** column. This is what we will calculate minutes from - we have no way to quantify what your child has read if this is left blank.
- Minutes must be logged and initialed by a parent each day on the provided Reading Log form.
- Add up the number of minutes read at the end of the summer.
- Reading Logs **MUST be returned to the teacher at either “Meet the Teacher” or the first day of school.** This will count as the first reading homework grade of the school year. Summer Reading medals will be awarded based on the reading log counts and given at the Summer Reading Awards Assembly at one of our Friday chapels within the first few weeks of school. ****No late Reading Logs will be awarded medals.****

Incoming 1st-3rd grade medal & grade qualifications

- o Gold = 750 minutes, grade: 100
- o Silver = 550 minutes, grade: 95
- o Bronze = 450 minutes, grade: 85
- o Minimum = 350 minutes, grade: 75
- o Any minutes BELOW the minimum = grade: 50
- o No Reading Log = grade: 0

Summer Reading Challenge Book List

Incoming First Grade

BOOK TITLE	LEVEL	AUTHOR
CLASSICS		
A to Z		Sandra Boynton
A Sock is a Pocket for Your Toes: A Pocket Book		Elizabeth Garton
A Tree is Nice	Caldecott Medal	Janice May Udry
Alligator Baby		Robert Munsch
Always and Forever		Alan Durant
Animals Should Definitely not Wear Clothing		Judi Barrett
Around the Year		Tasha Tudor
Ask Mr. Bear		Marjorie Flack
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?		Bill Martin, Jr.
Charlie Needs a Cloak		Tomie de Paola
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom		Bill Martin Jr./J. Archambault
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs		Judi Barrett
Cookies		Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Each Peach Pear Plum		Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Fables	Caldecott Medal	Arnold Lobel
Good Night, Gorilla		Peggy Rathman
Hand, Hand, Finger, Thumb		Al Perkins
Have You Seen My Cat?		Eric Carle
I'll Be You and You Be Me		Ruth Krauss
In The Small, Small Pond		Denise Fleming
In The Tall, Tall Grass		Denise Fleming
Jumanji	Caldecott Medal	Chris Van Allsburg
Leaf Man		Lois Ehlert
Lenny & Lucy		Philip Stead
Lentil		Robert McCloskey

Library Lion		Michelle Knudsen
Lightship		Brian Floca
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse		Kevin Henkes
Many Moons	Caldecott Medal	James Thurber
May I Bring a Friend?	Caldecott Medal	Beatrice Shenk De Regniers
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel		Virginia Lee Burton
Millions of Cats		Wanda Gag
Miss Fannie's Hat		Jan Karon
Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You		Dr. Seuss
Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed		Emily Pearson
Our Nest		Reeve Lindbergh
Owl Moon	Caldecott Medal	Jane Yolen
Quick as a Cricket		Audrey Wood
Pete's A Pizza		William Steig
Pokey Little Puppy		Janette Lowery
The Big Red Barn		Margaret Wise Brown
The Big Snow	Caldecott Medal	Berta & Elmer Hader
The Emperor and the Nightingale	Usborne First Reading	Hans Christian Andersen
The Giving Tree		Shel Silverstein
The Jesus Storybook Bible		Sally Lloyd Jones
The Little Fur Family		Margaret Wise Brown
The Little House	Caldecott Medal	Virginia Burton
The Little Red Hen	Usborne First Reading	Susanna Davidson
Little Red Riding Hood	Usborne First Reading	Brothers Grimm
The Napping House		Audrey Wood
The Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly		Simms Taback
The Real Mother Goose		Blanche Fisher Wright
The Rooster Crows	Caldecott Medal	Maud & Miska Petersham
The Runaway Bunny		Margaret Wise Brown

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The Snowy Day	Caldecott Medal	Ezra Keats
The Three Billy Goats Gruff		Paul Galdone
The Three Little Kittens		Paul Galdone

The Wheels on the Bus		Jerry Smith
The Wind in the Willows	Usborne First Reading	Kenneth Grahame
The Wizard of Oz	Usborne First Reading	L. Frank Baum
Time For Bed		Mem Fox
Time of Wonder	Caldecott Medal	Robert McCloskey
Tomie's Little Mother Goose		Tomie dePaola
Warm as Wool		Helen Cogancherry
When the Moon is High		Alice Schertle
Where's Spot?		Eric Hill
Where the Wild Things Are	Caldecott Medal	Maurice Sendak

SERIES BOOKS (any title in series)

Babar	Any stories	Jean de Brunhoff
Barney's Horse		Syd Hoff
Beatrix Potter		Beatrix Potter
Bedtime for Frances		Russell Hoban
BOB books	Any level	Bobbie Lynn Maslen
Click Clack Moo		Doreen Cronin
Dick and Jane	Caldecott Honor	Grosset & Dunlap
Dorling Kindersley Eyewitness Readers	Level 1	various
Goodnight Moon & Other M.Brown books		Margaret Wise Brown
Hello Reader	Level 1	Any author

I Can Read Books	Level 1	Any author
Is Your Mama a Llama?		Deborah Guarino

Margaret Hillert books	Beginning Readers	Margaret Hillert
National Geographic Kids Level 1		various
Now I'm Reading!		Nora Gaydos
Puffin Easy-to-Read	Level 1, 2	various
Read Aloud Bible Stories	Vol.1-5	Ella K. Lindvall
Spot Books		Eric Hill
Step Into Reading	Level 1, 2	various
The Berenstain Bears		Stan & Jan Berenstain
The Complete Adventures of Curious George		Margaret & H.A. Rey
Usborne Beginners		various
Usborne Very First / First Reading		various
Usborne Phonics Readers		various

