



Deerfield School Incoming 3rd - 5th Graders Summer LAL Assignments

Dear Students,

Congratulations on finishing up another great year in Mountainside! We are very excited to meet you in September as we embark on new Reading & Writing units. This summer, we wish you many new adventures. Some of you will journey across New Jersey, to corners of the United States, or farther corners of the world; some of you will journey through space and time, getting lost in great books. No matter where you go in the next few weeks, we know you'll want to continue your learning journey. We also know that learning is best when it is meaningful and connected to what goes on in the world outside of school. So, as we go off towards summer, we hope your learning will look most like what real readers, writers, and critical thinkers do.

We wish you new stories -- sometimes the best stories are hidden in the everyday. You may wish to collect tiny seed ideas that could become writing pieces later on. To mirror this work, we encourage you to carry around notebooks (electronic or paper!) so you can sketch or write important moments. We also wish you time to enjoy reading – on a hammock, on the sunny beaches, on the airplane or under a tree – sharing new stories and the power of words with one another.

To assist in this work, we offer you some suggestions:

- On the next page, please find a list of fiction book titles that you may enjoy, organized by “Just Right” (Independent) reading level.
- Additionally, Miss Bradley has posted some recommended book titles (Fiction and Nonfiction) on our school's [website](#).
- On the school website, (under the “Curriculum” tab) there are also links to ReadWorks Nonfiction and Fiction articles that you may find interesting.
- Options don't stop there! Pick up some newspapers, look through magazines, visit the library or bookstore asking for the hottest new titles...
- Whatever you decide to read this summer, be sure to log your reading on your Summer Reading Log so that you can be eligible for prizes when you return in September.

We look forward to working with you all soon!

Have a wonderful summer,
The 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Teachers

Suggested Fiction books by “Just-Right” Independent reading level:

<p>Level E: Happy Birthday, Dear Dragon -- Hillert, Margaret It Looked Like Spilt Milk -- Shaw, Charles Machines at Work -- Barton, Byron Morris the Moose -- Wiseman, Bernard Oh, Cats -- Buck, Nola So Sick! -- Ziefert, Harriet</p>	<p>Level: F Clifford’s Puppy Days -- Bridwell, Norman Curious George and the Pizza -- Rey, Margaret I Am An Apple -- Marzollo, Jean A Bug, Bear and a Boy --McPhail, David Soccer Game -- Maccarone, Grace Who Will Be My Friends? -- Hoff, Syd</p>	<p>Level: G Biscuit -- Capucilli, Alyssa Feathers for Lunch -- Ehlert, Lois I Took My Frog to the Library -- Kimmel, Eric Nicole Digs a Hole -- Gregorich, Barbara Peanut Butter and Jelly -- Westcott, Nadine More Spaghetti! I Say -- Gelman, Rita</p>
<p>Level H: Just Going to the Dentist -- Mayer, Mercer Buzz, Buzz, Buzz -- Barton, Byron Enormous Turnip -- Slier, Debby I Love Spiders -- Parker, John Sammy the Seal -- Hoff, Syd Small Pig -- Lobel, Arnold</p>	<p>Level I: All Tutus Should Be Pink -- Brownrigg, Sheri The Big Block of Chocolate -- Redhead, Janet The Bunny Hop -- Slater, Teddy Dinosaur Dinners -- Davis, Lee Eat Your Peas, Louise -- Snow, Pegeen Fix It -- McPhail, David</p>	<p>Level J: Beezy -- McDonald, Megan Bread and Honey -- Asch, Frank Country Fair -- Wilder, Laura Ingalls Days with Frog and Toad - Lobel, Arnold Doorbell Rang -- Hutchins, Pat Fox all Week - Marshall, Edward</p>
<p>Level K: Andy Shane, Hero At Last-- Jacobson, Jennifer Houndsley And Catina-- Howe, James Katie's Noisy Music-- Manushkin, Fran Mercy Watson Fights Crime-- DiCamillo, Kate The Monster In The Backpack-- Moser, Lisa Zelda And Ivy The Big Picture-- Kvasnosky, Laura McGee</p>	<p>Level L: Albert The Fix-It Man-- Janet Lord A Birthday Basket For Tia-- Pat Mora Emma's Rug-- Allen Say How Oliver Olson Changed The World-- Claudia Mills Sitti's Secrets-- Naomi Shihab Nye Wolfpack Gang Is Outta Sight!-- Everett Reese</p>	<p>Level M: JoJo’s Flying Side Kick-- Brian Pinkney Mighty Monty-- Johanna Hurwitz Birthday Gone Wrong-- Meg Greve My Brother the Knight-- Laura Driscoll Tippy Lemmey-- Patricia McKissack The Keeping Quilt-- Patricia Polacco</p>
<p>Level N: Daisy Dawson On The Farm-- Steve Voake My Name Is Maria Isabel-- Alma Flor Ada Saving Sammy Series: Orca Echoes-- Eric Walters The Fenway Foul-Up-- David F. Kelly Dance Team Dilemma-- Jake Maddox Nadia's Hands-- Karen English</p>	<p>Level O: Baseball Fever-- Johanna Hurwitz Beezus and Ramona-- Beverly Cleary Dogs Don’t Tell Jokes-- Louis Sachar The Most Beautiful Place in the World-- Anne Cameron Rats-- Jane Cutler Clementine-- Sara Pennypacker The Talented Clementine-- Sara Pennypacker The Night Crossing-- Karen Ackerman</p>	<p>Level P: Attaboy Sam-- Lois Lowry Felita-- Nicholasa Mohr Fantastic Mr. Fox-- Roald Dahl The in Between Days-- Eve Bunting The Hundred Penny Box-- Sharon Bell Mathis Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World-- Walter and Mildred Pitts Stone Fox-- John Reynolds Gardiner Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear-- Lensey Namioka</p>

<p>Level Q: Dear Mr. Henshaw-- Beverly Cleary The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates-- Susan Shreve Fudge-a-mania-- Judy Blume The Year of the Dog-- Grace Lin The Year of the Rat-- Grace Lin There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom-- Louis Sachar Fourth Grade Rats-- Jerry Spinelli S.O.R. Losers-- AVI Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing-- Judy Blume My Teacher Fried My Brains-- Bruce Coville</p>	<p>Level R: Rules-- Cynthia Lord Because of Winn-Dixie-- Kate DiCamillo The Castle in the Attic-- Elizabeth Winthrop Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher-- Bruce Coville Fig Pudding-- Ralph Fletcher Flying Solo-- Ralph Fletcher Frindle-- Andrew Clements Brian's Winter-- Gary Paulsen The Janitor's Boy-- Andrew Clements Clarice Bean Spells Trouble--Lauren Child Hatchet-- Gary Paulsen</p>	<p>Level S: From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler-- E.L. Konigsburg The Lightning Thief-- Rick Riordan Which Witch?-- Eva Ibbotson The Secret of Platform 13-- Eva Ibbotson Granny Torrelli Makes Soup-- Sharon Creech Poppy-- AVI The War With Grandpa-- Robert Kimmel Smith</p>
<p>Level T: Bridge to Terabithia-- Katherine Paterson Tiger Rising-- Kate DiCamillo Sammy Keyes series-- Wendelin Van Draanen Joey Pigza series-- Jack Gantos Bud, Not Buddy-- Christopher P. Curtis Harriet The Spy-- Louise Fitzhugh Sign of the Beaver-- Elizabeth George Speare A Week in the Woods-- Andrew Clements Danny The Champion of the World-- Roald Dahl The Penderwicks-- Jeanne Birdsall</p>	<p>Level U: Wonder-- R.J. Palacio Flipped-- Wendelin Van Draanen Report to the Principal's Office-- Jerry Spinelli Picklemania-- Jerry Spinelli The BFG-- Roald Dahl The Boy Who Saved Baseball-- John H. Ritter Ella Enchanted-- Gail Carson Levine Ginger Pye-- Eleanor Estes The View From Saturday-- E.L. Konigsburg</p>	<p>Level V: Crash-- Jerry Spinelli Stargirl-- Jerry Spinelli Esperanza Rising-- Pam Munoz Ryan Becoming Naomi Leon-- Pam Munoz Ryan Pictures of Hollis Woods-- Patricia Reilly Giff Island of the Blue Dolphins -- Scott O'Dell Holes-- Louis Sachar The Westing Game-- Ellen Raskin</p>
<p>Level W: Hoot-- Carl Hiaasen Walk Two Moons-- Sharon Creech Tuck Everlasting-- Natalie Babbitt The Phantom Tollbooth-- Norton Juster A Wrinkle in Time-- Madeleine L'Engle Wrinker-- Jerry Spinelli The 39 Clues Book 1 (part of a series)-- Rick Riordan The Red Pyramid-- Rick Riordan</p>	<p>Level X: Wednesday Wars-- Gary D. Schmidt The Lightning Queen-- Laura Resau The Looking Glass Wars-- Frank Beddor The Maze Runner-- James Dashner Out of the Dust-- Karen Hesse War Horse-- Michael Morpurgo Travel Team-- Mike Lupica The Mark of Athena -- Rick Riordan</p>	