

## Summer 2025 Required Readings | 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>

Continue reading even when school is out for the summer!. Reading promotes fluency, increases children's vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, expands their knowledge of the world, and increases/maintains their comprehension skills. To prevent the typical "summer slide" students experience when not in school, we are requiring students to read. Each grade level has developed a specific reading assignment (see your grade level below). These are also some resources and many offer prizes.

- Sign up for your local library summer reading program. The Harker Heights summer library program has kicked off and offers many great opportunities. The Killeen Public Library also has a summer reading program with prizes when completed.
- Read books on-line through Open Library, Story Line online, Tumble books, Goodread Free shelves, and many more. All for free.
- **Barnes & Noble** Summer reading: read any 8 books, complete the B&N reading journal form (<https://www.barnesandnobleinc.com/our-stores-communities/summer-reading-program/>); take the form to any B&N store and pick your free book from their list.
- **Half-Price Books** Summer reading camp: <https://www.hpb.com/summer-reading.html>
- **H.E.Buddy's Summer Reading program**: read 10 books, submit their form and win prizes. <https://www.heb.com/static-page/H-E-Buddy-Reading-Club>
- **MWR Library Summer Reading program**. Sign up and check it out at Casey Memorial Library at Fort Cavazos. <https://www.armymwr.com/programs-and-services/libraries/summer-reading-program>
- **Pizza Hut Camp Book It!** Meet your monthly reading goals and earn a free, one-topping personal pan pizza. <https://www.bookitprogram.com/book-it-for-parents>
- **Read Aloud America** <https://readaloudamerica.org/summer-reading-program/>  
Embark on an adventure with Take a Story-Cation: Your Family's Summer Reading Journey Through the 7 Continents! This free program takes your family on an exciting tour across the continents, through the magic of stories.
- **Reading Rockets** <https://www.readingrockets.org/literacy-home/literacy-tips-activities/reading-adventure-packs>
- **RIF (Reading is Fundamental)**: Summer reading program: <https://www.rif.org/literacy-central/summer> Collection of free e-books to interactive materials on [Literacy Central](#) and the [Literacy Central app](#) for on the go
- **Scholastic**: a completely free digital destination which offers stories, characters, games, and a community of readers, the more students read, the more digital experiences they earn. Check it out! <https://kids.scholastic.com/kid/homebase/>
- **Sonlight Summer Reading Challenge**: <https://www.sonlight.com/homeschool/homeschool-101/sonlight-media/ebooks/summer-reading-printables#signupform>

Use XtraMath to maintain math facts fluency. Other good Math sights include Prodigy, Funbrain, Khan Academy, and many others.

### Entering 1st Grade

First grade students are required to read Frog and Toad are Friends by the first day of the 2025-2026 school year (13 Aug 2025). If your student is unable to read this book, you may read it with them. Students must also draw, color, and label a picture of their favorite part of the book, and write a sentence describing their picture. This is required reading and the assignment will need to be turned in on the first day of the new school year as their first summative test grade.

Additional Reading Options:

- Elephant and Piggie
- Scholastic Reading List - Level G
- Henry and Mudge series

### Entering 2nd Grade

Required reading: Mercy Watson to the Rescue by Kate DiCamillo. Complete the attached Story Elements assignment and turn it in on the first day of school (13 Aug 2025).

Pick at least **one additional book** to read:

- Magic Treehouse books
  - My Weird School series
  - Amelia Bedelia
  - Cam Jensen
  - Judy Moody
  - Ready Freddy
  - Henry and Mudge
- All great series for 2nd graders.

**1st - 3rd grade Triple Crown Gallery List**

*Books available to be checked out through the front office.*

**GALLERY** (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) **Read ALL 10 by April 25, 2026**  
and earn a reading award.

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*The Thing at 52* by Ross Montgomery

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by Neil Clark

*An Unexpected Thing* by Ashling Lindsay

*OH, Armadillo! This Party's all WRONG* by Ellie Irving

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# *2nd Grade* **Plot Diagram** *(Elements of Plot Structure)*

