

Desert Heights Charter School
Staff Suggested Summer Reading List

(To see if a book not on this list is an AR book, go to www.arbookfind.com)

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>A.R. Level</u>	<u>Points</u>
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Kindergarten selections: (All selections are kindergarten level or 0.5 AR level books)

Ms. Viar

Animal Habitats	by Pete Sloan
The Mixed-Up Chameleon	by Eric Carle
The Gingerbread Boy	by Paul Galdone
Inch by Inch	by Leo Lionni
Chicken Little	by Steven Kellogg

Mrs. Brown

Apples	by Chynthia Klingel
My Five Senses	by Alike
Love You Forever	by Robert Munsch
Planting a Rainbow	by Lois Ehlert
Miss Spider's Tea Party	by David Kirk

Ms. Kilmain

Bats, Bats, Bats	by Erin A. Olearczy
Mama Do You Love Me?	by Barbara M. Josse
Millions of Cats	by Wanda Gag
Ten Little Fish	by Audrey Wood
Officer Buckle and Gloria	by Peggy Rathman

Mrs. Calissi

Blow!	By Claudia Courtney
Each Peach Pear Plum	by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
The Runaway Bunny	by Margaret Wise Brown
26 Letters and 99 Cents	by Tana Hoban

All the Colors of the Earth

by Sheila Hamanaka

First Grade Selections:

The 100 th Day of School	By: Angela Medearis	BL: 1.4
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping	By: Peggy Parish	BL: 1.8
Chester	By: Melanie Watt	BL: 1.8
Come Along Daisey	By: Jane Simmons	BL: 1.3
Cookie's Week	By: Cindy Ward	BL: 1.3
A Dog Needs a Bone	By: Audrey Wood	BL: 1.7
Dogku	By: Andrew Clements	BL: 1.1
Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!	By: Mo Williams	BL: 1.1
The Dot	By: Peter Reynolds	BL: 1.9
Gossie and Gertie	By: Olivier Dunrea	BL: 1.0
The Great Fuzz Frenzy	By: Janet Stevens	BL: 1.9
Hi, Fly Guy!	By Tedd Arnold	BL: 1.5
How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?	By: Jane Yolen	BL: 1.6
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat	By: Simms Taback	BL: 1.7
Julius's Candy Corn	By: Kevin Henkes	BL: 1.1
Monk Camps Out	By: Emily Arnold Mc Cully	BL: 1.1
Off We Go!	By: Jane Yolen	BL: 1.3
Stinky	By: Eleanor Davis	BL: 1.5
The Very Busy Spider	By: Eric Carle	BL: 1.3
The Water Hole	By: Graeme Base	BL: 1.4
Winners Never Quit	By: Mia Hamm	BL: 1.9
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You	By: Mary Ann Hoberman	BL: 1.9
Animals on the Go	By: Jessica Brett	BL: 1.6
Eye Guess	By: Phyllis Tildes	BL: 1.5
Hello, Hello!	By: Miriam Schlein	BL: 1.8
Red-Eyed Tree Frog	By: Joy Cowley	BL: 1.3

Second Grade Selections:**Mrs. Boyse**

About Reptiles: A Guide for Children	Sill, Cathryn	NF	AR 2.2
Actual Size	Jenkins, Steve	NF	AR 2.8
Miss Rumphius	Cooney, Barbara	Fiction (picture book)	AR 3.8
Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert	Fiction (picture book)	AR 3.8
Adventures of Taxi Dog	Barracca, Debra	Fiction (picture book)	AR 3.0
The Very Cranky Bear	Bland, Nick	Fiction (picture book)	AR 2.9
Freckle Juice	Blume, Judy	Realistic Fiction	AR 3.1
Amelia Bedelia (various titles)	Parish, Peggy	Humorous Fiction	AR 1.8 – 2.5
Amber Brown (series)	Danziger, Paula	Realistic Fiction	AR 2.6-4.1
Frog & Toad (various titles)	Loebel, Arnold	Fantasy Fiction	AR 2.6-2.9
Henry & Mudge (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	Realistic Fiction	AR 2.1-2.9
Judy Moody (series)	McDonald, Megan	Realistic Fiction	AR 2.7-3.9
Wayside School Stories	Sachar, Louis	Humorous Fiction	AR 3.3
Cam Jansen (mystery series)	Alder, David	Fiction	AR 3.2-3.9
Flat Stanley (adventure series)	Brown, Jeff	Fiction	AR 3.2-4.0

Mr. Gonzalez:

The Giving Tree	by Shel Silverstein	2.6
Nate the Great	by Marjorie Weiman Sharmat	2.0
Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days	by Cynthia Rylant	2.8
The Best Seat in 2nd Grade	by Katharine Kenah	2.8
Big Chickens	by Leslie Helakoski	2.6
The Day Jimmy's Boa ate the Wash	by Trinka Hakes Noble	2.2
Unlovable	by Dan Yaccarino	2.7

Third Grade Selections:**Mrs. Crawford:**

Horrible Harry and the Dungeon	Suzy Kline	3.1	1.0
Dark Day in the Deep Sea (Magic Tree House)	Mary Pope Osborne	3.8	2.0
Season of the Sandstorms (MTH)	Mary Pope Osborne	3.9	2.0
The Truth about Bats (Magic School Bus)		3.7	1.0
Fudge-a-Mania	Judy Blume	3.3	3.0
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	3.2	.5

Mrs. Von Tobel

Expository Text

Super Storms	by Seymour Simon	3.8	
Oceans	by Katherine Jones Carter	3.4	
Historical Fiction			
Scraps of Time 1879	by Patricia C. McKissack	3.4	
Magic Tree House #22 Revolutionary War on Wednesday	by Mary Pope Osborne	3.5	

Fiction

Stink The Incredible Shrinking Kid	by Megan McDonald	3.0	
Sarah, Plain and Tall	by Patricia MacLachlan	3.4	
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball	by David A. Adler	3.8	
The Hero of Third Grade	by Alice DeLaCroix	3.6	

Fourth Grade Selections:

Everything to Spend the Night: From A-Z		1.7	
At the Crossroads		1.9	
Hamster Chase		2.0	
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie		2.2	
Three Smart Pals		2.3	
Stars Above Us		2.4	
In the Dinosaur's Paw		2.5	

Oscar's Starry Night	2.5
The Candy Corn Contest	2.5
L.A. Lakers	2.6
The Monster in Harry's Backyard	2.7
The Chalk Box Kid	2.7
Annie and The Wild Animals	2.7
Coach John and His Soccer Team	2.8
Angel Child, Dragon Child	2.8
The Fungus that Ate My School	3.0
Yoshi's Feast	3.1
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds	3.2
Three Cheers for Catherine the Great	3.2
The Trading Game- Baseball Cards	3.3
Bonaparte	3.3
Good- Natured Ninja and the Nervous Gnat: 2	3.4
Armadillo Rodeo	3.4
Goldie	3.5
Jake Drake, Bully Buster	3.5
Making the Team	3.6
Let's Trade (non-fiction)	3.6
Chicken Sunday	3.7
The Mitten	3.9
Hank Zipzer Series	4.0+
Gameplan	4.0
Stone Fox	4.0
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	4.1
Double Team	4.1
Letters from Rifka	4.2

The Team Player	by Dean Hughes	4.3
Team Player	by Paul Mantell	4.5
Bug Muldoon: The Garden of Fear		4.7
Teacher's Pet (about a Dalmatian)		4.7
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory		4.8
F is For Freedom		4.8
Team Player		4.8
James and the Giant Peach		4.8
Ghosts of the Whitt House		4.9
Dear Mr. Henshaw		4.9
Meet Steve Nash- Basketball's Ultimate Team Player		5.0
A Book of Coupons		5.6
Callahan Cousins		5.8
The House of Wisdom		5.1
My Side of the Mountain		5.2
Stuckoville		5.3
Miss Alanius		5.3
Clarice Beans Spells Trouble		5.3

Ms. Boyd:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid	by Jeff Kinney
Harry Potter Books	by J.K. Rowling
Brian's Hunt	by Gary Paulson
Chronicles of Narnia Books	by C.S. Lewis
The BFG	by Roald Dahl
Percy Jackson's Books	by Rick Riordan
Ella Enchanted	by Gail Carson Levine
Found	by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Ms. Strawser:

The Bad Beginning	Lemony Snicket	6.4	4
Birdwing	Rafe Martin	4.6	11
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Patterson	4.6	5
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	5.0	8
Magic Tree House	Will and Mary Pope Osborne	5.1	1
Research Guide: Titanic			
Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	4.7	7

Middle School Selections:**Mrs. Keane:**

KEY: *= a book that is encouraged at any grade level (NF)= nonfiction

7th Grade

Let the Circle Be Unbroken	by Mildred Taylor	5.7
The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm	by Nancy Farmer	4.7
Maximum Ride	by James Patterson	2.1-5.2
And Then There Were None	by Agatha Christie	5.7
*War of the Worlds	by H.G. Wells	9.1
*Call of the Wild	by Jack London	4.0
*Chasing Lincoln's Killer	by James L. Swanson (NF)	7.5
*Hurricane Song	by Paul Valponi (NF)	5.4

8th Grade

Tom Sawyer	by Mark Twain	6.7
Watership Down	by Richard Adams	6.2
House of the Scorpion	by Nancy Farmer	5.1
*Malcolm X (NF)	by Renee Graves	7.8

9th Grade

Animal Farm	by George Orwell	7.3
Pride and Prejudice	by Jane Austin	12.0

Specialty Teacher Selections:**Mrs. Nolan:**

Yellow Star	Jennifer Rozines	4.3	3
Surviving Hitler	Andrea Warren	6.1	4
The River	Gary Paulson	5.5	4
The Revenge of the Shadow King	Derek Benz	5.6	15
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austin	12.0	27
When Charlie McButton lost Power	Suzanne Collins	3.8	0.5
The Pout-Pout Fish	Deborah Diesen	3.0	0.5

Mrs. Gue:

The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Synder	6.4	
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell	5.4	
The Long Winter	Laura Ingalls Wilder	5.3	
Walden	Henry David Thoreau	8.7	
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	4.7	
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	5.6	
Gossamer	Louis Lowry	4.4	
Silly Sally	Audrey Wood	2.6	
McElligot's Pool	Dr. Seuss	3.6	
Officer Buckle & Gloria	Peggy Rathman	3.4	
Dear Fish	Chris Gall	4.5	
The Harry Potter Series	J.K. Rowling	6.0-7.2	

Mrs. Otto:

Little Woman	Louisa May Alcott	7.9	
Anne of Green Gables (Series)	L.M. Montgomery	3.5-8.6	
The Tale of Peter Rabbit, et al. (Series)	Beatrix Potter	1.7-4.7	
Pierre: A Cautionary Tale	Maurice Sendak	2.2	
Bear Feels (Series)	Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman	1.8-2.3	
Bunnicula (Series)	James Howe	2.5-4.5	
Owl At Home	Arnold Lobel	2.7	
Frog & Toad (Series)	Arnold Lobel	2.5-2.9	
Skippyjon Jones (Series)	Judy Schachner	3.3-3.8	
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss	3.1	
The Sneeches and Other Stories	Dr. Seuss	3.4	

Mrs. Lettiere:

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes	3.1	
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The Art Lesson	Tomie DePaola	3.6
The Paperbag Princess	Robert N. Munsch	3.8
Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	3.5

Mrs. Hammons:

Tikki Tikki Tembo	Arlene Mosel	4.2
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Administration Selections:

Mr. Jiles:

The Complete Collected Poems	Maya Angelou	
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