



Summer Review Program

Summer 2023/5783

Student's Name

2022-2023

Grade 4th Grade

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Dear KES Parents,

Our teachers and students have worked hard all year to make great strides in reading and writing. As you may know, good readers and writers read and write daily. Summer is a great time for students to read books for pleasure, to nurture a love for reading and to maintain any gains made during the year. It is also a wonderful time for you to read to your children! Read alouds are a wonderful opportunity to work on comprehension skills and vocabulary and to generate further interest in books.

This coming summer, we will be promoting question prompts as a response to literature. The purpose of a response is to gain insight into text, reveal thinking and interact with literature in meaningful ways.

The question prompt sheet included in this packet will help stimulate the recall of prior knowledge, promote comprehension, and build critical-thinking skills. Answering these questions will help prepare your child for subsequent success with more difficult texts. Please have your child choose 3 books of his/her interest to read completely over the summer. When he/she is done, choose 3 responses on the next page and respond to those prompts in writing. Completed responses will be accepted in the school office in exchange for a prize in the first weeks of school, B'ezras Hashem.

Attached is a list of sample titles for suggested summer reading. We recommend choosing a book based on the "Five Finger Rule", which your child may remember from school. Have your children turn to any page in the book. For every word that they don't know, they should hold up a finger. Your child can use the following guidelines according to how many fingers they hold up:

0 or 1 – Most probably too easy for your child.

2 – A good choice that will give your child a reasonable challenge and allow them to learn new words.

3 – Your child might need some help, but still a good choice if they're up for a challenge.

4 – May be too difficult for your child to read on their own. If you are on hand to give them help or read along with them it can be suitable, but if they are reading on their own, choose a different book.

5 – Most probably a bit too advanced, best to try a different book unless your child really wants

to read it.



The content of these books has been approved by KES, however you may choose to use your discretion by reading the books on your own or using a list of approved books (with comments) on kosherbooks.org. Additionally, there are many excellent Jewish books available these days, either from libraries (using safe guidelines for borrowing) or through many bookstores and publishers such as Menucha Publishers, as well as Artscroll, Feldheim, and Israel Book Shop. The five finger rule can be applied to these books as well.

Your support in promoting literacy skills is especially crucial during the elementary years. We look forward to a continuous partnership that will foster growth and a lifelong love of reading.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

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Summer Reading Responses

Non-Fiction:

- What did you know about the topic before opening the book?
- List three facts you've learned while reading the book.
- What is the author's purpose for writing the book?
- What information surprised you and why?
- What information do you question or think might not be correct? Why? How might you check it out?
- What is the most important information you've learned and why?
- What would you like to learn more about regarding this topic and why?
- Create a timeline of important events that you have read about so far.
- What features helped you determine that this book was non-fiction?
- Does the author include opinion and fact statements in the book? Find examples of each.

Fiction:

- Did you enjoy reading this book? Why or why not?
- Did anything about this book remind you of something that happened in your own life? Did a character remind you of someone you know? Explain.
- Are the characters realistic? Why or why not?
- Create a timeline of important events that you have read about so far.
- Describe a character you'd like to meet. List 4 questions you'd ask him or her.
- Describe the conflict and the solution.
- Describe the setting - time and place. Based on the details and events in the story, would you add anything to the setting? Why or why not?
- Compare and contrast two characters in the story.
- What is the theme of the story? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Entering Fifth Grade Reading List

All About Deer, All About Owls by Jim Arnosky
All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor
Animal Ark Series by Lucy Daniels
Babe, the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
Because of Anya by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
Completely Clementine, Clementine and the Spring Trip, Clementine Friend of the Week by Marla Frazee and Sara Pennypacker
Daughter of Liberty by Robert M Quackenbush
The End of the Beginning by Avi
Felicity, Josefina, Kirsten, Molly American Girls Series by Valerie Tripp
Finding the Titanic by Robert D. Ballard
Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown (may require additional checking by an adult)
Florence Nightingale by Lucile Davis
Franklin D. Roosevelt by Steve Potts
George Washington by T.M. Suel
Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library by Eth Clifford
Homer Price by Robert McCloskey
I Survived Series (may require additional checking by an adult)
If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War by Kay Moore, If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution by Kay Moore
If You Lived 100 Years Ago by Ann McGovern
The Lemonade Trick by Scott Corbett
Little House on the Prairie and other titles by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atawater
Outside and Inside Bats, Outside and Inside Kangaroos, Outside and Inside Sharks, Outside and Inside Snakes, Outside and Inside Spiders by Sandra Markle
The Solar System by Gregory Vogt
The Spiderwreck Chronicles Series by Holly Black (may require additional checking by an adult)
There's an Owl in the Shower by Jean Craighead George
Zap! Nikola Tesla Takes Charge by Monica Kulling

Absolutely True Story: How I Visited Yellowstone Park... by Willo Roberts
Ace: the Very Important Pig by Dick King-Smith
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? By Jean Fritz
Asteroids by Gregory Vogt
Attack on Pearl Harbor by Tom McGowen
Babe Ruth by Guernsey
Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
Black Gold by Marguerite Henry
Born to Trot by Marguerite Henry

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The Boston Tea Party by Conrad Stein
The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen
The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Caddie Woodlawn by Carol R. Brink
Caleb's Story by Patricia MacLachlan
The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop
The Central Pacific Railroad by Clark Evans
The Challenger Disaster by Tim McNeese
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
Close to Home: A Story of the Polio Epidemic by Lydia Weaver
The Computer by Gayle Worland
Deserts by Neil Morris
Dominic by William Steig
The Enormous Egg by Oliver Butterworth
The Family under the Bridge by Natalie Carlson
Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh by Robert Burleigh
Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher
Freedom Crossing by Margaret Clark
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Gentle Annie: the True Story of a Civil War Nurse by Mary Shura
The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry
Hanging Off Jefferson's Nose by Tina Nichols Coury
Harry Houdini: Master of Magic by Robert Kraske
Hatchet by Brian Paulsen
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
Hydroelectric Power by Josepha Sherman
The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne R. Banks
The Inuit by Rachel Koestler-Grack
The Iroquois by Rachel Koestler-Grack
The Island by Gary Paulsen
The Jacket by Andrew Clements
Jar of Dreams by Yoshiko Uchida
Justin Morgan Had a Horse by Marguerite Henry
The Landry News by Andrew Clements
Leonardo da Vinci by Barbara Witteman
Louis Pasteur by Kremena Spengler
Meet Martin Luther King, Jr. by James de Kay
Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved A Mystery That Baffled All Of France by Mara Rockliff
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
Mrs. Firsiby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brian
Mystery of the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks
Phoebe the Spy by Judith Griffin

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Pigs Might Fly by Dick King-Smith
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
Pioneer Girl: the Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder by William Anderson
The Pony Express by Peter Anderson
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
The School Story by Andrew Clements
Shiloh by Phyllis R. Naylor
Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
The Stray by Dick King-Smith
Stuart Little by E. B. White
The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest by Steve Jenkins
This Place Is Wet: The Brazilian Rain Forest by Vicki Cobb
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischmann
Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? by Jean Fritz
Who Was, What Was Series (may require additional checking by an adult)

The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal by Cheryl Harness
Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad by Pamela Edwards
Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
The Borrowers by Mary Norton
Calico Captive by Elizabeth G. Speare
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
The Curious Adventures of Jimmy McGee by Eleanor Estes
The Cybil War by Betsy Byars
The Day It Rained Forever: the Story of the Johnstown Flood by Virginia Gross
Dog Diaries by Kate Klimo
Geothermal Power by Josepha Sherman
How Many Days to America? by Eve Bunting
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty B. Lord
Ireland by Kay M. Olson
Journey by Patricia MacLachlan
Journey to Jo'burg: a South African Story by Beverley Naidoo
Lily's Crossing by Patricia R. Giff
Lon Po Po by Ed Young
Matilda by Roald Dahl Matisse by Ellen Strum
Poppy, Poppy and Rye by Avi
Sounder by William Armstrong
The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill
The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White
Trouble River by Betsy Byars

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Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus? by Jean Fritz

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond

The Black Stallion by Walter Farley

Button Down by Ann Ylvisaker

The Double Life of Pocahontas by Jean Fritz

Earthquakes by Seymour Simon

Galaxies by Seymour Simon

George Washington's Socks by Elvira Woodruff

The Great Brain by John Dennis Fitzgerald

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech

The Middle Moffat by Eleanor Estes

More Adventures of the Great Brain by John Fitzgerald

The Return of the Great Brain by John Fitzgerald

Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

Sing Down the Moon by Scott O'Dell

Something Upstairs by Avi

Standing in the Light by Mary Pope Osborne

Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady

Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens by Patricia Lauber

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements

Woodsong by Gary Paulsen

The Fledgling by Jane Langton

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

Golden and Grey series by Louise Arnold

The Great Unexpected by Sharon Creech

Midnight Magic by Avi

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics by Chris Grabenstein

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson

Murder at Midnight by Avi

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Night Journeys by Avi

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum

