



Summer Review Program

Summer 2023/5783

Student's Name

2022-2023

Grade 2nd Grade

June 2023

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!

Dr. Gur Berman
General Studies Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Boys Division

Mrs. Miriam Deitsch
Girls Division

Mrs. Dara Lubin
Literary Coach/Curriculum Coordinator

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 Third Grade Summer Reading List

A Baby Sister for Frances by Russell Hoban
Bones Series by David A. Adler
Bread and Jam for Frances and other books by Russell Hoban
Franklin Goes to School and other books by Paulette Bourgeois
Clifford Goes to School and other books by Norman Bridwell
Frog and Toad and other books by Arnold Lobel
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
Harold and the Purple Crayon and other books by Crockett Johnson
Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat
Albert Einstein by Barbara Knox
Alison's Puppy by Marion Bauer
Alison's Wings by Marion Bauer
Benjamin Banneker by Eric Braun
Bessie Coleman by Eric Braun
The Big Balloon Race by Eleanor Coerr
The Bremen-Town Musicians by Ruth Gross
Bumps in the Night by Harry Allard
Button Soup by Doris Orgel
Commander Toad series by Jane Yolen
Daniel's Duck by Clyde Bulla
Follow that Fish by Joanne Oppenheim
The Golly Sisters Go West by Betsy Byars
The Golly Sisters Ride Again by Betsy Byars
Grandmas at the Lake by Emily A. McCully
Grandpa Comes to Stay by Rob Lewis
The High Rise Private Eyes series by Cynthia Rylant
Hooray for the Golly Sisters by Betsy Byars
Ibis: a True Whale Story by John Himmelman
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino
John F. Kennedy by Judy Emerson
The Little Engine that Could by Watty Piper
Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans
Madeline's Rescue by Ludwig Bemelmans
Mae Jemison by Eric Braun
Me, My Dog and the Key Mystery by David A. Adler
Me, My Dog and the Birthday Mystery by David A. Adler
Me, My Dog and the Homework Mystery by David A. Adler
Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Messy Bessey's Closet by Patricia McKissack

Mount Rushmore by Lola Schaefer

The Popcorn Book by Tomie dePaola

Rain by Gail Saunders-Smith

Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathman

Sheila Rae, the Brave by Kevin Henkes

Soccer Cousins by Jean Marzollo

Space Rock by Jon Buller

Stan the Hot Dog Man by Ethel & Leonard Kessler

Susan B. Anthony by Martha Rustad

Theodore Roosevelt by Lola Schaefer

Wagon Wheels by Barbara Brenner

Zack's Alligator by Shirley Mozell

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish

Abraham Lincoln by Lola Schaefer

Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse by Leo Lionni

Amanda Pig and Her Big Brother Oliver by Jean van Leeuwen

Animal Tracks by Arthur Dorros

Astronauts by Tami Deedrick

Beans on the Roof by Betsy Byars

The Best Worst Day by Bonnie Graves

Cam Jansen series by David A. Adler

The Candy Corn Contest by Patricia R. Giff

Cannonball Chris by Jean Marzollo

Cargo Ships by Adele Richardson

Chang's Paper Pony by Eleanor Coerr

Chickens by Peter Brady

The Dog that Stole Home by Matt Christopher

Football Friends by Jean Marzollo

George and Martha series by James Marshall

George Washington by Lola Schaefer

The Gingerbread Boy by Paul Galdone

Grasshopper on the Road by Arnold Lobel

Great Smoky Mountains National Park by Mike Graf

Gregory, the Terrible Eater by Mitchell Sharmat

Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King by Jean Marzollo

Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline

The House on East 88th Street and other books by Bernard Waber

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

How Much Is that Guinea Pig in the Window? by Joanne Rocklin
Hungry, Hungry Sharks by Joanna Cole
Jane Goodall and the Wild Chimpanzees by Bette Birnbaum
The Josefina Story Quilt by Eleanor Coerr
King and Kayla Series by Dori Hillstad Butler
Little Penguin's Tale by Audrey Wood
A Little Shopping by Cynthia Rylant
The Long Way Westward by Joan Sandin
Magic Fish by Freya Littledale
Magic Money by David Adler
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
Martin Luther King, Jr. by Lola Schaefer
Miss Nelson and other books by Harry Allard and James Marshall
Mrs. Noodlekugel series by Daniel Pinkwater
Pinky and Rex series by James Howe
Pony Trouble by Dale Gasque
The Quilt Story by Tony Johnston
Rescue Helicopters by Rebecca Olien
Science – Just Add Salt by Sandra Markle
Sets: Sorting into Groups by Michele Koomen
Sound, Heat and Light: Energy at Work by Melvin Berger
Tales of Amanda Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen
Through Grandpa's Eyes by Patricia MacLachlan
The True Story of Balto by Natalie Standiford
Whales – the Gentle Giants by Joyce Milton
When the Giants Came to Town by Marcia Leonard
Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats
Zoo Keepers by Tami Deedrick

The Art Lesson by Tomie dePaola
Arthur Series by Marc Brown
Aunt Flossie's Hats by Elizabeth Howard
Bailey School Kids series by Debbie Dadey
Baseball by Mike Kennedy
Baseball Flyhawk by Matt Christopher
Basketball by Mike Kennedy
The Bears' Picnic by Stan and Jan Berenstain
The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh
The Berenstain Bears and the Missing Honey by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
A Book about Your Skeleton by Ruth Gross
Buddy: the First Seeing Eye Dog by Eva Moore
Catch that Pass by Matt Christopher
The Catcher's Mask by Matt Christopher
Center Court Sting by Matt Christopher
A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams
The Chalk Box Kid by Clyde Bulla
Cherries and Cherry Pits by Vera Williams
Chicken Soup with Rice by Maurice Sendak
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco
Christopher Columbus by Mervyn Kaufman
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett
Dirt Bike Racer by Matt Christopher
Elephants: Trunks and Tusks by Adele Richardson
Fancy Nancy Series by Jane O'Connor
Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson
Five True Horse Stories by Margaret Davidson
Football by Mike Kennedy
Frogs: Leaping Amphibians by Lola Schaefer
From Peanuts to Peanut Butter by Kristin Keller
George Washington's Mother by Jean Fritz
Hard Drive to Short by Matt Christopher
Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson
The Hit-Away Kid by Matt Christopher
How Much is a Million by David Schwartz and Steven Kellog
I Can't Said the Ant by Polly Cameron
Ice Magic by Matt Christopher
Insects by Adele Richardson
The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith
Ivy and Bean, Ivy and Bean Make the Rules by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackwell
Jenny Archer series by Ellen Conford
Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express by Margaret Wetterer
The Kid who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher
The Littles series by John Peterson
Magic Treehouse series by Mary P. Osborne
Mammals by Adele Richardson
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Neil Armstrong by Thomas Streissguth
Nine True Dolphin Stories by Margaret Davidson
No Arm in Left Field by Matt Christopher
Our American symbols series by Cloverleaf Books
Owls by Adele Richardson
The Paint Brush Kid by Clyde Bulla
Pajama Party by Amy Hest
The Peach Street Muddlers series by Matt Christopher
A Picture Book of Amelia Earhart by David Adler
A Picture Book of Louis Braille by David Adler
Polk Street School series by Patricia R. Giff
Reptiles by Adele Richardson
Soccer by Mike Kennedy
Soccer Mania by Erika Tamar
Soccer Sam by Jean Marzollo
Start to Finish series
The Statue of Liberty by Marc Nobleman
Tight End by Matt Christopher
Titanic: The Disaster That Shocked the World by Peter Dennis and Mark Dubowski
Tom Edison's Bright Ideas by Jack Keller
Too Many Tamales by Gary Soto
What If You Had series by Sandra Markle
What You Didn't Know About History series

A to Z Mysteries series by Ron Roy
Abraham Lincoln: President of a Divided Country by Carol Green
Amphibians by Adele Richardson
Andy Russell series by David Adler
Australia by Katie Bagley
Ballpark Mysteries series by David A. Kelly
Be a Friend to Trees by Patricia Lauber
Benjamin Franklin: a Man with Many Jobs by Carol Greene
Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett
Busybody Nora by Johanna Hurwitz
The Chocolate Touch by Skene Catling
Capital Mysteries by Ron Roy
Christopher Columbus: a Great Explorer by Carol Greene
The Cloud Book by Tomie DePaola
Commander in Cheese series by Lindsey Leavitt

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Daniel Boone: Man of the Forests by Carol Greene
Elizabeth Blackwell: First Woman Doctor by Carol Greene
Elizabeth the First: Queen of England by Carol Greene
The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl
Europe by Mike Graf
Everglades National Park by Mike Graf
Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown
George Washington Carver: Scientist and Teacher by Carol Greene
George Washington: First President of the U.S. by Carol Greene
How a Book Is Made by Alike
How Is a Crayon Made? by Frank Oz
I Am series by Brad Meltzer
Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball by Jim O'Connor
Jenius – the Amazing Guinea Pig by Dick King-Smith
Jigsaw Jones series by James Preller
Johann Sebastian Bach: Great Man of Music by Carol Greene
John Chapman: the Man Who Was Johnny Appleseed by Carol Greene
Junior Explorer Series by Jeff Corwin
Key to the Treasure by Peggy Parish
Matter of Fact Magic Book series by Ruth Chew
Laura Ingalls Wilder: Author of the Little House Books by Carol Greene
Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind by Margaret Davidson
Ludwig van Beethoven: Musical Pioneer by Carol Greene
MVP series by David A. Kelly
Puppy Love by Betsy Duffey
Puppy Place Series - titles Bear, Snowball, Shadow by Ellen Miles
Rachel Carson: Friend of Nature by Carol Greene
Return of the Home Run Kid by Matt Christopher
Roberto Clemente: Baseball Superstar by Carol Greene
Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims by Clyde Bulla
Telescopes by Adele Richardson
Tennis by Christin Ditchfield
Thomas Jefferson: Author, Inventor, President by Carol Greene
The Titanic, Lost... and Found by Judy Donnelly
What Makes a Bird a Bird? by May Garelick
Who Was series
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart: Musical Genius by Carol Greene
Wolves: Life in the Pack by Lola Schaefer
Yellowstone National Park by Mike Graf

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Yosemite National Park by Mike Graf

Allen Jay and the Underground Railroad by Marlene Targ Brill

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? By Jean Fritz

Andrew Lost series by J.C. Greenburg

Animal Ark Pets Series by Lucy Daniels

The Atlantic Ocean by Anne Ylvisaker

Beezus and Ramona, Henry and Ribsy, Ralph S Mouse, Runaway Ralph by Beverly Cleary

Benjamin Banneker by Ginger Wadsworth

The Blind Pony by Jeanne Betancourt

The Boxcar Children series by Gertrude C. Warner

Branches Book series by Hilde Lysiak and Matthew Lysiak

Bugs by Nancy Parker

Charles Lindbergh by Lucile Davis

Chocolate Fever by Robert Smith

Clementine, Clementine's Letter, The Talented Clementine by Marla Frazee and Sara Pennypacker

Corn Is Maize by Alike

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

Davy Crockett by Kathy Feeney

Face-Off by Matt Christopher

George Washington's Socks by Elvira Woodruff

The Ghost Pony, A Pony for Keeps, A Pony in Trouble, Pony to the Rescue by Jeanne Betancourt

Henry Huggins series by Beverly Cleary

Herbie Jones series by Suzy Kline

Here Comes McBroom by Sid Fleischman

Humphrey's Tiny Tales series by Betty G. Birney

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

If You Were a Kid series by Wil Mara

Ivy and Bean Take the Case, What's the Big Idea? by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackwell

Jake Drake series by Andrew Clements

Jelly Eli Z. series by David A. Adler

Julian's World series by Ann Cameron

Lake Huron by Anne Ylvisaker

Lake Michigan by Anne Ylvisaker

The Lighthouse series by Cynthia Rylant

Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List

Make a Wish, Molly by Barbara Cohen
McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm by Sid Fleischman
Mieko and the Fifth Treasure by Eleanor Coerr
Moons by Gregory Vogt
Moonwalk – the First Trip to the Moon by Judy Donnelly
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series by Betty MacDonald
The Not-Just-Anybody Family by Betsy Byars
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
The Pacific Ocean by Anne Ylvisaker
Pippi Longstocking series by Astrid Lindgren
Prisoner for Liberty by Marty Rhodes Figley
Puppy Place Series -titles Molly, Mocha, Teddy, Patches, Liberty, Zipper , Stella by Ellen Miles
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary
Ramona series by Beverly Cleary
Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner
Saving the Liberty Bell by Marty Rhodes Figley
The Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbott
Sojourner Truth by Margo McLoone
The Story of Benjamin Franklin by Margaret Davidson
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Susan B. Anthony by Lucile Davis
Ten True Animal Rescues by Jeanne Betancourt
They Led the Way: 14 American Women by Joanna Johnston
Tornado by Betsy Byars
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz
The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
Who Would Win series by Jerry Pallotta
The Year of Miss Agnes by Kirpatrick Hill
Zigzag Kids series by Patricia Reilly Giff

