



Summer Review Program

Summer 2021/5781

Student's Name

2020-2021 Grade

3rd 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, even in unusual circumstances. 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 of 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 Fourth Grade Reading List

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
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

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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
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 Aiki
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

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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
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

Amelia Bedelia chapter book series by Herman Parish
Against the Odds by Joe Layden
All About Sam by Lois Lowry
Amazing but True Sports Stories by Phyllis Hollander
Attaboy Sam by Lois Lowry

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B is for Betsy Carolyn Haywood
Baby Island by Carol Ryrie Brink
The Battle for the Castle by Elizabeth Winthrop
Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald Sobol
Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
Finding Providence by Avi
Finding the Titanic by Robert Ballard
Fire at the Triangle Factory by Holly Littlefield
Five Brave Explorers by Wade Hudson
Five Notable Inventors by Wade Hudson
George Washington's Breakfast by Jean Fritz
George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl
Helen Keller by Stewart Graff
Humphrey Series by Betty G. Birney
The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon B. Mathis
Hurricanes: Wild Weather by Lorri Hopping
If You Grew Up with Abraham Lincoln by Ann McGovern
If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War by Kay Moore
If You Lived With the Sioux Indians by Ann McGovern
If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine
If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island by Ellen Levine
Little Rhino Series by Ryan Howard
A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
It's Mine! by Leo Lionni
The Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole
Martin's Mice by Dick King-Smith
Mixed-Up Max by Dick King-Smith
Nathan Hale Patriot Spy by Shannon Zemlicka
One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest by Jean C. George
Owls in the Family by Farley Mowat
Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone
Puppy Place Series - titles Rocky, Bonita, Boomer, Nala by Ellen Miles
Rufus M. by Eleanor Estes
Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary
Stone Fox by John R. Gardiner
Thank You, Jackie Robinson by Barbara Cohen
The Story of Alexander Graham Bell by Margaret Davidson
The Story of Harriet Tubman by Kate McMullen
Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka
Tornadoes! by Lorraine Hopping
Twisters and Other Terrible Storms by Will and Mary P. Osborne
The Wall by Eve Bunting
Willie McLean and the Civil War Surrender by Candice Ransom

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Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? By Avi

Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear by Lensey Namioka

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 Atwater

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

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Black Gold by Marguerite Henry
Born to Trot by Marguerite Henry
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. Firsby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert O'Brian

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Mystery of the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks

Phoebe the Spy by Judith Griffin

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)

