



Summer Review Program

Summer 2021/5781

Student's Name

2020-2021 Grade

1st Grade

June 2021

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!

Dr. Gur Berman
General Studies Principal

Rabbi Noam Grossman
Boys Division

Mrs. Miriam Deitsch
Girls Division

Mrs. Malka Blejer
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 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 Second Grade Summer Reading List

Biscuit by Alyssa Capucilli
Biscuit Finds a Friend by Alyssa Capucilli
Biscuit Wins a Prize by Alyssa Capucilli
Boris Bad Enough by Robert Kraus
The Carrot Seed by Robert Kraus
The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat by Nurit Karlin
The Great Race by David McPhail
If you Give a Pig a Party by Laura Numeroff
I'm a Caterpillar by Jean Marzollo
Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
More Spaghetti I Say by Rita Gelman
Octopuses by Lola Schaefer
One Monday Morning by Uri Shulevitz
P.J. Funnybunny Camps out by Marilyn Sadler
Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
Wait, Skates! by Mildred Johnson
Wake up, Sun! by David Harrison
What's Zero? by Betsy Franco

A Kiss for Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik
Bailey Goes Camping by Kevin Henkes
Captain Cat by Syd Hoff
Come out and Play, Little Mouse by Robert Kraus
Dump Trucks by Linda Williams
Eating Fractions by Bruce McMillan
Fox in Socks by Dr. Seuss
Foxes and Their Dens by Martha Rustad
Goodnight, Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
How Much Is a Million? by David Schwartz
I am a Leaf by Jean Marzollo
If I Were a Penguin by Heidi Goeneil
Life in a Polar Region by Carol Lindeen
Life in a Rain Forest by Carol Lindeen
Lizards by Emily Townshend
Lost! By David McPhail
"More, More, More," Said the Baby by Vera Williams
Old Hat, New Hat by Stan and Jan Berenstain

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

On Market Street by Anita Lobel
A Picture for Harold's Room by Crockett Johnson
Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire
Sammy the Seal by Syd Hoff
The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack
Sunburn by Sharon Gordon
Swimmy by Leo Lionni
We Are Best Friends by Alike
Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
Where Are You Going, Little Mouse? by Robert Kraus
Whose Mouse Are You? by Robert Kraus
Your Senses by Helen Frost

Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
Father Bear Comes Home by Else Holmelund Minarik
Just a Mess by Mercer Mayer
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
Grizzwold by Syd Hoff
Leo the Late Bloomer by Jose Aruego
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood
Red-Eyed Tree Frog by Joy Cowley
Airport by Byron Barton
Albert the Albatross by Syd Hoff
Allergies by Sharon Gordon
Alligators All around by Maurice Sendak
Ambulances by Marcia Freeman
Are You My Mother? by P.D. Eastman
Asthma by Sharon Gordon
The Bear's Bicycle by Emilie McLeod
Big Dog, Little Dog by P.D. Eastman
The Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood
The Bike Lesson by Stan and Jan Berenstain
Fire Engines by Marcia Freeman
Go away, Dog by Joan Nodset
Goodnight, Owl! by Pat Hutchins
Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox
Hello Cat, You Need a Hat by Rita Gelman
Henny Penny by Paul Galdone

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

Hiccups for Elephant by James Preller
It's Not Easy Being a Bunny by Marilyn Sadler
Jim Meets the Thing by Miriam Cohen
The Lighthouse Children by Syd Hoff
A Look at China by Helen Frost
A Look at Mexico by Helen Frost
Lost in the Museum by Miriam Cohen
Messy Bessey by Patricia McKissack
Messy Bessey's Garden by Patricia McKissack
The Napping House by Don and Audrey Wood
Noisy Nora by Rosemary Wells
The Planets by Martha Rustad
The Quilt by Ann Jonas
A Rainbow of My Own by Don Freeman
The Story of Chicken Licken by Jan Ormerod
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
We Just Moved by Stephen Krensky
We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen
What Are Volcanoes? by Mari Schuh
When Will I Read? by Miriam Cohen

Curious George series by HA Rey
The Cat in the Hat and other books by Dr. Seuss
Mooncake and other books by Frank Asch
Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
Bones Mystery series by David A. Adler
Poppleton series by Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby series by Cynthia Rylant
Froggy series by Jonathan London
Swimmy and other books by Leo Lionni
The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
Peter's Chair and other books by Ezra Jack Keats
Corduroy and other books by Don Freeman
Young Cam Jansen series by David Adler
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Aunt Eater Mystery series by Doug Cushman
The Best Nest by P.D. Eastman
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
Camp Big Paw by Doug Cushman

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

Charlie Needs a Cloak by Tomie dePaola
Clouds by Gail Saunders-Smith
Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff
Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins
Egg to Chick by Millicent Selsam
The Fire Cat by Esther Averill
Fox on Stage by James Marshall
Fox on Wheels by Edward Marshall
Fraidy Cats by Stephen Krensky
The Great Snake Escape by Molly Coxe
Gus and Grandpa by Claudia Mills
Harry and the Lady Next Door by Gene Zion
He Bear, She Bear by Stan and Jan Berenstain
I Love to Sneeze by Ellen Schecter
In a Dark, Dark Room by Alvin Schwartz
Jake and the Copycats by Joanne Rocklin
Kick, Pass and Run by Leonard Kessler
A Kiss for Little Bear by Else Minarik
Little Bear by Else Minarik
Little Bear's Friend by Else Minarik
Little Bear's Visit by Else Minarik
Little Black, a Pony by Walter Farley
Messy Bessey's School Desk by Patricia McKissack
Morris and Boris at the Circus by Bernard Wiseman
Morris Goes to School by Bernard Wiseman
Norma Jean, Jumping Bean by Joanna Cole
Sam and the Firefly by P.D. Eastman
Sea Horses by Lola Schaefer
Skyfire by Frank Asch
There's an Alligator under My Bed by Mercer Mayer
Tugboats by Lola Schaefer
Uncle Elephant by Arnold Lobel
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Veterinarians by Dee Ready
Wake Me in Spring by James Preller
Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak

A Baby Sister for Frances by Russell Hoban

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

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
Messy Bessey's Closet by Patricia McKissack

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

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
How Much Is that Guinea Pig in the Window? by Joanne Rocklin

Entering Second Grade Summer Reading List

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

