

# WOODLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,



Last week, your child participated in our Summer Reading Kick-Off assembly. At the assembly, your children learned about this year's summer reading program. ***Ask him or her about it!***

**Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore students are required to join and participate in the Alfred H. Bauman Public Library's summer reading program, *A Universe of Stories*.** Students who have a completed Universe of Stories chart will be recognized with a reading certificate in the fall. As an extra, exciting challenge, I have attached a summer reading bingo board for each grade. If 75 % of the school complete one bingo row on the reading board, *students will get to "Silly String" their principal and ELA supervisor in the fall at a school-wide assembly!* **The Universe of Stories chart, summer reading log and Bingo Board must be returned to your child's teacher by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The intent of summer reading is to encourage the habit of lifelong reading. Research tells us that students need to read during the summer to maintain their independent reading levels. Research also tells us that we should encourage students to choose their books. Have children select books about their favorite topics. The books they choose should make them smile, laugh, be surprised, wonder, and ask questions. Summer is a great time to explore new authors and topics! So, plan your summer reading time now. Set aside time to read together or as a family.

You can find suggested books lists and other literacy activities on our district website at [www.wpschools.org](http://www.wpschools.org). In addition to the suggested book lists, please be reminded all current K-4 Woodland Park students have access to Learning A-Z's Raz-Kids (<http://www.raz-kids.com/>) to read interactive e-books.



Have a wonderful summer vacation!

**GET "SILLY" and READ!**

Educationally yours,  
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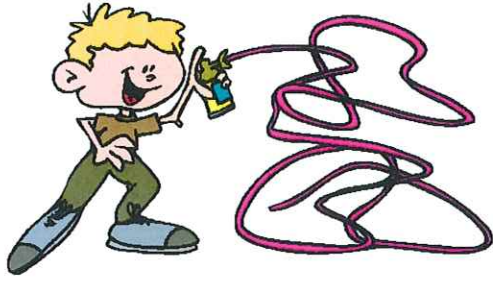


A Universe of Stories  
Summer Reading Program 2019  
Keep Track at Home Reading Log  
20 minutes=1 sticker



\*\*\*GIVE TO YOUR TEACHER ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL\*\*\*

Date	Title of Book/E-Book/Audiobook /Comic Book etc.	Minutes Read



## SUMMER READING BINGO K-4 CHALLENGE

GET "SILLY" and READ!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Read in a cozy spot outside.	Read a book with a flashlight.	Read about a faraway place.	Read about someone who inspires you.	Read a book that a friend recommended.
Read to a pet or stuffed animal.	Read a book that was made into a movie.	Read an article from a magazine or newspaper.	Read a great book you've read before.	Read with a family member.
<b>CHALK IT UP!</b> Practice writing, letters, names, sight or trick words, using sidewalk chalk.	Listen to an audiobook.	Share a story with a friend. Tell someone about a story you read and explain why it's GREAT!	Write your own story. Then read it aloud to someone.	Listen to an audiobook.
Read a book that makes you laugh.	Read in a pillow fort in a cozy spot.	Read a picture book about the summer.	Read the Road. Use road signs & license plates to play letter and word hunt games.	Read the directions to a board game and play with someone.
Read a library book.	Read an award winning book.	Read a book from a series.	Read a folktale from another country.	Read a chapter book with someone.

Have an adult sign each box you complete over the summer.  
You must return this bingo board to your teacher by Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Woodland Park School District Summer Reading Book Suggestions



We have included Fountas & Pinnell reading levels to help you identify "just right" books for independent reading. Please note that if the books will be read with support, reading levels may be stretched above independent reading levels.

### Series suggestions for the primary grades:

#### Early Reader Series by Dave Martin Levels B-C

These are great books for beginning or struggling readers. Children find success with funny stories about lovable characters.

##### **Sample titles:**

*Monkey Business* (4 titles)

*Piggie and Dad Play* (4 titles)

*Monkey Trouble* (4 titles)

*Piggie and Dad* (4 titles)

#### Tiny Scholastic Series Levels C-F

The illustrations are a delight, and there is just enough text to keep "beginning beginners" going. Tiny and his owner have great adult as well as kid appeal.

##### **Sample titles:**

*Tiny's Bath*

*Tiny Goes to the Library*

*When Tiny Was Tiny*

#### Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Levels F-H

Biscuit is a sweet-faced puppy you want to grab right out of the pages and cuddle. Share in his exciting adventures as you rapidly turn the pages of these books.

##### **Sample titles:**

*Biscuit and the Baby*

*Biscuit Goes To School*

*Biscuit's New Trick*

#### Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems Levels F-G

These books will have young children rolling with laughter. They love how Piggie manipulates the reader. Mo Willems is the best when it comes to writing for young readers.

##### **Sample titles:**

*I Broke My Trunk*

*I Will Surprise My Friend*

*Pigs Make Me Sneeze*

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**Welcome Series- Various authors** Levels F-H

*The Welcome Series* offers great non-fiction titles written with children's' curiosity and interests in mind. They explore the mysteries of life from which all children yearn to find answers.

**Sample titles:**

*My Body: My Nose, My Eyes, My Ears, My Mouth*

*Let's Go: Car Rides, Subway Rides, etc...*

*How Things Grow: From Egg to Robin, From Acorn to Oak, etc...*

*Weather Report: Rainy Days, Cold Days, Cloudy Days, etc...*

*Dancing: African Dancing, Ballet Dancing, Jazz Dancing, etc...*

**Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert** Levels C-D

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in the language that our early readers can conquer. Her funny tales are sure to great young readers excited about books.

**Sample titles:**

*Cat Games*

*Train Song*

**Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert** Levels F-G

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in the language that our early readers can conquer. Her funny tales are sure to spark excitement.

**Sample titles:**

*Harry Takes a Bath*

*Nicky Upstairs and Down*

*The Ugly Duckling*

*Little Red Riding Hood*

**Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert** Levels H-J

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in language that our early readers can conquer.

**Sample titles:**

*The Three Little Pigs*

*My Tooth Is Loose*

*The Magic Porridge*

**Little Critter Series by Mercer Mayer** Levels G-I

Join Little Critter as he enters the school science fair, builds his own growing machine, trains for a big race, or spends a weekend with Grandma and Grandpa. When Little Critter is your friend, even the most ordinary day can turn into an adventure!

**Sample titles:**

*I Just Forgot*

*Just Me and My Puppy*

*Just Me and My Babysitter*

*All by Myself*

## Starting Chapter Books:

### Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold

Level I

Boy and Fly meet, and so begins a beautiful friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates easy readers that are full of fun.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Hi! Fly Guy*

*Super Fly Guy*

*Shoo Fly Guy*

### Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant

Level J

*Henry & Mudge* books are about the simple happy pleasures of everyday life. It isn't necessary to start with any one particular book, but once you start reading Henry and Mudge, you'll want to keep reading them all!!

#### **Sample titles:**

*Henry and Mudge Take the Big Test*

*Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon*

*Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind*

### Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish

Level L

Amelia is a very literal housekeeper, and if not for her exceptional skill in the kitchen baking goodies, it is hard to think that she would be employed at all! Her literal nature is at the root of many adventures and the cause of great hi-jinx and amusement.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor*

*Good Work, Amelia Bedelia*

*Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower*

### Ricky Ricotta Fantasy Series by David Pilkey

Levels L/M

Any fan of David Pilkey will love this book! It is full of wacky humor that appeals to kids and adults who still love being kids.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*

*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury*

*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Voodoo Vultures from Venus*

### Cam Jansen Mystery Series by David Adler

Level L

The Cam Jansen books are perfect for young readers who are making the transition to chapter books, and Cam is a spunky young heroine whom readers have loved for over two decades.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds*

*Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the U.F.O*



**Black Lagoon Series by Mike Thaler**

Levels L-M

These humorous early chapter books with generous illustrations feature a boy with a very active imagination.

**Sample titles:**

*The Science Fair from the Black Lagoon*

*The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon*

*The Talent Show from the Black Lagoon*

**Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald**

Level M

Boys and girls everywhere are relating to Judy's many moods and laughing at her hilarious adventures. Judy Moody inspires the kind humor both kids and adults can enjoy, and characters with who kids can really identify.

**Sample titles:**

*Judy Moody Gets Famous*

*Judy Moody Saves the World*

*Judy Moody Predicts the Future*

**Stink Series by Megan McDonald**

Levels L-N

Any fan of the Judy Moody series was thrilled when he/she heard they were coming out with a series about Judy's little brother Stink! This book is well written and easy for young and old readers to understand. It is a very funny and enjoyable book!

**Sample titles:**

*Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid*

*Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker*

*Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers*

**Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows**

Level M

These books are well-written, humorous, and engaging. Ivy and Bean have vivid imaginations and get themselves into some hot water with their schemes, making them interesting and sympathetic.

**Sample titles:**

*Ivy and Bean*

*Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go*

*Ivy and Bean: Break the Fossil Record*

**A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy**

Level N

These mysteries are well crafted and interesting. They challenge readers to try to figure out "who did it" and often offer a twist or surprise in the end.

**Sample titles:**

*The Absent Author*

*The Bald Bandit*

*The Canary Caper*

**The Zack Files by Dan Greenberg**

**Level N**

The Zack Files are perfect for kids who are curious about the supernatural! To start with, they are hilarious, especially for kids. They are clearly written, fast moving, not lots of description, and have great plots.

**Sample titles:**

*Zack Files 01: My Great-grandpa's in the Litter Box*

*Zack Files 02: Through the Medicine Cabinet*

*Zack Files 03: A Ghost Named Wanda*

**My Weird School Series by Dan Gutman**

**Level L-O**

Get ready to laugh with the *My Weird School* series. Never before has school been this mixed up—or this much fun!

**Sample titles:**

*Miss Patty is Batty*

*Miss Daisy is Crazy*

*Miss Small is Off the Wall*

**Gail Gibbons Non-fiction Sets**

**Levels L-P**

Gibbons is an author for all information buffs. Gibbons writes about nature, animals, and the everyday wonders that surround us.

**Sample titles:**

*The Moon Book*

*Grizzly Bears*

*Dogs*



## **Bring home a biography...**

Picking up a biography is an opportunity to step into someone else's shoes and live his or her adventures through the pages of a book. Learn about the lives of history's heroes and today's champions.

### **Biographies**

#### **Levels K-N**

*Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates* by Jonah Winter

*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* by Mordicai Gerstein

*America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle* by David Adler

*Joe DiMaggio: Young Sports Hero* by Herb Dunn

*Lance Armstrong: Racing for His Life* by Michael Sandler

*Tennis: Victory for Venus Williams* by Michael Sandler

### **Biographies**

#### **Levels O-Q**

*Who Was King Tut?* by Roberta Edwards

*Who Was Leonardo Da Vinci?* by Roberta Edwards

*Ice Mummy: The Discovery of a 5,000-Year-Old Man* by Mark Dubowski & Cathy East

*Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth* by Robert Burleigh

*Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman* by Kathleen Krull

### **Biographies**

#### **Levels R-U**

*Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull

*Langston's Train Ride* by Robert Burleigh

*Leonardo Da Vinci* by Diane Stanley

*Boy: Tales of Childhood* by Roald Dahl

## **Pick up a poem...**

Reading poetry is an opportunity for children to view the world in new and exciting ways. Silly rhymes and rhythm make exploring language fun.

### **Shel Silverstein**

Silverstein has a knack for knowing how to get a child's attention, and sometimes pass a message along without it seeming like a message at all. His poems are enchanting and will bring smiles and giggles to his readers.

### **Jack Prelutsky**

Poems about picnics, pretending, and puppies make his books a great way to introduce little ones to poetry. Jack Prelutsky, one of today's most respected children's poets, writes old favorites, traditional rhymes, and humorous verses--that will delight young listeners.

### **Bruce Lansky**

Lansky's collections of poetry for kids will have readers laughing out loud. His poems cover every topic from choosing an after-school snack to painting dad's toe nails while he naps. Young readers will enjoy the silliness and the everyday situations of the poems

## Favorite Fiction and Non-fiction Authors

### **Avi**

One of today's most prolific authors for children, Avi's books range from historical fiction (*The Fighting Ground*), to fantasy (*Something Upstairs*), and even contemporary fiction (*S.O.R. Losers*).

#### **Sample titles ranging from R-V:**

*Poppy*

*Ragweed*

*The Escape from Home*

### **Michael Buckley**

#### **Levels R-V**

Buckley's books are full of laughs and adventure. Buckley brings us into wondrous worlds of magic and mystery in his *The Sisters Grimm* series and tickles our funny bone in his *N.E.R.D.S* books.

### **Matt Christopher**

#### **Levels M-S**

Books for the sports lover! Christopher brings us out onto the field with his fiction titles and biographies of our favorite players.

#### **Sample titles from Level M fiction series:**

*The Basketball Counts*

*Look Who's Playing First Base*

*No Arm in Left Field*

#### **Sample titles from Level S biographies:**

*On the Bike with... Lance Armstrong*

*On the Court with... Kobe Bryant*

*On the Ice with... Tara Lipinski*

### **Beverly Cleary**

#### **Levels O-R**

Generations of children have enjoyed the adventures of Ramona Quimby as she adjusts to school, friends, and staying out of trouble. The stories and situations are timeless and they can easily identify with Cleary's lovable characters.

#### **Some sample titles:**

*Ramona Quimby, Age 8*

*Socks*

*Dear Mr. Henshaw*

### **Russell Freedman**

#### **Levels U-W**

Freedman's photo-laden non-fiction books bring lost worlds vividly to life for young readers.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Cowboys of the Wild West*

*Confucius: The Golden Rule*

*An Indian Winte*

### **Roald Dahl**

Dahl's books are a fun filled ride into the wonders of a child's imagination. His whimsical characters take us into magical worlds full of adventure and fun.

#### **Sample titles from levels N-Q:**

*Fantastic Mr. Fox*

*The Magic Finger*

*George's Marvelous Medicine*

#### **Sample Titles R-U:**

*The BFG*

*Matilda*

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

### **Lincoln Peirce**

Levels Q-S

Lincoln Peirce is a cartooning hero, and *BIG NATE* ranks as a comics classic.

#### **Sample titles:**

*Big Nate on a Roll*

*Big Nate Strikes Again*

*Big Nate and Friends*

### **Louis Sachar**

Bizarre and clever and twisted plots, Sachar writes masterpiece after masterpiece, from the language to the setting to the perfect ending.

#### **Sample titles from levels L-P:**

*Marvin Redpost series*

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School*

#### **Sample titles S-V:**

*Holes*

*The Boy Who Lost His Face*

### **Gail Carson Levine**

Levels U-X

In these popular stories, Levine transforms familiar standbys (like "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty") into longer, more thought-provoking tales that pose interesting questions. For any readers looking for classics with a twist, Levine's books are a must read!

#### **Sample titles:**

*Ella Enchanted*

*Dave at Night*

*Fairest*