

Dear New and Returning Wesleyan Families,

As a Wesleyan alum, a current parent, and Wesleyan's Media Center Specialist it is a blessing to work with your children every day. I love reading to and with our students, and my goal is to guide them on their literary journey. Whether they're just learning to hold a book, mastering sounding out words, or reading to learn about their newest interests, I'm always ready to lend a helping hand.

I'm delighted to introduce you to our **Summer 2024 Reading Suggestion List**. Our reading program is designed to keep students engaged, entertained, and educated over the summer with grade-specific reading lists. These books are just suggestions. There is no need to return anything to me at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions! I am here to support your child(ren), and I'm looking forward to partnering with you for years to come!

For Jesus,

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WESLEYAN'S SUMMER READING SUGGESTION LIST

Looking for something to read this summer? Check out the list below for ideas of books to read! You can start a new series or find a book you would have never considered. A few of these titles have been recommended by your teachers for the next school year!

Listed below are some great books and series for students going into Fifth Grade!

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Holes by Louis Sachar

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

Smack Dab in the Middle of Maybe by Jo Watson Hackl

The Last Musketeer by Stuart Gibbs

Ungifted by Gordan Korman

The League of Seven by Alan Gratz

Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

Smells Like Dog Suzanne Selfors

A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole

Key to Extraordinary Natattie Lloyd

Where the Watermelons Grow by Cindy Baldwin

Soft Rain by Cornelia Cornelissen

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

Kenny & the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi

Walls Within Walls by Maureen Sherry

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson

Wildfire by Rodman Philbrick

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty

The Very, Very Far North by Dan Bar-el

Found by Maragaret Peterson Haddix

Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin

Runaway Twin by Peg Kehret

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan

Shouting at the Rain by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

Have fun reading! We can't wait to see you in August!

- Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Bowman



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Auggie and Me by RJ Palacio

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis

Prince Caspian by CS Lewis

Voyage of the Dawn Treader by CS Lewis

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

Kingdom Keepers (kids stuck in Disney World overnight) by Ridley Pearson

Land of Stories Series by Chris Colfer

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of N.I.M.H. by Robert C. O'Brien

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper

Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Souder by William Armstrong

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper

Shadow Children Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare

Twenty-one Balloons by William Pene Du Bois



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Lightning Thief Series by Rick Riordan

Narnia Series by C. S. Lewis

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler by Phillip Hoose

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen

The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt

Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen

Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Maze Runner Series by James Dashner

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Wingfeather Saga by Andrew Peterson

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

The Hunger Games Trilogy by Suzanne Collins

Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Front Desk by Kelly Yang

Greetings from Nowhere by Barbara O'Connor

Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

Smells Like Dog by Suzanne Selfers

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Divergent Series by Veronica Roth

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

Grenade by Alan Gratz

Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

Wonder by R. J. Palacio