

# WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY - SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM

Reading & Math Assignments for Rising Students

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Each summer WCA's students are expected to participate in our summer learning program. The purpose of the program is to create connections with our curriculum, expose students to quality literature, cultivate a love of reading, and prevent loss of skills over summer. All students are required to complete their respective assignments listed below.

**Books in bold have an accompanying activity found below, this is due the first day of school. These activities will be your child's first literature grades in their new class for all students admitted prior to July 1st.**

*Incoming 1st*                      *We do not expect reading fluency at this point. Your young reader may require some assistance as they decode words, which is to be expected after the kindergarten year. Consider helping your child read through any number of books selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List while focusing particularly on his/her development of decoding skills.*

Read and/or listen to *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones  
**Read *Go Dog Go* by P.D. Eastman.** Complete 1st/2nd activity.  
Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List

*Incoming 2nd*                      Read and/or listen to *Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones.  
**Read *Bill and Pete Go Down the Nile* by Tommy DePaola.** [Complete 1st/2nd activity.]  
Read one additional book selected from the WCA Book Recommendations List.

*Incoming 3rd*                      **Read *Mr Popper's Penguins* by Richard & Florence Atwater.** [Complete 1 activity.]  
**Read an *Encyclopedia Brown, Boxcar Children, or Beverly Cleary* book.** [Complete 1 activity.]  
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

*Incoming 4th*                      **Read *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder.** [Complete 3rd/4th activity.]  
**Read a *Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Roald Dahl* book.** [Complete postcard activity.]  
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

*Incoming 5th*                      **Read *Guns for General Washington* by Seymour Reit.** [Complete 5th/6th activity.]  
**Read *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt.** [Complete word art poem activity.]  
Challenge: Choose any book from the recommended list.

*Incoming 6th*                      **Read *My Side of the Mountain* by Elizabeth George.** [Complete 5th/6th activity.]  
**Read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry.** [Complete word art poem activity.]  
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## BOOK RECOMMENDATION LISTS

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<i>Mike Mulligan &amp; the Steam Shovel</i>	Virginia Lee Burton
<i>Corduroy</i>	Don Freeman
<i>Hop on Pop</i>	Dr. Seuss
<i>Bedtime for Frances</i>	Russell Hoban
<i>Mouse Tales</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	Diane Muldrow
<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i>	Laura Joffe Numeroff
<i>Caps for Sale</i>	Esphyr Slobodkina
<i>Giant Treasury of Peter Rabbit</i>	Beatrix Potter

### ***Incoming 2nd***

<i>Emperor's New Clothes</i>	Hans Christian Anderson
<i>Blaze and the Gray Spotted Pony</i>	C.W. Anderson
<i>Madeline</i>	Ludwig Bemelmans
<i>Cul de Sac Kids series</i>	Beverly Lewis
<i>Sarah, Plain &amp; Tall</i>	Patricia MacLachlan
<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>Magic Tree House series</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
<i>Nate the Great series</i>	Marjorie Weiman Sharmat
<i>City Mouse, Country Mouse</i>	John Wallner

### **1st / 2nd Book Activity**

Draw a picture of your favorite character from the book. On the picture, write (or dictate) three words to describe it. On the back write (or dictate), why this character is your favorite.

### **Rising 1st / 2nd Grade Summer Math Work**

Practice facts at home, **addition 0-10 (rising 1st & 2nd) and subtraction of 0-10s (rising 2nd only)**. Students should practice Math facts 5 minutes 3-4 times per week.

Suggestions for practice:

- Flashcards
- Printable worksheets available in the [WCA Parent Library](#) folder
- Math games
- Math game websites like <https://www.mathplayground.com/> or [www.mrnussbaum.com/math-for-kids](http://www.mrnussbaum.com/math-for-kids)
- Math practice websites like <https://xtramath.org> or <https://www.math-drills.com/>
- Math apps like Monster Math or Splash Learn

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<b>Incoming 3rd</b>	<i>Magic Treehouse: Hour of the Olympics</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
	<i>Rabbit Hill</i>	Robert Lawson
	<i>The Moffats</i>	Eleanor Estes
	<i>Hundred Dresses</i>	Eleanor Estes
	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>	Marguerite Henry
	<i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i>	Lynne Banks
	<i>Letters to Levi</i>	Elvira Woodruff
	<i>Henry Huggins</i>	Beverly Cleary
	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle,</i>	Beverly Cleary
	<i>The Borrowers</i>	Mary Norton
<i>Cul-de-Sac Kids Series</i>	Beverly Lewis	

<b>Incoming 4th</b>	<i>Just So Stories</i>	Rudyard Kipling
	<i>Little House on the Prairie Series</i>	Laura Ingalls Wilder
	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	L.M. Montgomery
	<i>Black Beauty</i>	Anna Sewell
	<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	Scott O'Dell
	<i>Twenty-one Balloons</i>	William Pene DuBois
	<i>The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow</i>	Allen French
	<i>The Magna Carta</i>	James Daugherty
	<i>Son of Charlemagne</i>	Barbara Willard
	<i>Augustine Came to Kent</i>	Barbara Willard

### 3rd / 4th Book Summary Activity

Write a summary of the book, including the beginning, middle and end. Read the summary aloud to a family member to practice before school.

### 3rd / 4th Postcard Activity

Create a postcard size illustration inspired by the book. On the back, write 3-4 sentences describing your favorite part of the book.

### Rising 3rd / 4th Grade Summer Math Work

Practice **addition, subtraction, & multiplication (only 0-5s for 3rd)** and **division (rising 4th only)** facts at home. Students should practice Math facts 5-10 minutes 3-4 times per week.

Suggestions for practice:

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