



# OAK MOUNTAIN

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*Oak Mountain Academy provides a challenging college-preparatory education in a safe family environment. The school nurtures the ethical, spiritual, and physical development of students as they become confident leaders inspired to serve.*

## **2024-2025 Lower School Reading Lists**

### **Rising 1st Grade:**

Suggested Summer Reading List for Rising First Graders

- I Can Read Books
  - Level 1: Beginning Reading
  - Level 2: Reading with Help
  - Level 3: Reading Alone
- Step into Reading Books
  - Level 2: Beginning Reading
  - Level 3: Reading Alone
- Fly Guy Books by Tedd Arnold
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes (read with someone)

### **Rising 2nd Grade:**

Suggested Summer Reading List for Rising Second Graders

#### **Fiction**

- *Nate the Great* Book Series
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* Book Series
- *Mercy Watson* Books
- *Henry and Mudge* Book Series
- *Amelia Bedelia* Book Series

#### **Nonfiction**

- National Geographic Kids Collection Levels 2 and 3

### **Rising 3rd Grade:**

All students should read **7 X 9 = Trouble!** by Claudia Mills. It is available for purchase on Amazon for approximately \$7.99. Each student should bring his/her copy of **7 X 9 = Trouble!** on the first day of school for Back-to-School activities.

Parents can help their child develop a personal reading time each day during the summer. Students can be taught how to set a timer and read until the timer goes off. Please increase the time each day until your child is comfortable reading 20 minutes.

The Summer Reading Program has started for the local public libraries. This was always a favorite part of my summer as I participated at the Neva Lomason Memorial Library in Carrollton. There are other libraries that are part of the West Georgia Regional Library System. I believe they all have the same kickoff date. Students can pick out books that they enjoy and are on their level.

ARbookfinder.com is the website I use to determine Accelerated Reader points and the level of a book. You simply enter the title of the book, and you will receive the grade level of books and the number of AR points. Students could write down the titles of books they read along with the quiz number and be ready to take AR tests during the first days of school. This is not required.

### **Rising 4th Grade:**

Dear Parent,

I hope that your family has had time to rest and recuperate from a busy school year. To help your child maintain his/her academic progress over the summer, I have provided links to 3 reading lists, as well as materials for a fun book report.

Please have your child read 2 of the suggested novels and create a cereal box book report on his/her favorite.

I am not picky about which list your child uses to select the books. (I.E. An upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> grader may select from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade list or an advanced upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grader may select from the 5<sup>th</sup> grade list.) .....*but please take a minute to sit down with your child and review the suggestions. Help your son/daughter pick novels that will challenge, interest, and be emotionally appropriate for him/her.* Each book on the lists contains a synopsis to assist in this endeavor.

You may order the books via Amazon or another vendor by clicking on the link next to "Find" which is located under each book description.

### **Reading List Links:**

4th Grade List:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/books-to-challenge-gifted-readers-4th-graders/>

5th Grade List:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/books-to-challenge-gifted-readers-5th-graders/>

3rd Grade List:

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/books-to-challenge-gifted-readers-3rd-graders/>

**Link to Cereal Book Report Forms:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WGoPqhf\\_Nom2q3z5Wr5mP-79zme4q-gL/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WGoPqhf_Nom2q3z5Wr5mP-79zme4q-gL/view?usp=sharing)

In addition, I would really like for your child to memorize the prepositions song. This will be immensely helpful at the start of the school year. Below is a link to a video of the song. Please note that you may adjust the speed of the song to make it easier for your child to learn. To do this, just click on the settings wheel at the bottom of the video.

Link to Prepositions Song: <https://youtu.be/GLmjfJyZ-iM?feature=shared>

Enjoy the rest of your summer! I look forward to your child sharing his/her book report in August.

Ms. Giebeig

**Rising 5th Grade:**

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3rd Grade List:  
<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/books-to-challenge-gifted-readers-3rd-graders/>

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