



# OAK MOUNTAIN

## A C A D E M Y

*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.*

### **2025-2026 Lower School Reading & Math Lists**

#### **Rising PK4:**

Summer is a great time to begin preparing your child for a successful and wonderful PK4 year. Just fifteen minutes a day practicing/reviewing letter recognition and letter sounds, counting, and reading will do wonders for your child as they begin to build a strong foundation of learning. There are many ways to practice and review while incorporating fun, so get creative and enjoy all while helping your child prepare for a wonderful upcoming school year!

Listed below are some things we recommend for your child to work on over the summer break.

- Identifying and writing all uppercase and lowercase letters
- Stating and identifying all letter sounds
- Recognizing numbers 1-10
- Writing numbers 1-10
- Counting numbers 1-20
- Identifying the sight words (listed below)
- READ, READ, READ ! (The more words your child is introduced to through reading impacts their future learning abilities and success.)

#### **Sight Words**

I	a	see	like
red	blue	orange	green
brown	white	pink	black
yellow	purple	to	we
the	are	my	is
have	big	go	where
play	little	what	you

<b>and</b>	<b>can</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>with</b>
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### **Rising Kindergarten:**

Summer is a great time to continue preparing your child for Kindergarten. Just twenty minutes a day practicing/reviewing letter recognition and letter sounds, counting, completing some simple math with objects, and reading will do wonders for your child as they begin a very foundational year of learning. There are many ways to practice and review while incorporating fun, so get creative and enjoy while helping your child prepare for a wonderful upcoming school year!

Listed below are some things we recommend for your child to work on over the summer break.

- Identifying and writing all uppercase and lowercase letters
- Stating and identifying all letter sounds
- Adding simple math facts such as: adding 1 & 0 to a number, adding doubles (3+3= 6)
- Recognizing numbers 1-30
- Writing numbers 1-20
- Counting numbers 1-30
- Reading the sight words for both lists below
- READ, READ, READ! (The more words your child is introduced to through reading impacts their future learning abilities and success.)

### **PK4 Sight Words to Review**

<b>I</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>see</b>	<b>like</b>
<b>red</b>	<b>blue</b>	<b>orange</b>	<b>green</b>
<b>brown</b>	<b>white</b>	<b>pink</b>	<b>black</b>
<b>yellow</b>	<b>purple</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>we</b>
<b>the</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>my</b>	<b>is</b>
<b>have</b>	<b>big</b>	<b>go</b>	<b>where</b>
<b>play</b>	<b>little</b>	<b>what</b>	<b>you</b>
<b>and</b>	<b>can</b>	<b>me</b>	<b>with</b>

### **Kindergarten High Frequency Sight Words**

<b>a</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>at</b>
<b>by</b>	<b>for</b>	<b>had</b>	<b>have</b>
<b>he</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>in</b>	<b>is</b>
<b>my</b>	<b>on</b>	<b>see</b>	<b>she</b>
<b>the</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>you</b>

Below are some book recommendations that you and your child may enjoy reading together over the summer to help get him or her ready for Kindergarten.

*Berenstain Bear series* - Stan and Jan Berenstain  
*Biscuit series* - Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
*Brown Bear Brown Bear* - Bill Martin Jr.  
*The Cat in the Hat* - Dr. Seuss  
*Clifford series* – Norman Bridwell  
*Curious George series* - H.A. Rey  
*Elephant and Piggie series* - Mo Willems  
*First Grade Stinks* - Mary Ann Rodman  
*Fly Guy series* - Tedd Arnold  
*Frog and Toad* - Arnold Lobel  
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*Froggy series* - Jonathan London  
*Harry the Dirty Dog* - Gene Zion  
*The Hello, Goodbye Window* - Norton Juster  
*Henry and Mudge series* - Cynthia Rylant  
*How Do Dinosaurs series* - Jane Yolen  
*Kitten's First Full Moon* - Kevin Henkes  
*Leo the Late Bloomer* - Robert Kraus  
*Little Bear series* - Else Holmelund Minarik  
*Little Critter series* - Mercer Mayer  
*Miss Nelson is Missing* - Harry Allard  
*Pete the Cat series* - James Dean  
*Seven Blind Mice* - Ed Young  
*Skippyjon Jones* - Judy Schachner  
*The Snowy Day* - Ezra Jack Keats  
*Swimmy* - Leo Lionni  
*The Very Busy Spider* - Eric Carle  
*Tuesday* - David Wisner  
*When the Library Lights Go Out* - Megan Macdonald  
*Where the Wild Things Are* - Maurice Sendak  
*Winnie series* - Leda Schubert

### **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
- Ready to Read Books: Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes (read with someone)

### **Phonics Practice:**

can	fan	hat	set	bell
nap	fin	hit	sat	tell
map	map	hot	pin	sell
man	mop	dot	pen	fell

### **Math Practice:**

- Addition and Subtraction Fact Families (0-20)
- Counting by 2s, 5s, 10s

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

Suggested Summer Reading List for Rising Second Graders

#### **On-Level Readers**

- *Nate the Great* Book Series
- *Frog and Toad are Friends* Book Series
- *Mercy Watson* Books
- *Henry and Mudge* Book Series
- *Amelia Bedelia* Book Series
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby* Series
- *Katie Woo* Series
- *Poppleton* Series

#### **Great for Review or Confidence Building**

- *Fly Guy* Series
- *Danny and the Dinosaur*

- Bear's Loose Tooth
- Otto the Robot Series
- Max and Mo Series

### **Great for Strong Readers or Read-Alouds**

- National Geographic Kids Collection Levels 2 and 3
- Fly Guy Presents Series
- "Who Would Win?" Series
- Magic Tree House Series
- Owl Diaries Series
- The Chicken Squad Series

### **Math Practice:**

- Addition and Subtraction Fact Families (0-20)
- Multiplication Fact Family (0-12)
- Counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 10s

### **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.

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.

### **Math Practice:**

- Addition and Subtraction Fact Families (0-20)
- Multiplication and Division Fact Families (0-12)
- Counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s

### **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. The book report is due on the first day of school.**

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

### **Math Practice:**

- Memorize Addition and Subtraction Fact Families (0-20) to answer in 8 seconds or less
- Memorize Multiplication and Division Fact Families (0-12) to answer in 8 seconds or less
- Counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s
- Determine the missing factor (EX:  $5 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 60$ ;  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} \times 8 = 32$ )
- Determine the missing divisor or dividend (EX: 72 divided by  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 12$ ;  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  divided  $4=7$ )

### **Rising 5th 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. The book report is due on the first day of school.**

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.

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### **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)

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**Math Practice:**

- Memorize Addition and Subtraction Fact Families (0-20) to answer in 5 seconds or less
- Memorize Multiplication and Division Fact Families (0-12) to answer in 5 seconds or less
- Determine the missing factor (EX:  $5 \times \underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 60$ )
- Determine the missing divisor or dividend (EX: 72 divided by  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}} = 12$ ;  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  divided  $4=7$ )
- Counting by 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s



