

Dear Olivet Students and Parents/ Guardians,

We are set to begin our fourth year of summer reading here at Olivet School. While summer is a relaxing time when students get to enjoy a long hiatus from school, it is important to keep one's academic skills sharp. What better way to do this than by enjoying a good book?

Summer reading is not only enjoyable, but studies have shown that when students read each day, they learn to increase their speed, fluency, and comprehension. Students who read over the summer are also more prepared to begin the next school year and adapt more quickly to the grade level curriculum.

How Will I Know What Book To Read?

Attached you will find a list of books. Your teacher has circled a group of books that he/she feels would be academically appropriate for you to read. Please discuss the book choices with your parents and then place a check mark next to the book(s) you are interested in reading.

*** Books with an asterisk (*) next to their name can be found at Olivet School.**

What If I Want To Change My Book?

You may read any one of the books your teacher has circled for you. If you decide to change your book and need a new trifold, simply come to the Olivet School Office and pick up a new one.



Can I Read More Than One Book?

We would encourage each child to continuously read over the summer. As an incentive, you will also find two summer reading logs in this packet. Each time you read five (5) “just-right” books, your name will be entered in a contest to receive a twenty-five-dollar gift card to Toys R’ Us. You can turn your reading logs into the Olivet office, or wait until September and turn them into your classroom teacher.

To complete the log, write the date the book was finished, the name of the book, the author, and then have mom or dad sign the log. The more you read, the more chances you have to win the gift card. If you need more logs, please stop by the Olivet office to pick them up.

Where Can I Get These Books?

You can purchase the books so you have your own copy. You can check books out at the local library or the Salem County Bookmobile. Also, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer, you can check books out at Olivet School.

All students entering 4th and 5th grade must read AT LEAST one (1) book and complete one (1) trifold project. While we encourage more reading over the summer, all other reading is optional.

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- *Freckle Juice by Judy Blume _____
- *The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher _____
- *Any other Matt Christopher sports novel _____
- Bailey School Kids, Leprechauns Don't Play Basketball by Debbie Dadey _____
- * Two Times the Fun by Beverly Cleary _____
- * Stink: Solar System Hero _____

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- *Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith _____
- Donovan's Word Jar by Monalisa DeGross _____
- *Amber Brown Goes Fourth by Paula Danziger _____
- *Amber Brown is Feeling Blue by Paula Danziger
- *Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger
- *Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer by Megan McDonald _____
- *A to Z Mystery: Detective Camp by Ron Roy _____
- *Catwings Return by Ursula LGruin
- *We'll Never Forget Roberto Clemente by Trudie Engel

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- Tornado by Betsy Byars _____
- *Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary _____
- *Boxcar Children Mystery by Gertrude Chandler Warner _____
- *Henry and Ribsy by Beverly Cleary _____
- *Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary _____
- *Ghost Twins: The Mystery of the Haunted Castle by Dian Curtis Regan
- *Calendar Mysteries: January Joker by Ron Roy
- *Skinny Bones by Barbara Park

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Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka _____
(A Time Warp Trio Mystery)

The Giraffe, the Pelly, and Me by Roald Dahl _____

*Snot Stew by Bill Wallace _____

*Emily's Runaway Imagination by Beverly Cleary _____

*Encyclopedia Brown, The Case of the Midnight Visitor by Donald J. Sobol _____

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*Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume _____

*Fudge-A-Mania by Judy Blume _____

*Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary _____

*Bunnicula by Deborah and James Howe _____

The Dragonling by Jackie French Koller _____

*The Lemonade Trick by Scott Corbett _____

*Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater _____

*Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli _____

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The Landry News by Andrew Clements _____

*School Story by Andrew Clements _____

*The Math Wiz by Betsy Duffey _____

*A Dog Called Kitty by Bill Wallace _____

*Beryl: A Pig's Tale by Jane Simmons _____

The Castle in the Attic by Elizabeth Winthrop _____

*Thunder from the Sea by Joan Hiatt Harlow

*The Enormous Egg by Olivet Butterworth

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*The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Patterson _____

*Poppy by Avi _____

*Jelly Belly by Robert Kimmel Smith _____

*The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith _____

* Boys Against Girls by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor _____

*Each Little Bird That Sings by Deborah Wiles

* The Borrowers by Mary Norton

* The Million Dollar Shot by Dan Gutman

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*Bridge To Terabithia by Katherine Patterson _____

The Forgotten Door by Alexander Key _____

*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis _____

*Ghost Cadet by Elaine Marie Alphine _____

*Danny, The Champion of the World by Roald Dahl _____

*Comeback Kids: Hot Hand by Mike Lupica

*Abiel's Island by William Steig

*Souder by William Armstrong

*Lost Star: The Story of Amelia Earhart by Patricia Lauber

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*Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis _____

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman _____

*The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter _____

*Measle and the Wrathmonk by Ian Ogilvy _____

*The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

*Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie tolan

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*The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket _____

*Holes by Loius Sachar _____

*Tuck Everlasting by Natale Babbit _____

Found: Missing Book 1 by Margaret Peterson Haddix _____

*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor _____

*Rascal by Sterling North _____

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The Black Pearl by Scott O'Dell

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