Dear Olivet Students and Parents/ Guardians, We are set to begin our third 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer by Megan McDonald \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*A to Z Mystery: Detective Camp by Ron Roy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

O

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

P

Knight of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(A Time Warp Trio Mystery)

\*Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Q

\*Tales of A Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Bume \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

R

\*Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillio \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Patterson \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Poppy by Avi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Jelly Belly by Robert Kimmel Smith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Thunder From the Sea by Joan Hiatt Harlow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The War with Grandpa by Robert Kimmel Smith \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The Lemonade War \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* Boys Against Girls by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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\*Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

No More Dead Dogs by Gordon Korman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The Tale of Depereaux by Kate DiCamillio \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Measle and the Wrathmonk by Ian Ogilvy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg

V/W

\*The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Holes by Loius Sachar \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Tuck Everlasting by Natale Babbit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Hoot By Carl Hiassen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Found: Missing Book 1 by Margaret Peterson Haddix \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

\*The Fighting Ground by Avi \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Rascal by Sterling North \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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