Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

It is never too early to start thinking about summer vacation, summer activities that keep all students, regardless of their age involved in the reading process. While school is over, it is still important that all students continue to engage in improving their academic abilities, regardless of whether school is in session or not. Please review the Oak Park School District suggested summer reading list and get a “head start” on purchasing these suggested books or make plan trips to your local library to check them out.

Additionally, summer packets will be sent home, near the end of the school year, with assignments, projects, activities that will better prepare your child for the upcoming school year. Make sure you look out for them.

Children and Their Education First,

Dr. Joann Wright, Principal

OAK PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST – K to 6th

Kindergarten:

Poppelton (series), Cynthia Rylat
Frog and Toad (series), Arnold Lobel
My Garden, Kevin Henkes
Amelia Bedelia (series), Peggy Parish
Arthur Goes to Camp, Marc Brown
Diary of a Fly, Doreen Crontin and Harry Bliss
Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars, Douglas Florian
Lost and Found: 3 Dog Stories, Jim LaMarche
You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together, Mary Ann Hoberman
Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners, Laurie Keller

First Grade:

Anno’s Counting Book, Mitsumasa Anno
How Much is a Million, Steven Kellogg
Ten Black Dots, Donald Crews
Miss Rumphuis, Barbara Cooney
The King’s Commissioners, Aileen Friedman
We Read: A to Z, Donald Crews
The Z Was Zapped, Chris Van Allsburg
The Polar Express, Chris Van Allsburg
Chicka, Chicka, Boom Boom, Bill Martin
Happy Birthday Moon, Frank Asch
**Second Grade:**

Junie B. Jones Series, Barbara Park  
Flat Stanley Series, Jeff Brown  
Cam Jansen Series, David Adler  
Henry and Mudge Series, Cynthia Rylant  
A-Z Mysteries, Ron Roy  
Ready Freddy Series, Abby Klein  
Amelia Bedelia, Peggy Parrish  
Black Lagoon Adventures, Mike Thaler  
Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear, Bill Martin  
The Polar Express, Chris Van Allsburg

**Third Grade:**

Cam Jansen Series  
Junie B. Jones Series  
The Geronimo Stilton Series  
Beezus and Ramona  
Boxcar Series  
Magic Tree House Series  
Amber Brown Series  
Judy Moody Series

**Fourth Grade:**

The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Cleary  
Bud, Not Buddy, Curtis  
The Lemonade War, Davies  
The Tigers Rising, DiCamillo  
The Problems with the Puddles, Feiffer  
Stone Fox, Gardiner  
Amazing Faces, Hopkins  
Runaway Twin, Kehret  
Holes, Sacher  
Storm Runners, Smith

**Fifth Grade:**

No Talking, Andrew Clements  
Because of Winn Dixie, Kate DiCamillo  
The Fighting Ground, Avi  
Crash, Jerry Spinelli  
Frindle, Andrew Clements  
The Boys Start the War, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Matilda, Roald Dahl  
If You Lived At the Time of the American Revolution, Kay Moore
Sixth Grade:
The Giver, Lois Lowry
Phantom Tollbooth, Norton Juster
Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle
The Cay, Theodore Taylor
Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry, Mildred Taylor
The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
Gary Paulson books sequels with Hatchet
Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
Shadow Children Books, Margaret Peterson Haddox
The Call of the Wild, Jack London