



Lower School Summer Learning
Entering Third – Fifth Grades

At Wilmington Christian, we encourage our students to be lifelong learners. Even though it is summer, and we all look forward to a change of schedule, it is important for our students to continue reading.

Every student entering 3rd- 5th grade is required to read at least one book from the teacher created list of books below. Yes, they may read multiple books, and an adult can read along with them as needed or desired. There is no written assignment required, although at the start of the year, students should be prepared to summarize their book and share their opinion about it with their classmates.

Enjoy reading!

3rd Grade

Boxcar Children Series
Dead Sea Squirrels Series
Secret of the Hidden Scrolls Series
Imagination Station Series
A-Z Mysteries Series
Third Grade Detectives Series
Cam Jansen Series
Cul-De-Sac Kids Series

4th Grade

Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardnier
Beverly Cleary Books
Frindle by Andrew Clements
National Park Mystery Series
Little House Series
Stuart Little by E.B. White
Clementine Series
Mr. Popper's Penguins by Florence and Richard Atwater

5th Grade

Serpent Slayer by Champ Thorton
Wonder by R.J. Palicio
Number the Stars by Louis Lowery
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paull Curtis

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The Penderwicks by Jeanne Dirdsall

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The Snow Treasure by Marie McSwign

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The Lightning Thief by Percy Jackson

The Wingfeather Saga on the Edge of the Dark Sea of Darkness by Andrew Peterson

The Green Ember by S.D. Smith