

THE KING'S ACADEMY

Where Christ is King

Parents of JK-3rd Grade Students,

Reading is an integral part of each day. At TKA we want to encourage the love of learning through literacy by teaching our students how to be active, engaged readers. *Daily* reading is important and should include being read to. Reading aloud to your child at every age exposes your child to higher level literature and increases vocabulary. For students entering 1st grade and older, reading to oneself further supports independent reading stamina. Reading together each day will help your child be better prepared for a new school year.

To help partner and guide parents, we are including the following optional reading ideas in addition to the required reading assignment. These suggestions will help provide an advantage for your child during these foundational years as they develop a love for reading and are exposed to different genres and how to read them for understanding. Read a mix of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and nursery rhymes.

Daily: "Read to Me"

- Read aloud to your child using a book from the reading list or a chapter book to read over several days. Make sure that they are sitting shoulder to shoulder with you and are following along as you read.
- A key to comprehension is encouraging your child to visualize the story as they are read to. Some goals of a read aloud are exposure to complex text, visualizing, and exposure to vocabulary.
- Choose a question from the question list, depending on genre, and discuss together. Discuss words that are new to your child.

Daily: "Read to Self" (1st-3rd Grade)

- Your child should be reading independently for 15-20 minutes per day. Build stamina over the summer so they are ready for sustained, independent reading for a minimum of 15 minutes. Alternate between silent reading and reading aloud to someone or whisper reading to self.
- Your child may choose a question from the list or a parent may choose the question to ask, depending on the genre of the text.

Questions to ask about fiction books:

- Retell this story in your own words. What were the most important events? Tell them in order.
- What is the setting of this story (when and where did it happen) and how was that important to the story?
- Who were the most important characters in the story? Describe what they looked like (physical traits) and how they acted, felt, or thought (character traits).
- Why did the author write this story? Were they trying to just entertain you or was there a message?
- Did this story remind you of anything that has ever happened to you? If so, what was it?
- Did this story remind you of another book you have read? How was it similar and different from that book?

Nonfiction Questions:

- What was this book mostly about (main idea)? Tell 3 important facts that you learned about from this book.
- Why did the author write this book? What did he or she need to know about before they could write the book?
- How did the subtitles, photographs, illustrations, captions, maps, text boxes, and bold words (text features) help you learn more?

Questions for Poetry and Nursery Rhymes:

- Were there any new words that you did not know in the poem? Discuss the new words with a parent.
- Did the poem tell a story or send a message?
- Why did the poet write that poem?
- Did the poem have rhyming words? If so, find the rhyming words.
- Did you enjoy this poem? Why or why not?
- Make up motions to go with this poem.
- Draw your own illustration to go with this poem.



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Summer Reading Information 2020-2021

Students entering kindergarten through 6th grade are required to complete a summer reading assignment.

- Each grade level has **one required book that all students are required to read.**
- Students in Kindergarten-6th grade will **complete an in-class assignment on the required reading book.** A daily grade is taken on the in-school assignment.
- A **book form/log is due by the second day of school** (Friday, August 14, 2020) for each grade. All forms are accessible at www.tka.net.

Additional book *suggestions* are available for each grade; however, students are not limited to the suggested grade level list. Choose fiction or nonfiction books that reflect your child's interest and ability.

Please note the following:

- If you read the required book early in the summer, please review it carefully before returning to school in August.
- A book log listing all books read over the summer should be turned in no later than the second day of school (Friday, August 14, 2020). Forms are available at www.tka.net *
- www.arbookfind.com can help determine book reading levels
- All parents should check for age-appropriate content by using:
 - Plugged In www.pluggedin.com/book-reviews
 - Common Sense Media <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews>
- Check with your local library branch or bookstore for book ideas and reading incentive programs.

For full information and forms for each grade level, go to www.tka.net.



ENTERING THIRD GRADE SUGGESTED BOOK LIST

*****Required Book:** *The World According to Humphrey* by Betty G. Birney

Optional Suggested Reading:

Book Level	Title	Author
3.3	I Was a Third Grade Spy	Mary Jane Auch
3.9	Almost Home	Wendy Lawton
4.0	Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner
4.2	Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith
4.5	Muggie Maggie	Beverly Cleary
4.7	The Chocolate Touch	Patrick Skene Catling
4.9	Trumpet of the Swan	E.B. White
5.3	The Borrowers	Mary Norton
Varied Levels	Encyclopedia Brown Series	Donald Sobol
Varied Levels	Cam Jansen Mysteries	David Adler
Varied Levels	Mercy Watson Series	Kate DiCamillo
Varied Levels	American Girl Mysteries	Kathleen Ernst
Varied Levels	Boxcar Children Series	Gertrude Chandler Warner
Varied Levels	The Cul de Sac Kids	Beverly Lewis
Varied Levels	Amber Brown Series	Paula Danziger
Varied Levels	A to Z Mysteries	Ron Roy
Varied Levels	Geronimo Stilton Series	Elisabetta Dami
Varied Levels	Imagination Station Series	Paul McCusker/Marianne Hering
Varied Levels	Phoebe and her Unicorn Series	Dana Simpson
Varied Levels	Zita the Space Girl	Ben Hatke
Varied Levels	Any books by Laura Ingalls Wilder	

