



Gordon W. Mitchell School

2025 Required Summer Reading

Incoming Grades 3-6



*"Your reputation is what people say about you.
Your character is what you really are.
Character is how you treat people
who can't do anything for you in return." -Unknown*

Readers Are Leaders: Positive Character Traits

1. All students must choose a chapter book to read over the summer that features a main character who demonstrates a positive character trait: kindness, honesty, courage, perseverance, etc.
(See the list at the bottom for other positive character traits.)
2. After reading the book, complete the illustration and activity that matches your incoming grade level.
3. When you return to school, be ready to discuss how the character's traits influenced the story. We will continue to build on the theme of positive character traits throughout the 2025-2026 school year.

This assignment is due by Wednesday, September 3rd.

Students who turn this assignment in on time will receive a raffle ticket for prizes.

Finished projects will be shared in class on

Friday, September 5th.

We also encourage students to participate in the East Bridgewater Public Library's Summer Reading Program, *Level Up at Your Library*. Names will be collected and shared with the Mitchell School. **Any student who participates and turns it into the library will earn an extra raffle ticket for a prize at Mitchell School.**

[Assignment for students entering grades 3 and 4](#)

[Assignment for students entering grades 5 and 6](#)

[List of Positive Character Traits](#)

If you are looking for book title suggestions, you may find this list helpful.

| Title | Author | Approx. Gr. level |
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| Magic on the Map (Series) | Courtney Sheinmel & Bianca Turetsky | 3 |
| Cam Jansen (Series) | David A. Adler | 3 |
| Jake Maddox (Sports Series) | Jake Maddox | 3 |
| Freckle Juice | Judy Blume | 3 |
| EllRay Jakes (Series) | Sally Warner | 3 |
| Ms. Frogbottoms Field Trips (Series) | Nancy Krulik | 3 |
| Muggie Maggie | Beverly Cleary | 3 |
| National Park (Mystery Series) | Aaron Johnson | 3 |
| The One and Only Ivan | Katherine Applegate | 3 |
| The Bailey School Kids (Series) | Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton | 3 |
| A Week in the Woods | Andrew Clements | 3 |
| Ramona and Her Father | Beverly Cleary | 3 |
| Ivy & Bean (Series) | Annie Barrows | 3 |
| The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | Kate DiCamillo | 4 |
| The World According to Humphrey (series) | Betty G. Birney | 4 |
| My Otter Half | Michelle Schusterman | 4 |
| A Boy Called Bat | Elana Arnold | 4 |
| Sideways Stories from Wayside School | Louis Sachar | 4 |
| Love That Dog | Sharon Creech | 4 |
| Cam Jansen Series | | 4 |
| The Girl Who Drank the Moon | Kelly Barnhill | 4 |
| The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail | Richard Peck | 4 |
| Wish | Barbara O'Connor | 4 |
| Up the Creek | Kevin Miller | 4 |
| Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky | Kwame Mbalia | 4 |
| Wings of Fire (Series) | Tui T. Sutherland | 4 |
| National Park (Mystery Series) | Aaron Johnson | 4 |
| Flora & Ulysses | Kate DiCamillo | 5 |
| The Phantom TollBooth | Noton Juster | 5 |
| Freak The Mighty | Rodman Philbrook | 5 |
| The Lemonade War | Jacqueline Davies | 5 |

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| Rules | Cynthia Lord | 5 |
| Because of Winn Dixie | Kate DiCamillo | 5 |
| James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl | 5 |
| Restart | Gordon Korman | 5 |
| A Long Walk to Water | Linda Sue Park | 5 |
| Beverly, Right Here | Kate DiCamillo | 6 |
| Princess Academy | Shannon Hale | 6 |
| Island of the Blue Dolphin | Scott O'Dell | 6 |
| Tuck Everlasting | Natalie Babbitt | 6 |
| The Crossover | Kwame Alexander | 6 |
| The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise | Mary Eisenhart | 6 |
| When You Reach Me | Rebecca Stead | 6 |
| Stargirl | Jerry Spinelli | 6 |
| Schooled | Gordon Korman | 6 |
| Look Both Ways | Jason Reynolds | 6 |
| Ghost | Jason Reynolds | 6 |
| Harry Potter series | JK Rowling | 6 |
| Spy School series | Stuart Gibbs | 6 |