

Student Reading Expectations: How To Choose a Book?

Throughout the summer, students are expected to read 3-5 books that are **appropriate to their grade/age and reading levels**. Students will complete a book talk upon returning to school next year. Students will be expected to report on the plot, themes, a favorite quotation, and provide a reading recommendation. Specific directions will be provided by their ELA teacher next year. So how can that be determined? The answer is using their NWEA RIT score, which can be found on your child's report card.

Below is a chart showing RIT scores and how they compare to lexile levels. The lexile level of a book determines its appropriateness for the student. Students do not need to choose a book that is exactly the same lexile level as listed in the chart, but it should be within a reasonable range. A reasonable range is 50 points below to 100 points above their lexile level.

NWEA RIT Score	Lexile Level		NWEA RIT Score	Lexile Level
175	151		215	871
180	241		220	961
185	331		225	1051
190	421		230	1141
195	511		235	1231
200	601		240	1321
205	691		245	1411
210	781		250	1501

Information From: RIT and Lexile Measure -- How They Connect. NWEA.org

If you are still unsure if your book is acceptable or not, please use the recommended reading list and the lexile website listed below, which will tell you the age range and lexile level of most books students may be interested in: <https://fab.lexile.com/>

You can enter the title of any book in the upper right-hand corner and receive information regarding the age range of most students who read that book and the lexile level for each text.

We recommend selecting your books before leaving for summer vacation! That way, you can contact your teachers and double check if a book is okay, if you are still unsure about it.

****Students who do not read a book appropriate to their grade/age and reading levels will be asked to redo the assignment within one month of the original due date with a book assigned by their teacher.*

Summer Reading List

Open with

GRADE 6-8

Ali's Faire in Middle School

by Victoria Jamieson
Dial Books, 2017.
ISBN: 9780525429882

Have the lessons she has learned growing up in the Renaissance Faire prepared Imogene for her most difficult quest yet...starting middle school?

Amina's Voice

by Hena Khan
Salman Reads, 2017.
ISBN: 9781461482065

Among prejudices and change, how do you stay true to yourself and blend in to a new community simultaneously?

As Brave as You

by Jason Reynolds
Athensum Books for Young Readers, 2016.
ISBN: 9781461415903

Being sent to the country for the summer is culture shock for Gerlie and his older brother but an opportunity to get to know Grandpop and some dark family secrets.

Ashes to Ashville

by Sarah Dooley
G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2017.
ISBN: 9780399165047

Fella and her sister Zary take their deceased mother's ashes and run away to Asheville - the last place they were happy as a family - where they hope to scatter them as per her wishes.

Beyond the Bright Sea

by Lauren Weik
Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2017.
ISBN: 9781101994566

Orphaned and determined to uncover her past, Crow sets sail on a journey of self-discovery.

Blood, Bullets, and Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA

by Bridget Heos
Balzer & Bray, 2016.
ISBN: 9780062387622

A gruesome and fascinating account of the indispensable role forensic science plays in our criminal justice system.

Booked

by Kwame Alexander
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016, ISBN: 9780544570986

The thrill of a soccer tournament, the pressure of family expectations, the social minefield of crushes and bullies, and the beauty of words are all explored in this exciting, extraordinary novel in verse.

The Epic Fall

by Arturo Zamora
Viking Books for Young Readers, 2017.
ISBN: 9781101997239

A shady real estate developer threatens Arturo's Miami neighborhood and stop being so awkward around his cute neighbor Carmen? Maybe Jose Mari can help.

Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism

by Marc Aronson
and Martha Budhos
Henry Holt & Co. (JBYR), 2017.
ISBN: 9780805098358

Two young photographers set out to change the world with their photo story in the 1930s.

The First Rule of Punk

by Celia C. Perez
Viking Books for Young Readers, ISBN: 9780425290408

Masi struggles to pull together all the different threads of her life: her love of punk rock, her Mexican heritage, her dislike of cliques into an identity all her own.

Fish in a Tree

by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Puffin Books, 2017.
ISBN: 9780142426425

Ally struggles to hide her dyslexia by continually getting in trouble, until a substitute teacher discovers what she is really hiding.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon

by Kelly Barnhill
Algonquin Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9781616205676

Luna, having been turned into a witch as a young girl, discovers the magic within her while facing an evil force.

Greetings from Witness Protection!

by Jake Burt
Feiwel & Friends, 2017.
ISBN: 9781250107114

Streetwise Nick is plucked from foster care to help a family in trouble stay hidden; how far will she go to protect her newfound home?

Grounded: The Adventures of Rapunzel

by Megan Morrison
Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9780545638285

After leaving her tower for the first time, Rapunzel joins Jack Bearstalker on a perilous journey through the lands of Tyme. First in a series.

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse

by Joseph Marshall III, illustrated by Jim Yellowhawk
Amulet Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9781419707858

Jimmy McClean and his grandfather go on a road trip together in order for the boy to learn about his Lakota heritage.

The Inquisitor's Tale

by Adam Gidwitz,
illustrated by Hatem Aly
Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2016, ISBN: 9780525426165

Three travelers unite in a journey through medieval France to escape persecution and save their land.

It All Comes Down to This

by Karen English
Clarion Books, 2017.
ISBN: 9780544839671

In Los Angeles during the summer of 1965, Sophie, an upper middle class African American girl, learns some hard truths about her family, about friendship, and about racism.

Love, Ish

Algonquin Young Readers,
2017, ISBN: 9781616205706

Mischia "Ish" Love's dreams of escaping life in her small town and living on Mars one day are threatened by a sudden illness.

Listen, Slowly

by Thanhà Lai
HarperCollins, 2015.
ISBN: 9780062229182

Mai must spend her summer vacation in Vietnam with her Grandmother (Bai). While there, Mai learns more about her family, while Bai learns what happened to her husband during the war.

Lucky Broken Girl

by Ruth Behar
Nancy Paulsen, 2017.
ISBN: 9780399546440.

After a move from Cuba to New York City, an unexpected accident traps Rudy in a body cast for months, cutting her off from friends, school and fun, leading her to explore her world through art.

Me & Miranda Mullaly

by Jake Gerhardt
Viking Books for Young Readers, 2016.
ISBN: 9780451475404

Three boys all trying to get the attention of the same girl become rivals in this hilarious tale of misunderstandings.

Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki

by Kevin Crossley-Holland,
illustrated by Jeffrey Alan Love
Candlewick Studio, 2017.
ISBN: 9780763695002

"Marvel" at 20 thrilling tales of bravery, deceit, trickery and treasures in which Viking gods and magical beings struggle for power.

Piecing Me Together

by Renee Watson
Bloomsbury USA, 2017.
ISBN: 9781681191058

Set in present day, rapidly gentrifying Portland, Oregon, Jade struggles to find her voice amid conflicting pressures. Literary allusions of collage art and the

themes of making yourself out of the pieces of your life elevate this coming-of-age story.

Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip Through the Motown Sound

by Andrea David Pinkney
Roaring Brook Press, 2015.
ISBN: 9781596439733

A narrative history of the Motown record label, the business, the music, the people, and the historical, political, and cultural context of its times.

Samurai Rising

by Pamela S. Turner,
illustrated by Gareth Hinds
Charlesbridge, 2016.
ISBN: 9781560895442

An epic tale of warriors and rebellion reveals how Minamoto Yoshitsune became the greatest samurai in Japanese history.

The War that Saved My Life

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Dial Books, 2015.
ISBN: 9780603740615

Like many other city children during World War II, Ada and Jamie are being evacuated to live with strangers in the countryside, away from the bombings. They are leaving their mother and all they have ever known. How could this be possibly the best thing that could ever have happened to them?

