



# *Summer Reading Lists*

## *2023-24 School Year*

### ***Welcome to Summer Reading!***

Attached you will find grade level specific summer reading criteria as well as some general guidelines that may assist you and your child with their book selection(s).

Reading is one of the most important things your child can do each day to help him or her succeed in school. However, if your child is not reading books at their own level (i.e., the book is too difficult) then they are defeating the purpose of reading at all. Please look over the tips below on how to help your child find a "Just Right" book and how to help your child enjoy reading over the summer:

- Have your child use the "five finger test" to see if the vocabulary is just right. (Your child reads one whole page from the middle of the book and counts the number of words he or she stumbles on and doesn't know. If it is more than five it is too hard. If he or she gets them all or misses only one or two the book is just right.)
- Help your child look through the book for the size of the print and the number of pictures — these should be similar to other books your child has successfully read.
- Encourage your child to read the back cover or inside flap of the book before he or she begins reading the book to determine whether the book would be interesting — it is ok to abandon a book occasionally, but not every week!
- Check out the online [Scholastic Book Wizard](#). You can type in a title and it will tell you the level as well as suggest other titles at that same level or at a grade level higher.
- Remember that above grade level books may have inappropriate content. You will have to screen them.
- Have a summer book club. Gather some kids and have them read the same book. Gather afterwards for discussion and fun.
- If you cannot get a group together, try getting two copies of the same books and reading it with your child. That way you can have great discussions with your child.

# Happy Reading!

**Read Read Read** all of the time.

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**Read all that you can,**

**Read and grow as a reading fan**

**Read a mystery, a fable, a fantasy or two,**

**Read your morning cereal box if you have nothing to do.**

**Read a book full of jokes when you are feeling sad,**

**Read a book with a happy ending if you feel a little mad.**

**Read about the animals, dinosaurs and outer space,**

**Read to discover how things work all over the place.**

**Read about heroes, saints, inventors or plants,**

**Read to learn about snakes, insects and ants.**

**Read to your mother, sister, brother or dad.**

**Read to your pets if they look a little sad.**

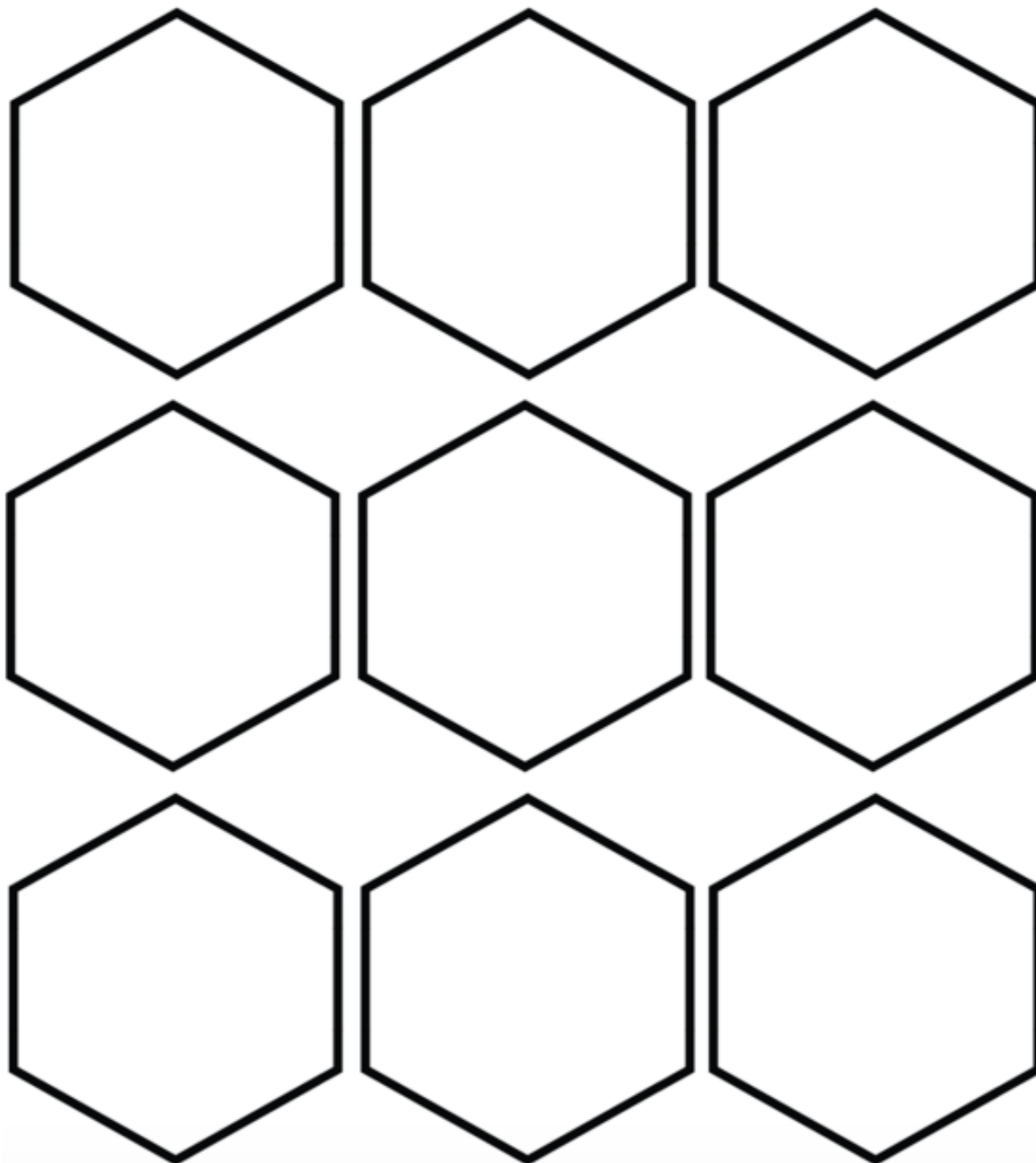
**Read a poem or a mother goose rhyme.**



# Grade 8 Summer Reading List

Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> grade! Well, almost. For summer reading, please read a collection of short stories titled, "The Chronicles of Harris Burdick – 14 Amazing Authors Tell the Tales" By Chris Van Allsburg. Some stories will be confusing, and some will be boring. Other stories will be interesting, funny, and lighthearted. All the stories will take you to unique worlds, so allow your minds to imagine. You can find the book at your local library or Amazon (you can use this link)- <https://a.co/d/5tXJqTJ>. Please make sure to bring a copy of the book with you on the first day of school. After reading a story, please write the title of the story in the center of a hexagon and write 3 key ideas/symbols/character traits related to the story. As you read the stories, make note of the pictures. There are 14 pictures that accompany the stories. Please pick 5 pictures and write your thoughts on the picture. *What do notice/like about the picture. How does the picture grab your interest? What about the picture 'speaks' to you.* Have fun and be creative.

**Title:** *The Seven Chairs*  
**3 Key Ideas/Symbols:**  
*(character traits, symbols, repeated words)*



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