



# Summer Reading Challenge



For Rising 1st – 5th Graders

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

### The Challenge

- Complete 20 reading stops this summer.
- One stop = 20 minutes, 1 picture book, or 1 chapter.
- Read independently, with a grown-up, or as a family read-aloud.

### How to Use the Trail

- Color in the circle after each reading stop.
- Bring the completed trail back to an AJ Tutoring office or submit it via the above QR code by [August 31st, 2026](#), to enter the prize drawing!

Trail of Stops	Date	What Did You Read? (Book, Chapter, Article, etc.)	Favorite Moment, New Word, or Big Idea
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When I finish my trail, I want to celebrate by: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (required for entry in prize drawing): \_\_\_\_\_



# Reading Recommendations



## Book Menu: Aim for Variety!

### Fiction

Read a short story, novel, book series, or graphic novel. Choose from genres like mystery, fantasy, realistic fiction, or comedy.

### Nonfiction

Learn about animals, science, real-life people through biographies, history, sports, technology, cooking, and art. Explore DIY and how-to books.

### Shared Reading

Organize a family read-aloud. Try poetry, magazine articles, or news articles for kids. Play an audiobook or reread an old favorite.

## Optional Reading Missions

- Read outside or in a new spot.
- Read a book by an author you have not tried before.
- Read a book that has a movie adaptation and watch the movie too.
- Read something fictional.
- Read something nonfictional.
- Read a book that makes you laugh.
- Recommend a book to a friend or family member.
- Reread a favorite book and notice something new.

## Optional Reading Reflections

- Who changed the most in this story?
- What was the biggest problem or question?
- What is one new word or fact you learned?
- What would you ask the author?
- What should someone read next if they liked this book?
- Draw a picture of something that happened in the story.

## Tip for Parents & Guardians

Building a habit of brief but consistent reading can lead to big progress. Keep it light, joyful, and steady!

## Grade-Level Guidance

Choose the row that matches your grade level in the fall. Adjust up or down as needed.

Grade Range	Weekly Reading Target	Skills to Build	Writing Ideas
Rising 1st-2nd	Read 4 days per week. Aim for 15-20 minutes, or 1-2 picture books with an adult.	Practice smooth reading, retelling beginning/middle/end, and noticing tricky words.	Draw your favorite part and tell someone why you chose that part.
Rising 3rd-4th	Read 4 days per week for 20 minutes. Mix chapter books, nonfiction, and read-alouds.	Practice stamina, summarizing chapters, and using text evidence: "I know because..."	Write 3-5 sentences: What happened, what surprised you, and what you predict will happen next.
Rising 5th	Read 4-5 days per week for 25-30 minutes. Choose at least one longer book this summer.	Practice tracking character change, theme, unfamiliar vocabulary, and author choices.	Write a short paragraph: What is the book really teaching or showing us?