

# Alhuda Academy Summer Reading



## For Students Entering the Third Grade

Assalamu Alaikum from Alhuda Academy. This is our Summer Reading Program. We have used the Worcester Public School system as a guide to create this program for students at Alhuda Academy.

Our intent is to nurture both the habits of good reading and the love of reading for the sake of reading. **Summer reading is required** of our students. The choice of what to read is up to parents and students. Please check to see if the book is Islamically appropriate. Ask a librarian for help in locating the books.

### Summer Reading is a requirement:

- Choose to read any **three** books
- Complete an activity for each of the five books
- Counts for 10% of first quarter Language Arts grade

When choosing a book, consider these excellent authors. If you need help, ask your teacher, your librarians, your parents, or your friends.

### Suggested Islamic Books and Authors

**The Junior Encyclopedia of Islam** by Saniasnain Khan

**Devotion Among Animals** by Harun Yahya

**The Book of Ibns-The Amazing Sons of Islam** by Luqman Nagy

**Cheng Ho: Admiral of the East** by Julia Marshall

**IQ-Islamic Quiz Book 1, 2, and 3** by Jamal UnNisa

**My Name is Bilal** by Asma Mobin-Uddin

**Parent's Love** by Ishrat J. Rummy

**The Muslim Way of Speaking** by Harun Yahya

## Summer Reading List

Author	Title	Overview
Chris Grabenstein	<u>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</u> <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	Adventure, mystery, and humor Twelve kids are invited for a sleepover in their town's brand new library built by Mr. Lemoncello, who is like the Willy Wonka of books.
George Selden	<u>The Cricket in Times Square</u> <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	Newbery award-winning book. Tucker, a New York City mouse, and his best friend Harry the cat welcome Chester Cricket to the big city from his home in the meadows of Connecticut. They befriend a young boy, Mario, and head out on a series of adventures.
William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer	<u>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</u> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Memoir)</i>	William Kamkwamba reflects on how he saved his Malawian village as a boy by building a windmill and bringing electricity to the community. This story will not only help them realize how important electricity is for our society, but it will also inspire them to think outside the box during their daily lives.
Jon Scieszka	<u>Math Curse</u> <i>Genre: Non-fiction</i>	This vivid and humorous story will help readers clearly see the shape math takes in their daily lives.
Katherine Applegate	<u>Wishtree</u> <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	A warm-hearted story of kindness and connection to others narrated by a wise old oak tree named Red. The tree, after all these years, decides to intervene to help a lonely girl named Samar, a Muslim girl.
Brad Meltzer	<u>I Am Jane Goodall (Ordinary People Change the World)</u> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (picture book biography)</i>	A biography that is fun to read. More importantly, it will teach readers to think about the impact of their actions on the world and the importance of passion.
Betty G. Birney	<u>Imagination According to Humphrey</u> <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	In Mrs. Brisbane's class, Humphrey's imagination is running wild. His friends are writing about where they would go if they could fly, but Humphrey is happy right where he is in Room 26. It's easy for Humphrey to picture exciting adventures with Mrs. Brisbane's read-alouds.

<b>Mary Pope Osborne</b>	<b><u>Magic Tree House Book Series</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	Jack and his younger sister, Annie, are just regular kids. But when they discover a treehouse in the woods, something magical happens. Jack and Annie's every visit to the magic tree house leads to adventure!
<b>Shel Silverstein</b>	<b><u>Where the Sidewalk Ends</u></b>  <i>Genre: Non-fiction (poetry)</i>	A poetry collection that is funny and deeply profound. You'll meet a boy who turns into a TV set, and a girl who eats a whale. It is a place where you wash your shadow and plant diamond gardens, a place where shoes fly, and crocodiles go to the dentist.
<b>Kate DiCamillo</b>	<b><u>The Tale of Despereaux</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	The story of Despereaux, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them into each other's lives.
<b>Kate DiCamillo</b>	<b><u>Charlotte's web</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	Charlotte's spider web tells of her feelings for a little pig named Wilbur, who simply wants a friend. They also express the love of a girl named Fern, who saved Wilbur's life when he was born the runt of his litter.
<b>Norton Juster</b>	<b><u>The Phantom Tollbooth</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	Experience the wonder of The Phantom Tollbooth. Milo's mysterious journey to the Island of Conclusions and his burgeoning friendship with Tock the ticking watchdog will reinvigorate imaginations.
<b>Lin Oliver</b>	<b><u>Fantastic Frame Series</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	This series is so much fun because it mixes art history with heart-pounding adventure. Ten-year-old Tiger Brooks and his neighbor Luna must literally dive into famous paintings to search for a missing person. The two must get out quickly or risk being trapped in the paintings forever.
<b>Ruth Stiles Gannett</b>	<b><u>My Father's Dragon</u></b>  <i>Genre: Fiction</i>	When Elmer Elevator tells a stray cat about his dream of being able to fly, he learns of a captive dragon on Wild Island. The dragon has been forced by the jungle residents to serve as their shuttle across a wide river — and anyone who rescues the dragon from its cruel captors might be entitled to a free ride.

<p><b>Naidoo, Beverley.</b> <b>(Author). Grobler, Piet.</b> <b>(Added Author).</b></p>	<p><b><u>Aesop's fables</u></b> <i>Genre: Fiction (Short Stories)</i></p>	<p>Aesop's wise, witty and timeless fables, portrayed for the first time in an African setting. This is an exciting new interpretation of one of the world's great classics.</p>
<p><b>Minh Lê &amp; Dan Santat</b></p>	<p><b><u>Minh Lê and Dan Santat</u></b> <b><u>(Drawn Together)</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Picture book)</i></p>	<p>A young boy and his grandfather speak different languages which leads to confusion, frustration, and silence. But as they sit down to draw together, something magical happens-with a shared love of art and storytelling, the two form a bond that goes beyond words.</p>
<p><b>JIM GIGLIOTTI and WHO</b> <b>HQ</b></p>	<p><b><u>Who is George Washington</u></b> <b><u>Carver?</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Biography)</i></p>	<p>A young boy from Missouri who was born into slavery. A famous scientist who studied plants. An inventor who developed hundreds of household products and recipes using peanuts.</p>
<p><b>Deanna F. Cook</b></p>	<p><b><u>Cooking Class: 57 Fun Recipes</u></b> <b><u>Kids Will Love to Make (and</u></b> <b><u>Eat!)</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Food &amp; Cooking)</i></p>	<p>This cook book presents more than 50 recipes designed for the cooking abilities and tastes of children ages 6 to 12. Basic cooking techniques are explained in kid-friendly language, and recipes include favorites. Brings inspiration and confidence to the chefs of the future.</p>
<p><b>Barbara Soloff-Levy</b></p>	<p><b><u>How to Draw People (Dover</u></b> <b><u>How to Draw)</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-Fiction (Art)</i></p>	<p>By joining circles, ovals, rectangles, cylinders, and other common shapes, even the budding artist can easily create 30 different characters and more. Simple directions, step-by-step illustrations. It's a fun-filled way to teach art to young children or a beginner that enjoys drawing.</p>
<p><b>Gabrielle Balkan</b></p>	<p><b><u>The 50 States: Explore the</u></b> <b><u>U.S.A. with 50 fact-filled maps!</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Geography, History &amp; other Facts)</i></p>	<p>A notable Social Studies Book for Young People. In 51 charmingly illustrated infographic maps, explore every state of the USA from Alabama to Wyoming and the nation's capital to discover more than 2,000 facts that celebrate the people, cities, nature, and historic events that have helped make America what it is today.</p>
<p><b>National Geographic Kids</b></p>	<p><b><u>5,000 Awesome Facts (About</u></b> <b><u>Everything!) 3 (National</u></b> <b><u>Geographic Kids)</u></b> <i>Genre: Non-fiction (Funny Weird Facts)</i></p>	<p>A book full of wacky stats, tidbits, and trivia about the many ways animals can be incredibly WEIRD! Packed with 300 facts and photos to encourage curiosity and keep kids entertained, amazed, and laughing for hours!</p>

## **Summer Reading Activities**

For each of the books you read this summer, choose a different assignment from the choices listed below.

### **The End of the Story**

Change the end of the story. Changing the ending of a story to something unpredictable requires some thinking.

### **Make your own Story**

Choose 10-15 words, the most interesting words / the most important words in your opinion. Then write a new text using the words. This text could be a story, poem or news report.

### **A Lifetime Story in Pictures**

Draw the main character from a book you have recently read. Show them as a baby, middle aged and as an older person. Underneath each picture write what you think they might be doing at that point of their life, and explain why they may be doing so. For example if you drew Harry Potter as a baby, he might be casting spells on his mum to feed him lots of yummy food.

### **Mapping it all Out**

Have a go at drawing a map of one of the places from the text you have just read. See how much detail you can include and be sure to discuss your map with another reader so you can compare and add more if necessary.

### **It's in the Instructions:**

From a book you have just read, select either an important object or creature and create a user manual or a guide explaining how to care for it. Ensure you use any important information learnt from the book as well as any other information you consider to be important. If you are writing a user guide for an animal or creature, focus on keeping it alive and healthy as well as information that explains how to keep it happy and under control if necessary.

### **Retell the Story**

Write a paragraph telling about the book you read. Include the title, author, main characters, setting, problem and solution.

### **Be a star**

Using a video camera or webcam, create a script for your favorite part of the book and then, using a video camera or webcam, record yourself and/or others, acting out your favorite part. Be sure you are dressed as your character and try to make the setting similar to the book. At the end, summarize the book and tell why the scene you acted out is your favorite. You may do this with the camera or you may write it on paper.

### **What's Your Fact?**

If it's a book about facts, choose the 3 most interesting facts to write about. Tell what makes them most interesting to you. Alongside, draw a funny picture of that weird/funny fact.

### **Be the Chef**

If it's a cookbook, you can write a paragraph about your favourite food in that book and why. Or you can choose a recipe to prepare with your parent(s), film it or write about the experience (what and why you chose that recipe, with who you made it, how it tasted and how you felt afterwards).

### **Show Me the Artist**

Use the skills and knowledge you learned in that book to make a unique project. If it's an art book, you can draw a lively sketch, then write your paragraph of what/why and how you drew and how the book helped you to learn so.

- Always remember to mention the book title and author, at the beginning of your paragraph/text/assignment.

**Parents can help!**

It is very important to help your child understand summer reading can be both fun and beneficial. Children who have a habit of reading not only learn to be better readers but they also perform better in school and receive higher grades. Summer reading keeps your child's brain working over the summer. With the right attitude, it can be enjoyable and relaxing.

**Tips to help your child enjoy reading:****Set the PACE!**

Lead by example. Let your child see YOU reading each day.

**Find a PLACE!**

Provide a space in your home with lots of different reading materials like books, newspapers, magazines, travel brochures, a dictionary, and/or a thesaurus.

**Don't make it HARD!**

Find time to read. Share a book with your children. Keep one with you in the car or your purse so that you can read and discuss while you are "out and about".

**Get a Library Card!**

The library is full of FREE reading opportunities and offers a quiet, air conditioned place to share a book!