

# HKA Summer Reading Fun 2019

Dear HKA Primary School Students and Parents,

Will you join me once again on a special reading adventure this summer? Just as in past years, I have put together some fun activities to keep you reading throughout the long upcoming break. This year, I invite you to follow me on my travels as I will visit three different continents. You will have to figure out where I am currently reading through the provided clues, post your answer on the library blog and have the chance to win a prize at the start of the next school year. While there will be lots of ideas and suggestions for books and activities, as always there are no rules or requirements. Read as many or as little of the books, do some or all of the activities, read and do whatever catches your interest and in whatever way it suits your family's plans this summer.

When looking at the title suggestions and selecting your books, please keep in mind that they represent a wide range of interest and text levels, from picture books to chapter books and middle grade novels. Remember that stories can be enjoyed in many ways, through independent reading, read-alouds, as an audiobook and more.

For those of you with Internet access during the break, there are lots of additional online resources available through our Summer Reading Padlet on the [Primary Hub Page](http://primary.hkacademy.edu.hk) (<http://primary.hkacademy.edu.hk>)

Thank you for another wonderful year in our library! Your passion and enthusiasm for reading, writing and inquiring, your love of good stories and your beautiful smiles make our library such a very special place.

With much gratitude and best wishes for a wonderful summer break,

Warmly, Tanja

Week 1: June 20-30, 2019

## Get Ready for Summer and Pack Your (Reading) Bags!

This first part of our summer reading fun goes over ten days, beginning as soon as school is out and running throughout the following week. I know it is the time that many of you will be traveling or getting ready to travel. So, time to make summer plans and pack our reading bags!

Here are some of the things you might like to do to prepare for the long break and pack in your (reading) bag/hand luggage. Can you think of anything else that might be handy on a reading journey?

### 1. Summer Reader's Notebook/Scrapbook

Remember the collection of journals I brought into school during the last week? I hope it inspired you to get a journal yourself this summer. You could keep one all by yourself, or you could make one as a family, to which everyone contributes. Check the library blog (*Summer Journeys & Journals*) to have another look at what my journal looks like and get additional ideas for your own. You might get started by adding some lists of what you hope to do, hope to read this summer.

### 2. Stationary Supplies

It is great having some special stationary ready to go to work on your journal. You could prepare a small bag with special markers, pens, glue stick and scissors. As you know, I like using different colors for different topics in my journals - a trick I learned from author Lenore Look; for example, all my quotes are in purple, all my book responses in blue and so on. It makes it easy for me to find specific things when I am looking later on.

### 3. Reading Wish List

I love preparing for holiday reading: exploring online resources, book shops and filling my Kindle, phone and hand luggage with books. What a wonderful reason to go book shopping! You could explore the reading suggestions I put together (all

available through our Summer Reading Padlet on the [Primary Hub Page](#). Then create a list of titles you might enjoy reading during the break.

Ok, all ready packed now? Then it's time to get excited about the upcoming summer and journeys with some wonderful books about summer. Here are a few suggestions:

**Picture Books:**

*And Then Comes Summer* (Tom Brenner)  
*A Lullaby of Summer Things* (Natalie Ziarnik)  
*The Golden Glow* (Benjamin Flouw)  
*Perfect* (Danny Parker)  
*The Sand Castle That Lola Built* (Megan Maynor)

**Chapter Books and Novels for the Middle Grades:**

*Half Magic* (Edward Eager)  
*Secrets of the Cicada Summer* (Andrea Beaty)  
*Letters from Camp* (Kate Klise)  
*The Penderwicks* (Jeanne Birdsall)  
*Tortilla Sun* (Jennifer Cervantes)

Week 2: July 1-July 7

## Summer Destination: Africa

My first stop this summer is the African Continent. Did you know that the African continent is the second largest and second most populous continent, covering a total area of close to 12 million square miles and having an estimated population of over a billion? There are 54 countries in total and from the reading list below you will have to figure out, where I am currently reading:

### Picture Books:

Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock (Eric Kimmel)  
Grandma's List (Portia Dery)  
The Spider Weaver (Margaret Musgrove)  
Pretty Selma: A Little Red Riding Hood Story From Africa (Niki Daly)  
Emanuel's Dream (Laurie Ann Thompson)

### Chapter Books and Novels for the Middle Grades:

Figgy in the World (Tamsin Janu)  
Bamboo Girl (Anthony Kwamla Johnson)  
The House That Kojo Built (Ngozi Ieyinwas Razak-Soyebi)

Were you able to figure out where I am? Here is what you can do next:

- Post your answer in the comment section to the blog post for this week.
- Have a look at a map of Africa and find the country on the map.
- Search for some information about this country with the help of the resources on our Primary Hub page and write down some interesting facts about this country. You can of course also do the same for the country you are visiting right now.

Week 3: July 8 - July 14, 2019

## Read, Read, Read

I am still on the African continent, enjoying some quiet time with lots and lots of reading. No matter where in the world you are right now, I hope you too are making the most of the summer and the extra time it allows for reading. If you are still looking for some additional ideas on how to make your summer reading extra special this year, here are a few suggestions:

**Daily D.E.A.R. time** - Drop Everything And Read - set a time every day for the whole family to come together to read. This could be at any time during the day and can be as short as 15min.

**Weekly family book club** - Choose a book (picture book or chapter book) you might all enjoy. Read it, then chat about it: What did you enjoy about it? What are you wondering about? How does it connect to your life, to other books you have read, to the world around you? Have some special treats ready to enjoy during your book club meeting.

**Trips to the library and/or bookstore** - Explore and choose some books that you want to read this summer, share recommendations with each other.

Here are some reading suggestions of books about reading, books and libraries:

### Picture Books:

*How to Read a Book* (Kwame Alexander)

*The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* (William Joyce)

*A Child of Books* (Oliver Jeffers)

*The Book of Gold* (Bob Staake)

*Bunny's Book Club* (Annie Silvestro)

### Chapter Books and Novels for the Middle Grades:

*Ban This Book* (Alan Gratz)

*The Year of the Book* (Andrea Cheng)

*Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading* (Tommy Greenwald)

*Ink Heart* (Cornelia Funke)

### Nonfiction Books:

*Plating Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré* (Anika A. Denise)

*My Librarian is a Camel* (Margriet Ruurs)

Week 4: July 15 - July 21, 2019

## Summer Destination: Europe

My next stop takes me to Europe, and once again, you have the challenge to figure out the respective country, actually two countries this time, I am visiting. Europe is the second smallest continent, yet there are 50 countries in total. Can you tell from the list below in which two countries I will be reading?

### Picture Books

*The Princess Knight* (Cornelia Funke)

*Friends* (Helme Heine)

*Max and Moritz* (Wilhelm Busch)

*Hansel & Gretel* (retold by Rika Lesser) or any other Grimm fairy tale

*The Fantastic Adventures of Baron Munchausen* (Heinz Janisch)

*Strega Nonna* (Tomie De Paola)

*Noodle Man: The Pasta Superhero* (April Pulley Sayre)

*The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)* (Philemon Sturges)

*Gabriella's Song* (Candace Fleming)

*Pippo the Fool* (Tracey E. Fern)

### Chapter Books

*The Little Witch* (Otfried Preussler)

*The Wild Chicks* (Cornelia Funke)

*The Parent Trap* (Erich Kästner)

*Neverending Story* (Michael Ende)

*A Night Divided* (Jennifer A. Nielsen)

*Naples! (Recipe for Adventure)* (Giada De Laurentiis)

*The Thief Lord* (Cornelia Funke)

*Heartsong* (Kevin Crossley-Holland)

*Pinocchio* (Michael Morpurgo)

*Lost in Rome* (Cindy Callaghan)

If you have the answer, write a comment to the respective library blog post.

And how about trying to find one or more of the books listed in a public library near you this week (if there is one)?

Or, you could compile a list of children's books set in the country you are currently visiting - and then read them, of course 😊

Week 5: July 22 - July 28, 2019

## Journeys

Here in Europe, I am always traveling a lot - by car and by train - which made me think about journeys in general as the theme for this week. Journeys are wonderful opportunities to see and experience new people and places. What have your travels looked like so far this summer? I bet that many of you - just like me - have already gone on some fantastic journeys, also through the books we have been reading. In addition to exploring and reading books about journeys this week, you might like to do some of the following:

Write down all the places you have already been to this summer, including the ones you have visited in books.

Make a list of places that you would love to visit.

Buy a postcard of where you currently are and send it to a family member or friend, telling them how you are doing. Or, wouldn't it be fun if we would all send a postcard of where we are and what we are currently reading to the PS Library? We could display all the postcards and books mentioned at the start of the new school year. (Address: HKA 33 Wai Man Road, Sai Kung, NT, Hong Kong)

Here are some books that deal with journeys and traveling that you might enjoy reading this week:

### **Picture Books:**

*Journey* (Aaron Becker)

*The Adventures of Beekle* (Dan Santat)

*The Raft* (Jim Lamarche)

*The Uncorker of Ocean Bottles* (Michelle Cuevas)

*Migration: Incredible Animal Journeys* (Mike Unwin & Jenni Desmond)

### **Chapter Books and Books for the Middle Grades:**

*The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* (Dan Gemeinhart)

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (Grace Lin)

*Around the World* (Matt Phelan)

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (Kate DiCamillo)

*The Wanderer* (Sharon Creech)

Week 6: July 29 - August 4, 2019

## Summer Destination: Asia

This week, I have reached the last of the three continents I am visiting this summer: Asia. Did you know that Asia is the largest of the seven continents, even though the total number of countries with 48 is slightly lower than the ones in Europe and Africa? Once again, I challenge you to figure out which places I am visiting. This is a pretty easy one though; I bet you have no trouble at all figuring it out (especially since I can often be found there ;)

Here is the book list that gives you clues - and provides reading suggestions at the same time:

### Picture Books:

*The Incredible Basket* (Quek Hong Shin)

*Going Green at the Garden by the Bay* (David Seow)

*The Mango Tree* (Hidayah Amin)

*The Wishing Tree* (Roseanne Thong)

*Chopsticks* (Jon Berkeley)

*Three Years and Eight Months* (Icy Smith)

### Chapter Books and Novels for the Middle Grades:

*Sherlock Sam mysteries* (A.J. Low)

*The House on Palmer Road* (Si-Hoe S.S. & Sim E.B. Waun)

*Sherlock Hong: The Immortal Nightingale* (Don Bosco)

*Tofu Quilt* (Ching Yeung Russell)

*Music on the Bamboo Radio* (Martin Booth)

*The Secret of the Golden Dragon* (Anjali Mittal)

If you are looking for ideas of what else to do this week, I suggest arts and crafts, especially Asian inspired arts and crafts like origami (the Japanese art of folding paper) or Chinese calligraphy. If you are somewhere in Asia right now, you could try to get a real ink stone and brushes to work with. Otherwise, most stationary shops sell special pens for calligraphy nowadays.

Week 7: August 5 - August 11, 2019

## Welcome (Back)!

It's hard to believe that our long summer break is already nearing its end - well, it is already at the end for us teachers who will be returning to school this Tuesday to get everything ready for all of our students' return next week. Hasn't time just flown by? How about spending some time this week thinking back over the past couple of weeks and then record (write, draw or sketch)

Your Top 3 Moments This Summer

Your Top 3 Places Visited This Summer

Your Top 3 Foods Eaten This Summer

Your Top 3 Books Read This Summer

And then enjoy some more reading and fun time. Here are a few reading suggestions, which will also help you to start thinking about the beginning of the new school year:

### **Picture Books:**

*The Day You Begin* (Jacqueline Woodson)

*How to Get Your Teacher Ready* (Jean Reagan)

*All Are Welcome* (Alexandra Penfold)

*Dear Teacher* (Amy Husband)

*The Exceptionally, Extraordinary Ordinary First Day of School* (Albert Lorenz)

### **Chapter Books and Novels for the Middle Grades:**

*The New Kid (The Carver Chronicles)* (Karen English)

*Justin Case: School, Drool and Other Daily Disasters* (Rachel Vail)

*New Kid in School (Ellie McDoodle)* (Ruth McNally Barshaw)

*Wonder* (R.J. Palacio)

*Fish in a Tree* (Lynda Mullaly Hunt)

I am very much looking forward to seeing you this week!