#LVReads is a summer reading program for all students from preschool through high school. The program's main goal is to create confident and capable readers who find JOY in reading. #LVReads has no reports. No tests. No vocabulary lists. Just read!

### The Research

#### JUST 10-15 BOOKS!
Elementary students who read only 10-15 books at home over the summer gain as much in reading achievement as students who attend summer school.

#### SUMMER SLIDE
Students who do not read over Summer Break lose 2-3 months of reading achievement.

#### HEALTHY AND HAPPY
Students who read books report feeling healthier and happier!

#### SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
Reading promotes relaxation and sleep, helps with depression and increases social connections.

#LVReads is a summer reading program that promotes autonomy, independence, mindfulness, thoughtfulness, and empathy in alignment with our Student 360 initiative. Parents are encouraged to join in and model reading through participation in our Parent 360 Summer Series.

Sources: eric.ed.gov, scholar.harvard.edu, journals.sagepub.com, geeediting.com
Beginning Readers

This category, which includes picture books, is for children who are non-readers or just beginning to read.

There's a Dinosaur on the 13th Floor by Wade Bradford
An exhausted hotel guest travels from floor to floor in search of a restful place to sleep, in a whimsical tale that finds him navigating noises, crowds and other disruptive obstacles.

Around the World in a Bathtub: Bathing All Over the Globe by Wade Bradford
A look at bathtime around the world and explores the many ways in which people bathe.

How Do I Love Thee? by Jennifer Adams
A lavish reimagining of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's famous sonnet that depicts three children sharing the love and joy of friendship while exploring the wonders of nature.

The Girl with a Mind for Math by Julia Finley Mosca
Recounts the true story of Raye Montague, a gifted female African American mathematician and engineer whose perseverance in the face of sexism and racism during the 1940s-'70s earned her praise.

A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes
Five joyful elephants on a mission march up and over, over and under, and through and around from dawn to dusk before arriving at a surprise destination.

The Wall in the Middle of the Book by Jon Agee
A silly knight, standing firmly on one side of a wall, believes his side to be the safe one and fails to notice crocodiles and a growing sea of water before he is rescued by someone from the other side.

Don't Touch my Hair! by Sharee Miller
A plucky youngster gets fed up and imparts a lesson about the importance of asking permission when everyone she meets wants to touch her hair.

Duck, Duck, Dinosaur Noise at Night (Series) by Kallie George
Feeling big and brave on their first night alone in their nest, duck-and-dino siblings Feather, Flap and Spike are repeatedly awakened by a frightening growl that scares them into hiding.

Tough Guys (Have Feelings Too) by Keith Negley
A series of tough wrestlers, ninjas, superheroes, and bikers let their sensitive sides show, in a book that ensures readers that it is okay to let feelings show.

My Heart by Corinna Luyken
An ode to self-love that explores how the heart can be protectively closed or wide open to love.

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Transitional Readers
This category is for students who are moving from primary books to early chapter books.

The Day you Begin
by Jacqueline Woodson
Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself but later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider.

Tiger vs. Nightmare
by Emily Tetri
Tiger is best friends with Monster who lives under her bed and scares nightmares away so Tiger has only good dreams, but waiting in the darkness is a nightmare so big and mean that Tiger and Monster will need to work together to chase it away.

Interrupting Chicken
by David Ezra Stein
A tale inspired by a favorite joke follows the antics of a young chicken, whose discomfiting habit of interrupting bedtime stories is corrected in an unexpected way.

Giraffe problems
by Jory John
An embarrassed giraffe tries to cover up the long neck he thinks is absurdly different from those of other animals before a turtle in a bow tie helps him realize how purposeful, and stylish, his long neck can be.

A Home in the Barn
by Margaret Wise Brown
Animals seek shelter in a big, warm barn during a cold, snowy night.

Lyric McKerrigan, Secret Librarian
by Jacob Sager Weinstein
A super-secret operative saves the world from a diabolical threat through her ability to brandish just the right book at just the right time.

The Adventures of Sophie Mouse: A New Friend (Series)
by Poppy Green
Sophie Mouse makes a new friend, goes on a quest for some special emerald berries, and visits Forget-Me-Not Lake with her friends.

Mary Wears What She Wants
by Keith Negley
Inspired by the true examples of trailblazing 19th-century doctor and Medal of Honor recipient Mary Edwards Walker who was arrested for daring to wear pants.

Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales
An illustrated picture book autobiography in which award-winning author Yuyi Morales tells her own immigration story.

Chicken Talk
by Patricia MacLachlan
The story of a clever flock of chickens who trigger chaos by scratching messages around the farm for their human caretakers.
Developing Readers
These selections are for growing readers who are building reading stamina.

**Nightlights**
by Lorena Alvarez
When a mysterious girl appears at school and learns of Sandy’s drawings, that she creates from the tiny stars that appear in her room at night, Morfie’s fascination soon turns into something sinister.

**Pashmina**
by Nidhi Chanani
When Priyanka finds a mysterious pashmina in her house, she is transported to an India which may or may not be real, and goes in search of the reason why her mother left her homeland and the father she has never met.

**Knights vs. Dinosaurs**
by Matt Phelan
With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table don’t have much to do, prompting Merlin to send them on an adventure to a world filled with the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs.

**The House with Chicken Legs**
by Sophie Anderson
Twelve-year-old Marinka lives in a house on chicken legs and is being trained to be a Yaga, a guardian who guides the dead into the afterlife, but when she breaks the rules to try and make a new friend, the consequences are devastating.

**Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny (Series)**
by John Himmelman
Although she can throw farther, kick higher, and hit harder than anyone else at school, Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts another creature, unless she has to.

**A Boy Called Bat**
by Elana K Arnold
When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bixby, a boy on the autism spectrum, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

**Lulu and the Duck in the Park (Series)**
by Hilary McKay
Lulu, who loves animals, brings an abandoned duck egg to school, even though her teacher has banned Lulu from bringing animals to school ever again.

**Big Whopper (Series)**
by Patricia Reilly Giff
Loving the activities at the Zigzag Afternoon Center’s after-school program, Destiny Washington racks her brain to think of something amazing to contribute to Discovery Week and tells a lie.

**On the Dog (Series)**
by J. C. Greenburg
When ten-year-old Andrew invents a shrinking machine, he does not expect to be sucked into the machine along with his cousin Judy, only to end up in a dog’s nose.

**Lola Levine Meets Jelly and Bean (Series)**
by Monica Brown
Devastated when they have to find a different home for their new cat because of Ben’s allergies, Lola manages to find a wonderful home for the cat while unexpectedly finding her own happy furry ending.

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Independent Readers

These selections are for stronger readers who can easily tackle a 150+ page book and successfully digest the content.

**It Wasn’t Me**
by Dana Alison Levy
A middle-grade Breakfast Club tale finds six very different students transcending stereotypes to work together during a mandated detention when they are wrongly blamed for a vandalism incident.

**The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle**
by Leslie Connor
As he grieves his best friend Benny’s death, Mason and his friend Calvin, who are targeted by the neighborhood bullies, create an underground haven.

**Limitless: 24 Remarkable American Women of Vision, Grit, and Guts**
by Leah Tinari
A collection of portraits introducing the achievements and impact of 24 extraordinary women, including Louisa May Alcott, Ellen DeGeneres, and Sojourner Truth.

**The Parker Inheritance**
by Varian Johnson
Spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, Candice discovers the letter that sent her grandmother on a treasure hunt, and with her new friend Brandon, sets off to expose the injustice once committed against a local African American family.

**Harbor Me**
by Jacqueline Woodson
When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they’re together, it’s safe to share the hopes and fears they have.

**Lifeboat 12: Based on a True Story**
by Susan Hood
In 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed.

**Rebound**
by Kwame Alexander
In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family’s past.

**Tight**
by Torrey Maldonado
After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.

**The Bridge Home**
by Padma Venkatraman
Facing daunting prospects on the streets of Chennai, two runaway sisters find shelter and friendship on an abandoned bridge with two homeless boys before an illness forces them to choose between survival and freedom.

**The Un-teachables**
by Gordon Korman
A notorious class of misfits and underachievers embark on a year of unexpected changes with a burned-out teacher who has been shattered by a cheating scandal.

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Young Adults

This category of books is for experienced high school readers who possess the maturity to tackle young adult and politically sensitive issues. Parents are encouraged to review these titles. Consideration should be given to difficulty, subject matter and content.

Shout
by Laurie Halse Anderson
A poetic memoir and urgent call-to-action that blends free-verse reflections with deeply personal stories to rally today’s young people to stand up and fight the abuses, censorship and hatred.

Sky Without Stars
by Jessica Brody
A futuristic reimagining of Les Misérables tells the story of three teens from very different backgrounds who are thrown together by the looming threat of revolution on a French planet colony.

The Art of Losing
by Lizzy Mason
Harley is overwhelmed by guilt when her sister is rendered comatose by a drunk-driving accident and learns challenging but ultimately redemptive lessons in forgiveness and healing.

The Cold is in her Bones
by Peternelle Van Arsdale
When Milla, sixteen, who has lived a sheltered life on a farm near a cursed village, finally makes a friend, she learns of her connection to the curse’s originator.

I Will Always Write Back
by Caitlin Alifirenka
Traces the friendship between an American girl and her pen pal from an impoverished region of Zimbabwe.

An Invisible Thread: Adapted for Young Readers
by Laura Schroff
Eleven-year-old Maurice must beg for change in order to eat, but when Laura stops to help, they begin a years-long friendship that gives each a new perspective and hope. Includes a list of suggested acts of kindness.

Circe: A Novel
by Madeline Miller
Follows Circe, the banished witch, as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.

On the Come Up
by Angie Thomas
An ambitious young rapper pours her frustrations into a first song only to find herself at the center of a viral controversy that forces her to become the menace that her public reputation has portrayed her to be.

Bloodleaf
by Crystal Smith
Surrounded by spirits and banned from using her magic, an unwanted heir to the throne flees from an assassination attempt and finds unexpected happiness and love.

Pulp
by Robin Talley
Two gay teens, one coming of age in the closet in 1955 and the other who is openly out in the present day, are unexpectedly connected by a shared interest.

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