

2026-2027

THE BIG READ

WHAT IS THE BIG READ?

The Big Read is more than just a reading assignment. It's a way for our entire school to get on the same page (literally!). By gathering students, teachers, and families around one shared theme, we turn reading into a community adventure. It's about making stories come to life and giving our kids a common language to talk about big ideas, whether they are in kindergarten or middle school.

A Growing Tradition

What started three years ago in our middle school has officially become the highlight of our year. We've explored the stars & protected our Louisiana coastlines! Last year, we extended the experience to include ALL grade levels as we dove deep into the world of food. We've discovered that adopting an annual ecoSTEM theme keeps the learning fresh and the engagement high.

Our 2026-2027 Theme: BLAZING THE WAY

Across our K-8 community, students will engage with literature and hands-on experiences designed to spark their inner pioneer. While the books vary by grade level to ensure the perfect fit, every student will be exploring what it means to lead with purpose and navigate the beautiful complexities of our natural environment. Let's BLAZE THE WAY!



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SUMMER READING ADVENTURE

GRADES
K-5

Join the BIG reading adventure!
During summer 2026, read the BIG Read for your 2026-2027 grade level and challenge yourself to read to more books from the list of additional selections.

STEP 1: Read THE WILD ROBOT

GRADES
6-8

STEP 2: Choose BOOK TWO
Select a book from the attached list.

STEP 3: Choose a BONUS BOOK
Choose a graphic novel from the bonus book list.

**COMPLETE PLOT MAPS FOR EACH BOOK &
BE READY FOR AR TESTS IN AUGUST!**

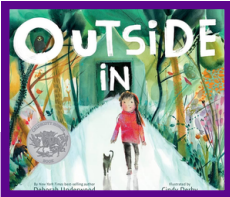
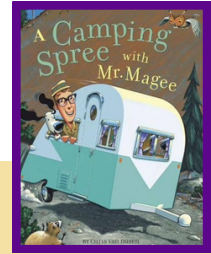
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Directions for K-5th Graders:
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KINDERGARTEN

BIG Read: *A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen

A CAMPING SPREE WITH MR. MAGEE



1ST GRADE

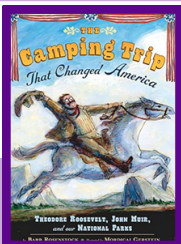
BIG Read: *Outside In* by Deborah Underwood

OUTSIDE IN

2ND GRADE

BIG Read: *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* by Peggy Parish

AMELIA BEDELIA GOES CAMPING



3RD GRADE

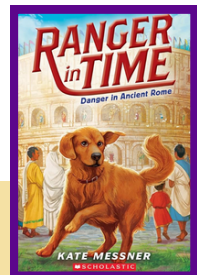
BIG Read: *The Camping Trip That Changed America* by Barb Rosenstock

THE CAMPING TRIP THAT CHANGED AMERICA

4TH GRADE

BIG Read: *Ranger in Time: Danger in Ancient Rome* by Kate Messner
*This is the second book in a series. Book 1 explains the back story for why and how Ranger can travel through time

RANGER IN TIME: DANGER IN ANCIENT ROME



5TH GRADE

BIG Read: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

THE WILD ROBOT

ELEMENTARY READING SELECTIONS

PICTURE BOOKS

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer
Bear Came Along – Richard T. Morris
The Camping Trip – Jennifer K. Mann
The Hike – Alison Farrell
Blackout – John Rocco
Timo Goes Camping – Victoria Allenby
Hike – Pete Oswald

EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

The Berenstain Bear Scouts series – Stan & Jan Berenstain
Billy and the Mini Monsters Go Camping – Zanna Davidson

CHAPTER BOOKS

A Wolf Called Wander – Rosanne Parry
Pax – Sara Pennypacker
I Survived the American Revolution, 1776 – by Lauren Tarshis
My Side of the Mountain – Jean Craighead George
Woods Runner – Gary Paulsen
A Week in the Woods – Andrew Clements
Survivor Diaries series – Terry Lynn Johnson
Strange Scout Tales series – Matthew Cody
Mouse Scouts series – Sarah Dillard
Henry Heckelbeck: Camping Expert – Wanda Coven
Ranger in Time series – Kate Messner

GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Last Kids on Earth series – Max Brallier
Surviving the Wild series – Remy Lai
Bug Scouts series – Mike Lowery

THE TITLES ON THIS LIST WERE SELECTED BASED ON THE BIG READ TOPIC. BEFORE READING, PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PREVIEW ALL BOOKS TO ENSURE APPROPRIATENESS IN CONTENT AND READING LEVEL.

STEP 1: READ THE WILD ROBOT**STEP 2: CHOOSE BOOK TWO**

Select a book from the attached list.

STEP 3: BONUS BOOK

Choose a graphic novel from the bonus book list.

COMPLETE A PLOT MAP FOR EACH BOOK & BE READY TO TAKE AR TESTS IN AUGUST!**STEP 1: BIG READ SELECTION**

TITLE	AUTHOR	READING LEVEL	AR POINTS
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	5.1	5

**STEP 2: CHOICES FOR BOOK TWO - LYRC NOMINATED TITLES**

TITLE	AUTHOR	READING LEVEL	AR POINTS
Boy 2.0	Tracey Baptiste	4.3	8
Bye Forever, I Guess	Jodi Meadows	4.1	8
Find Her	Ginger Reno	4.9	8
It Came from the Trees	Ally Russell	5.9	8.0
The Last Dragon on Mars	Scott Reintgen	4.3	10
Mid-Air	Alicia D. Williams	3.3	4
The Night War	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	4.1	9
Not If You Break Up With Me First	G.F. Miller	4.9	8
Not Quite a Ghost	Anne Ursu	5.1	9
The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman	Gennifer Choldenko	3.6	8

(OPTIONAL) STEP 3: BONUS BOOK CHOICES

TITLE	AUTHOR	READING LEVEL	AR POINTS
CAMP	Kayla Miller	3.2	1
Gamerville	Jodi Meadows Johnnie Christmas	2.9	2
Plain Jane and the Mermaid	Vera Brosgol	2.3	1
Table Titans Club	Scott Kurtz	2.6	1

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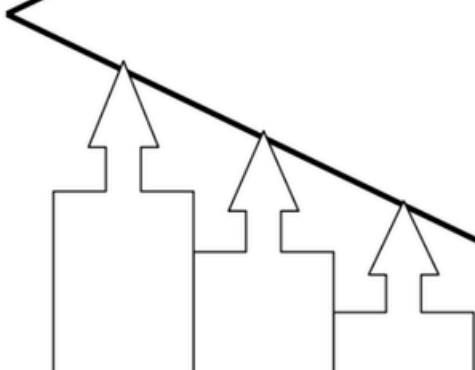
CLIMAX

FALLING ACTION

RESOLUTION

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Grade: _____

RISING ACTION
(List examples that create complications or suspense)



CONFLICT

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PROTAGONIST vs. ANTAGONIST
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THEME

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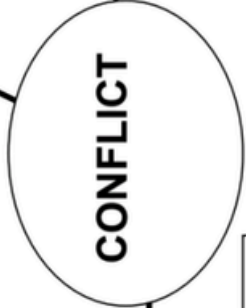
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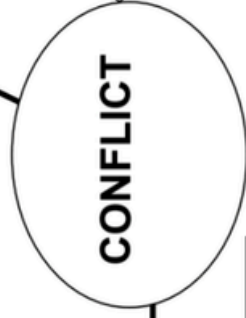
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