



## Coral Reef Elementary Required Summer Reading 2026

Summer Reading is important as numerous studies have shown that reading over the summer prevents “summer reading loss.” Students who read during the summer months not only retain their skills, but develop them further, better prepare them for the next school year.

### Summer Requirements:

The Coral Reef Elementary Summer Reading Program is designed to help students minimize or eliminate summer reading loss. Each child will be **required** to read one school-selected book and complete an activity.

### What to Expect:

At the beginning of the school year, students will be asked to bring in their activities to be graded by the classroom teacher.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

#### Book: **If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff



#### Assignment:

##### Option 1: Create a Timeline

Make a timeline of illustrations of the events that take place in the order in which they occur. Write one sentence per illustration. Feel free to be creative and use different media for your illustration.

##### Option 2: Create a Puppet

Make a paper bag puppet of the main character from the story. Make sure to include your puppet and a representation of an event that occurred in the story.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

#### Book: **Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure** by Jeff Brown

#### Assignment:

Create your own Flat Stanley and create a collage with 4 pictures of Flat Stanley on your summer adventures.

### OR

#### Book: **Officer Buckle and Gloria** by Peggy Rathmann

#### Assignment:

Star Safety Tip: Think about five different rules that help keep people safe at school or at home (just like Officer Buckle’s tips).

Cut out **1** large star and write one safety tip along each section (5 tips in total). In the middle of the star, draw a picture that shows one or more of your safety tips.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

### Book: Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume

#### Assignment:

##### Option 1: Create an Advertisement

Create and draw a poster (9 x 12) advertising your book and write a 5-sentence summary of the book

##### Option 2: Create a PowerPoint

Create a 2-page PowerPoint that includes a 5-sentence book summary and a recommendation

**\*\* POSTER MAY NOT BE LARGER THAN 9 inches X 12 inches**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Book: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

#### Assignment:

##### Option 1: Create a Cereal Box Book Report.

Using an empty cereal box, design a book report to represent the novel. (cover your cereal box with white or colored construction paper)

- Front: Design a cover for your cereal box, which includes a unique picture and what the cereal would look like.
- Back Side: Write a one paragraph summary of the book.
- Right Side: Ingredients- list the main characters and write a sentence about each one and why they are important to the story. (choose 5 characters)
- Left Side: Write a one paragraph summary describing the main problem and the solution of the book.
- Top Side: Book Information (title, author, number of pages and number of stars you would rate (1-5))

##### Option 2: Create a Video

Create a 90 second video to retell the story from one character's perspective.

Include details from the beginning, middle, and end of the story.

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Book: **Wonder** by Raquel Jaramillo

## Assignment

### Option 1: Create a PowerPoint

Use Office 365 to create a simple 3 slide PowerPoint about your favorite character from Wonder that includes the following:

- Slide 1: Title Slide – The character’s name with a picture of the character or something that represents them.
- Slide 2: Character Description – A short description of the character, including 2-3 key things about their personality or actions
- Slide 3: Why I Like This Character – A few sentences explaining why they like this character and how the character inspires them.



### Option 2: Book Trailer

Use Office 365 on your student portal to create a simple 3 slide PowerPoint to critique Wonder.

- Slide 1: Title Slide – The title of the book and author with a picture of the cover along with the number of stars you rate it (1-5)
- Slide 2: Use a recording device (phone, tablet, etc.), to create a 3 to 5-minute video where you summarize the book. Then insert the video into this slide.
- Slide 3: In a paragraph, explain the review rating.

