



Summer Reading and Skills

Bemis Library offers a great summer reading program as well as a myriad of interesting activities for [children \(PreK- fifth grade\)](#) through [teens](#) (sixth-eighth grade) throughout the summer (registration required). All our local public libraries offer truly exceptional summer reading programs. Below are the Mackintosh summer reading and skills requirements for all students.

Kindergarten - Second Grades

- Participate in a local library summer reading program.
- Bring a book, a copy of the book's cover, or draw a picture of your favorite part of a book you read this summer to share at a class "show and tell" the first week of school.

Third - Eighth Grades

- Join a local library's summer reading program. Track your reading on Goodreads, Storygraph, or a Google document. Share your summer reading tracker with your teachers at back to school conferences.
- Pick a new skill to learn (crocheting, cooking, juggling). In the first week of school, students will "show and tell" (can be video) their skills they learned this summer.

2023 - 2024 School Supplies

To support environmental sustainability, equity, efficiency and cost effectiveness, Mackintosh purchases the majority of student school supplies.

Each student will be assessed a school supply fee of \$75 payable August 1 through incidental billing in the FACTS account.

PreKindergarten - Kindergarten (All items labeled with child's name; *bring photo, PE shoes, extra clothing to conferences*)

- Family photo identified with names of members on back - 4x6 or 5x7
- Extra clothing in gallon-size plastic bag
- PE shoes
- Lunchbox with reusable containers child can open and close (in lieu of plastic bags), utensils, water bottle, thermos for hot food items (no microwave heat ups available)
- (Full Day PreK Only): child's blanket and small carrying bag

First - Fourth Grades (All items labeled with child's name; *bring PE shoes & headphones to back to school conferences*)

- Non-rolling, child or junior sized backpack
- Personal headphones labeled and kept at school
- Lunch box with utensils and small water bottle, thermos for hot items (no microwave heat ups available)
- Indoor PE shoes

Fifth - Eighth Grades (All items labeled with child's name)

- Non-rolling, regular-sized backpack that can fit in 14x14 cube
- Laptop/Chromebook (14" or smaller) with computer power cord (**no tablets**)
Optional: Mouse Recommended: Additional computer charger to keep at school
- Personal headphones - labeled**
- [Texas Instruments TI-34 MultiView Scientific Calculator](#) in backpack at all times
- Lunch box with utensils and small water bottle (no microwave heat ups available)
- Personal local public library card to use online databases

PreK-Eighth Grade Technology

- All students and parents are required to submit a signed Mackintosh Technology Usage Agreement (provided separately). Mackintosh Google Suite (email, classroom, documents) username and password will be provided to the student and their guardians to access at any time.
- Please ensure a reliable internet connection at home, 10 Mbps upload and download recommended.
- We recommend **no cell phones** to be brought to school. If a phone is brought to school, it will be turned off, collected, and stored by the teacher until the end of the day. Smartwatches are permitted, but they must be in "school mode" or "do not disturb" so there is no messaging, notifications, or alerts functionality during school hours.

First - Fourth Grades

- Students will have an individually-assigned Chromebook that follows them year-to-year to best support their learning in the classroom. Consistent use of the same device will promote ease in management and teaching.
- **Each student will be assessed a technology use fee of \$100** payable August 1 through incidental billing in their FACTS account. The technology use fee covers the yearly use of the Chromebook along with set-up and ongoing maintenance.
- After "leasing" the Chromebook for four years, students will own the Chromebook. If a student comes in or leaves mid-cycle, families will have the option to purchase the Chromebook at an adjusted cost.

Fifth - Eighth grades

- All students and parents are required to have their own laptop for **school** use.
- Small-footprint laptop - *no games, no notifications, no bloatware. **No tablets or iPads!***

Recommended to be/have:

- Inexpensive** (around \$300 - \$700 range)
- Small footprint** less than or equal to a 14" screen for ease of travel and shared desk spaces
- Reliable and fast** - needs to power up in less than three minutes
- Good **battery** that lasts at least four hours - *must charge every night*
- Good camera-video capability, at least 4 Gb of memory
- No tablets/iPads - must have a full keyboard.**
- Adult set up with clear boundaries: A new computer will be very exciting for your child. They will want to immediately dive in and begin tinkering. Set clear boundaries about use and time on devices. At school, the laptops will be used solely for word processing, research, and content creation. Consider having your child check in their device at night so it doesn't become a vehicle for distraction. The laptop needs to be clear of games, bloatware, and other entertainment applications.