

**Roadrunner and Wildcat Read Aloud
Summer Reading List**

Directions: Choose at least one of the books from the following list and have your child read aloud to you. As your child reads the book, discuss the questions on the Character Counts worksheet provided. After your child reads the book aloud to you complete the questions on the worksheet together. The worksheet is due on the first day of school.

Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius by Frank Asch

Self-styled genius Alex has had it with his little brother. Jonathan is always hanging around—asking weird questions, messing with Alex's stuff, and generally being a pest. Mom says it's all just normal sibling rivalry, but Alex decides there is only one thing to do—leave Earth—and Jonathan—forever. Using his astounding scientific ability—plus lots of grocery boxes, duct tape, and assorted bits of junk, Alex designs the *Star Jumper*.

Elvis the Squirrel by Tony Bradman

Elvis the Squirrel gathers together the neighborhood birds to help him rescue his friend Chuck from Ronnie the raven.

Viking It and Liking It by Jon Scieszka

Saying "Thursday" over and over near a certain magic book transports Joe, Sam, and Fred to the Viking era.

Magic Tree House Vacation Under the Volcano by Mary Pope Osborne

Their magic tree house takes Annie and Jack to Pompeii just as Vesuvius is about to erupt, and they must find a Roman scroll before everything is covered with burning ash.