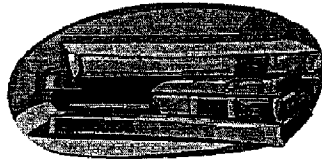


Summer Reading List for Upcoming First Graders



Summer reading is an enjoyable experience designed to keep reading skills active and growing. Our goal is for your child to read enjoyable material frequently during the summer months. Research has shown the best way to improve reading skills is to READ!

On the back of this page is a list of suggested books, but other books that your child enjoys are certainly appropriate. Some books may be suited best for read aloud, while others may work for independent or shared reading.

Ideas for Raising Readers

1. Let them see you reading; they will want to do as you do!
2. Limit your child's TV viewing!
3. Follow up your child's interest with books.
4. Help your child create a library of his or her own!
5. Check out books regularly from the public library.
6. Make reading a part of your child's evening routine.
7. Give a magazine subscription as a gift.
8. Use the internet to find fun book related activities.
9. Take books with you wherever you go!
10. Attend story time at local libraries and bookstores!

Ideas for follow up and great questions for discussion:

Tell me about the main character in this story.

What was the problem? What was the solution?

Did this story remind you of another story?

Did this story remind you of something you have done?

Do you like the main character? Why?

Draw a picture of your favorite part.

Make a storyboard like our reading log.

If you were the author, what would you change?

Write another story about this character.

Act out the story like Reader's Theater!

	Title	Author
1	A House For Hermit Crab	Carle, Eric
2	Are You My Mother?	Eastman, P.D.
3	Arthur's Chicken Pox	Brown, Marc
4	Barnyard Song	Greene, Rhonda
5	Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Martin, Bill Jr.,
6	Clifford The Big Red Dog	Bridwell, Norman
7	Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs	Barrett, Judi
8	Color Zoo	Ehlert, Lois
9	Corduroy	Freeman, Don
10	Curious George	Rey, H.A.
11	Edward And The Pirates	McPhail, David
12	Franklin's Bad Day	Bourgeois, Paulette
13	Froggy Goes To School	London, Jonathan
14	Good Night Moon	Brown, Margaret Wise
15	Growing Vegetable Soup	Ehlert, Lois
16	Happy Birthday	Gibbons, Gail
17	Happy Birthday, Moon	Asch, Frank
18	How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?	Yolen, Jane
19	If You Give A Pig A Pancake	Numeroff, Laura
20	Is Your Mama A Llama?	Guarino, Deborah
21	Just Me And My Puppy	Mayer, Mercer
22	Leo The Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert
23	Let's Go Froggy	London, Jonathan
24	Love You Forever	Munsch, Robert
25	Magic School Bus In A Beehive	Cole, Joanna
26	Miss Nelson Is Missing	Allard, Henry
27	Officer Buckle And Gloria	Rathmann, Peggy
28	Read Aloud Rhymes For The Very Young	Prelutsky, Jack
29	Rooster Off To See The World	Carle, Eric
30	Sheep In A Jeep	Shaw, Nancy
31	Shoes From Grandpa	Fox, Mem
32	Spot On The Farm	Hill, Eric
33	The Big Red Barn	Brown, Margaret Wise
34	The Hat	Brett, Jan
35	The Very Busy Spider	Carle, Eric
36	Three Little Javelins	Lowell, Susan
37	To Market, To Market	Miranda, Anne
38	Toot & Puddle	Hobbie, Holly
39	Wemberly Worried	Henkes, Kevin
40	What Do You Do With A Kangaroo?	Mayer, Mercer

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Incoming Second Grade - Series books

Amelia Bedelia
Frog and Toad
Junie B. Jones
Magic Tree House

Incoming Third Grade - Series books

A to Z Mysteries
Amber Brown
American Girl Series
Animal Ark
Bailey School Kids
Beverly Cleary-Series
Boxcar Children
Bunnicul: Series
Geronimo Stilton
Ghostville Elementary
Judy Moody
Knights of the Kitchen Table
Magic School Bus
Magic Tree House
Mary Marony by Suzi Kline
Pee Wee Scouts
Polk Street Kids
Sebastian-Super Sleuth by Mary B. C
Time Warp Trio
The 39 Clues
The Moffats
Non-Fiction:
 The Courage of Sarah Noble
 Ladi Lollipop

Incoming Fourth Grade

My Side of the Mountain
The Winning Stroke
Brian's Winter
Fourth Grade is a Jinx
If You Sailed on the Mayflower
The Word Eater
Island
Holes
Ramona's World
Dive
Love That Dog
The Troll Treasure
Kensuke's Kingdom
Water Tales
Hardy Boys-Series
Nancy Drew: No Strings Attached
Riding the Flume
Woodsong
The Call of the Wild
Black Beauty
Where the Red Fern Grows
Winning Kicker
The Chronicles of Narnia
The Land of Elyon - Series
Warrior - Series
Artemis Fowl -Series
Christopher Paolini- Series

Incoming 5th Graders

Book List

<u>A Cricket in Time Square</u>	George Selden
<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u>	Madeline L'Engle
<u>The Pearl Harbor Diary of Amber Billows, 1941</u>	Barry Benenberg
<u>Esperanza Rising</u>	Pam Munoz Ryan
<u>Once Upon a Marigold</u>	Jean Ferris
<u>Wringer</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>The Divide</u>	Elizabeth Kay
<u>Stormbreaker</u>	Anthony Horowitz
<u>The Last Treasure</u>	Janet S. Anderson
<u>The Same Stuff as Stars</u>	Katherine Paterson
<u>Hatching Magic</u>	Ann Downer
<u>Where I'd Like to Be</u>	Frances O'Roark Dowell
<u>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh</u>	Robert C. O'Brien
<u>Homework Machine</u>	Dan Gutman
<u>Maniac Magee</u>	Jerry Spinelli
<u>Double Act</u>	Jacqueline Wilson
<u>The Never Ending Story</u>	Michael Ende
<u>Letters from a Slave Girl</u>	Mary Lyons
<u>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</u>	Avi
<u>The Wizard of Oz</u>	Frank L. Baum
<u>Where the Red Fern Grows</u>	Wilson Rawls
<u>Island of the Blue Dolphins</u>	Scott O'Dell

Recommended Reading for Young Authors

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- Allen, Judy. *Elephant*. Cambridge: Candlewick, 1993.
- Armstrong, William H. *Souder*. New York: Harper & Row, 1969.
- Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*. New York: Orchard, 1990.
- Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1975.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. *What's Your Story?* New York: Clarion, 1992.
- Binch, Caroline. *Gregory Cool*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1994.
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1915.
- Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey: A Tale of Three Animals*. New York: Bantam, 1961.
- Cannon, Janell. *Stellaluna*. New York: Harcourt Brace, 1993.
- Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*. New York: William Morrow, 1983.
- Cole, Joanna. *The Magic School Bus at the Waterworks*. New York: Scholastic, 1986.
- Coucher, Helen. *Antarctica*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1990.
- Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*. New York: Delacorte, 2000.
- Cushman, Karen. *The Midwife's Apprentice*. New York: Clarion, 1995.
- Dahl, Roald. *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. New York: Knopf, 1964.
- DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn Dixie*. Cambridge: Candlewick, 2000.
- Drucker, Malka. *Jacob's Rescue: A Holocaust Story*. New York: Bantam Skylark, 1993.
- Edwards, Pamela Duncan. *Barefoot: Escape on the Underground Railroad*. New York: Harper Collins, 1997.
- Forney, Melissa. *Oonawassee Summer*. Poulso: Barker Creek, 2000.
- Fox, Paula. *Slave Dancer*. Scarsdale: Bradbury Press, 1973.
- George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*. New York: Harper & Row, 1972.
- George, Jean Craighead. *Julie*. New York: Harper Collins, 1994.
- Hamilton, Virginia. *M.C. Higgins*. New York: MacMillan, 1974.
- Hendershot, Judith. *In Coal Country*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1987.
- Hesse, Karen. *Out of the Dust*. New York: Scholastic, 1997.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. *And To Think That We Thought That We'd Never Be Friends*. New York: Crown, 1999.
- Hobbs, Will. *Ghost Canoe*. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1997.

- Holm, Jennifer. *Our Only May Amelia*. New York: Harper Collins, 1999.
- Howard, Ellen. *Log Cabin Quilt*. New York: Holiday House, 1996.
- Joose, Barbara. *Lewis & Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1998.
- Joseph, Lynn. *The Color of My Words*. New York: Joanna Cotler Books, 2000.
- Kim, Lewis. *One Summer Day*. Cambridge: Candlewick, 1996.
- Littlesugar, Amy. *Tree of Hope*. New York: Philomel, 1999.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. New York: Harper, 1986.
- Millman, Isaac. *Moses Goes to a Concert*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 1998.
- Morris, Ann. *How Teddy Bears Are Made*. New York: Cartwheel Books, 1994.
- Naylor, Phillis Reynolds. *Shiloh*. New York: Maxwell MacMillan, 1991.
- Nye, Naomi Shihab. *Sitti's Secrets*. New York: Four Winds Press, 1994.
- O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. New York: Dell, 1960.
- Paulson, Gary. *The Island*. New York: Orchard Books, 1988.
- Peck, Richard. *A Long Way From Chicago*. New York: Dial, 1998.
- Peck, Richard. *A Year Down Yonder*. New York: Dial, 2000.
- Ringgold, Faith. *Tar Beach*. New York: Crown, 1991.
- Robinson, Barbara. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. New York: Harper, 1972.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. *Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride*. New York: Scholastic, 1999.
- Sachar, Louis. *Holes*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 1999.
- Spinelli, Eileen. *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*. New York: Bradbury, 1991.
- Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee: A Novel*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1990.
- Tanaka, Shelley. *On Board the Titanic*. New York: Heperion Books for Children, 1997.
- Vaughan, Marcia. *The Secret to Freedom*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2001.
- Voigt, Cynthia. *Homecoming*. New York: Atheneum, 1981.
- Warren, Andrea. *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story*. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1996.
- Weiss, Nicki. *Where Does the Brown Bear Go?* New York: Greenwillow, 1989.
- Williams, Sherley Anne. *Working Cotton*. New York: Harcourt, 1992.
- Yolan, Jane. *Moon Ball*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1999.



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Summer Reading

Some sixth and seventh graders are readers. We define such readers as those who need no encouragement to find a novel or some type of good book, those who seldom go a week between finishing one book and starting another. We define such readers as students who, here on the brink of the first day of summer vacation, look forward to the chance to ... read whatever they WANT to read, who already have a few books piled up ready to open, who can hardly wait for that first week of no homework and the chance to finally read a book for which THERE WILL BE NO TEST OR PAPER!

Such readers probably have no need for the following recommended books. We send this along for all the OTHER sixth and seventh graders, who might need a nudge, and who might value some suggestions. This list comes from books once used in the Junior Great Books Program at the Denver Archdiocese, from the offices of International Baccalaureate, and from other sources. For other ideas, you might be interested in looking at the Denver Public Library's web site – http://teens.denverlibrary.org/find/book_lists.html where you will find book ideas under a host of categories: biography, classics, Narnia-a-like, nonfiction, preteen issues, sci-fi, historical fiction, sports, etc. Some—but not all—of the “popular” books on such lists could be excellent choices for summer reading.

Novels with a young main character

The Cay
Under the Blood Red Sun
A Separate Peace
The Red Badge of Courage
A Day No Pigs Would Die
Life on the Mississippi
Dandelion Wine (Bradbury)
The Outsiders
The Chosen (Potok)
Annie John (Jamaica Kincaid)
Dandelion Wine (Bradbury)
Letters from Rifka
Jacob Have I Loved
Summer of My German Soldier
Lily's Crossing

Catholic Archdiocese list

Picture of Dorian Gray
The Red Pony (Steinbeck)
St. Joan (George Bernard Shaw)
The Ox-Bow Incident
I Heard the Owl Call My Name
Others
Great Expectations (Dickens)
The War of the Worlds (Wells)
The Time Machine (Wells)
1984 (Orwell)
The Old Man and the Sea
Of Mice and Men (Steinbeck)
Hatchet (Paulsen)
The Miracle Worker (Gibson)
Torn Thread

Books from International Baccalaureate middle school lists:

Boy (Dahl)
The Bridge to Terabithia (Patterson)
The Egypt Game (Synder)
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind (Staples)
Incredible Journey (Burnford)
The Demon Headmaster (Cross)
Yolanda's Genius (Fenner)
The Great Gilly (Hopkins)
The Slave Dancer (Fox)

The school's expectation: that every returning sixth and seventh grader **read at least one book over the summer**. In August, when school begins, students will be asked to write about **one** of the books they read. We wish you all a good summer—with lots of good reading!

Ms. Blair and Mr. Huidekoper