

The following is a list of recommended and required summer reading books for students in each class. Reading levels and genres vary within the class list. Books in a series as well as other books by an author are often suggested. Winners of the Newbery/Caldecott medals and graphic novels are noted. All books are available in the public library. E-books and audiobooks are often available if preferred. Please record your books on the reading log available on our school website. Happy reading!

## **PreK-K-Grade 1 Recommended Reading**

### **Picture Books**

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole (other titles) – Mac Barnett  
Just Because - Mac Barnett  
Madeline's Rescue (Caldecott) (series) – Ludwig Bemelmans  
Hello Lighthouse (Caldecott) – Sophie Blackall  
If You Come to Earth - Sophie Blackall  
The Airport Book – Lisa Brown  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (other titles) – Virginia Lee Burton  
Maybe Something Beautiful – Isabel Campoy  
Jubari Jumps (sequel) - Gaia Cornwall  
Diary of a Worm (other titles) – Doreen Cronin  
The Day the Crayons Quit (sequel) – Drew Daywalt  
Last Stop on Market Street (Caldecott) (Newbery) – Matt de la Pena  
Strega Nona (series)(other titles) – Tomie dePaola  
Gaston (sequel) – Kelly DiPucchio  
Du Iz Tak? (Caldecott) – Carson Ellis  
Mother Bruce (series) - Ryan Higgins  
We Don't Eat Our Classmates (sequel) – Ryan Higgins  
A Big Mooncake for Little Star (Caldecott)(sequel) – Grace Lin  
Waiting (Caldecott) (other titles) – Kevin Henkes  
Goodnight, Already! (other titles) – Jory John  
This Is Not My Hat (Caldecott)(other titles) - Jon Klassen  
The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf  
Warning: Do Not Open This Book! (sequel) - Adam Lehrhaupt  
The Camping Trip - Jennifer Mann  
Bear Came Along - Richard Morris  
Agent Lion (sequel) – David Soman  
Alma and How She Got Her Name (Caldecott) – Juana Martinez-Neal  
Make Way for Ducklings (Caldecott) – Robert McCloskey  
Mango, Abuela, and Me - Meg Medina  
Thank You, Omu (Caldecott) – Oge Mora  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (series) – Laura Numeroff

Good Night Owl (other titles) – Greg Pizzoli  
A Sick Day for Amos McGee (Caldecott) - Philip & Erin Stead  
Interrupting Chicken (sequel) – David Ezra Stein  
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat (Caldecott) - Simms Taback  
Jumanji (Caldecott) (other titles) - Chris Van Allsburg  
They All Saw a Cat (Caldecott) – Brian Wenzel  
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (series) – Mo Willems  
Knuffle Bunny (Caldecott)(series) – Mo Willems  
Hello (sequel) – Fiona Woodcock

## **Nonfiction**

A Nest is Noisy – Diana Aston  
River - Elisha Cooper  
Locomotive (Caldecott) - Brian Floca  
Boat Book (other titles) - Gail Gibbons  
Plants Can't Sit Still – Rebecca Hirsch  
Creature Features (other titles) – Steve Jenkins  
This Is How We Do It - Matt Lamothe  
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick  
Me... Jane (Caldecott) – Patrick McDonnell  
Who Would Win? (series) – Jerry Pallotta  
Book of Trucks (other titles) - Seymour Simon  
Can I Eat That? (other titles) – Joshua Stein  
Hello Hello – Brian Wenzel

## **Beginning Reading/Early Chapter Books**

Don't Throw It To Mo! (series) – David Adler  
Fly Guy (series) – Tedd Arnold  
Jack Book series - Mac Barnett  
Paddington (I Can Read series) – Michael Bond  
Biscuit (I Can Read series) – Alyssa Capucilli  
Pete the Cat (series) – James Dean  
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dancer  
Andy and Sandy (series) – Tomie dePaola  
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes  
What About Worms - Ryan Higgins  
Pinkalicious (I Can Read series) – Victoria Kann  
and Worm (sequel) – Tina Kugler  
Ling and Ting (series) – Grace Lin  
Little Bear (series) – Else Minarik  
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen  
Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read series) – Herman Parish

Snail

Henry and Mudge (series) – Cynthia Rylant  
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant  
Splat the Cat (series) – Rob Scotten  
Charlie and Mouse (series) – Laurel Snyder  
A Pig in a Wig (series) – Emma Virjan  
Elephant and Piggie (series) – Mo Willems  
Duck, Duck, Porcupine! (series) – Salina Yoon

**For the first week of school, Pre-K and Kindergarten students are asked to:**

Come to school ready to tell us all about your favorite books!

**For the first week of school, First Graders are asked to:**

Have read at least ten books. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

## **GRADE 2 Recommended Reading**

### **Fiction**

Young Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler  
Anna Hibiscus (other titles) – Atinuke  
Triangle (series) – Mac Barnett  
Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows  
Ada Twist, Scientist (other titles) – Andrea Beaty  
The Berenstain Bears Series – Mike Berenstain  
If You Come to Earth - Sophie Blackall  
Flat Stanley (series) – Jeff Brown  
King and Kayla (series) – Dori Butler  
Spunky Tells All - Ann Cameron  
The Catcher’s Mask: A Peach Street Mudders Story (series) - Matt Christopher  
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (series)(graphic) – Ben Clanton  
The Chicken Squad (series) – Doreen Cronin  
Diary of a Worm (series) – Doreen Cronin  
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors – Drew Daywalt  
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer  
Mercy Watson (series) - Kate DiCamillo  
Owl Diaries (series)(graphic) – Rebecca Elliott  
Bramble and Maggie (series) – Jesse Haas  
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale  
Dory Fantasmagory (series) – Abby Hanlon  
Benny and Penny (series) - Geoffrey Hayes  
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes  
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny (series) – John Himmelman  
Andy Shane (series) - Jennifer Jacobson  
The Rock from the Sky - Jon Klassen  
Horrible Harry (series) - Suzy Kline  
Ling and Ting (series) - Grace Lin  
Frog and Toad (series) - Arnold Lobel  
Sarah, Plain and Tall (series) - Patricia MacLachlan  
Battle for St. Michaels - Emily Arnold McCully  
Triple Pet Trouble (series) – Megan McDonald  
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen  
Magic Tree House (series) - Mary Pope Osborne  
Amelia Bedelia Series – Herman Parish  
Baloney and Friends (sequel) - Greg Pizzoli  
Piper Green (series) – Ellen Potter  
Fox and Chick: The Party (series) – Sergio Ruzzier  
Henry and Mudge (series) - Cynthia Rylant  
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant

Baby Monkey, Private Eye – Brian Selznick  
Pizza and Taco (sequel)(graphic) - Stephen Shaskan  
Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series) – Judith Viorst  
Dragon Masters - (series) - Tracey West  
Elephant and Piggie series – Mo Willems  
Unlimited Squirrels series - Mo Willems

## **Nonfiction**

Queen of the Falls – Chris van Allsburg  
Trombone Shorty (Caldecott)(sequel) – Troy Andrews  
Sharks (Fly Guy Presents) -Tedd Arnold  
My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay – Cari Best  
Snakes (other titles)- Nic Bishop  
Magic School Bus (series) - Joanna Cole  
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas – Lynne Cox  
I (Don't) Like Snakes – Nicola Davies  
Giant Squid – Candace Fleming  
Locomotive (Caldecott) – Brian Floca  
Never Smile at a Monkey (other titles) – Steve Jenkins  
This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe  
Snowflake Bentley (Caldecott) - Jacqueline Martin  
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick  
Who Would Win? (series) – Jerry Pallotta  
Cats (other titles) – Seymour Simon  
My First Book of Football (series) – Sports Illustrated

## **Folk Tales/ Fairy Tales**

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears (Caldecott) - Verna Aardema  
Once a Mouse (Caldecott) - Marcia Brown  
Bloom – Doreen Cronin  
In a Small Kingdom – Tomie dePaola  
The Gingerbread Boy - Paul Galdone  
Anansi the Spider (Caldecott) - Gerald McDermott  
Jabuti the Tortoise - Gerald McDermott  
After the Fall – Dan Santat  
The Stinky Cheese Man (Caldecott) – Jon Scieszka

## **Poetry**

Tomie dePaola's Book of Poems – Tomie dePaola  
Shiver Me Timbers (other titles) – Douglas Florian  
When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano  
Firefly July – Paul Janeczko  
When We Were Young (other titles) – A. A. Milne

The Frog Wore Red Suspenders (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky  
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein  
Runny Babbit: a Silly Book (sequel)(other titles) - Shel Silverstein

**For the first week of school, Second Graders are asked to:**

Have read at least ten books. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

## **GRADE 3 Recommended Reading**

### **Fiction**

Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler  
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series) – Tom Angleberger  
Mr. Popper’s Penguins - Richard Atwater  
Mac B Kid Spy - Mac Barnett  
Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows  
The Best of Iggy (series) - Annie Barrows  
Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (series) – Andrea Beaty  
The Fox Ate My Homework - David Blaze  
Jedi Academy (series) – Jeffrey Brown  
Tornado - Betsy Byars  
The Year of the Book (series) – Andrea Cheng  
Narwhal: Unicorn of the sea (series)(graphic) – Ben Clanton  
Henry Huggins (or any Henry or Ramona book) - Beverly Cleary  
Bink and Gollie (series) – Kate DiCamillo  
Mercy Watson (series) – Kate DiCamillo  
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo  
Fairy Tale Comics (graphic) - Chris Duffy  
My Father’s Dragon (series) – Ruth Stiles Gannett  
Chet Gecko, Private Eye (series) - Bruce Hale  
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale  
Dory Fantasmagory (series) – Abby Hanlon  
Piper Reed: Navy Brat (series) - Kimberly Willis Holt  
Traitor in Williamsburg (American Girl Mysteries) - Elizabeth McDavid Jones  
My Happy Life (series) – Rose Lagercrantz  
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud hart Lovelace  
Gooney Bird (series) – Lois Lowry  
Judy Moody and Stink (series) – Megan McDonald  
The First Case (series) – Ulf Nilsson  
Magic Tree House (series) – Mary Pope Osborne  
Amelia Bedelia Goes Wild (series) – Herman Parish  
Clementine (series) - Sara Pennypacker  
Bug Blonsky and His Very Long List of Don'ts - E.S. Redmond  
Cobble Street Cousins (series) – Cynthia Rylant  
The Cricket in Times Square - George Selden  
Nate the Great (series) – Marjorie Sharmat  
Akimbo (series) - Alexander McCall Smith  
Mr. Wolf's Class (series)(graphic) - Aron Steinke  
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)(also in graphic novel) - Geronimo Stilton  
All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor  
Tiger Vs. Nightmare (graphic) – Emily Tetri

Bake Sale (graphic) – Sara Varon  
Stuart Little – E.B. White  
The Story of Diva and Flea – Mo Willems

## **Nonfiction**

Whoosh – Chris Barton  
Lizards (other titles) – Nic Bishop  
Aaron and Alexander: the Most Famous Duel - Don Brown  
Grand canyon - Jason Chin  
26 Fairmont Avenue (series) – Tomie DePaola  
Fairy Tale Comics (graphic) – Chris Duffy  
Giant Pandas (other titles) - Gail Gibbons  
Who Is - Who Was - What Was . . . Biography series - Grosset & Dunlap  
How the Sphinx Got to the Museum – Jessie Hartland  
A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White – Barbara Herkert  
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors  
Eye to Eye (other titles) – Steve Jenkins  
This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe  
I Dissent – Debbie Levy  
Ordinary People Change the World (series) – Brad Meltzer  
Magic Tree House Research Guides - Mary Pope Osborne  
Otis and Will Discover the Deep – Barb Rosenstock  
Neighborhood Sharks (other titles) – Katherine Roy  
Emmanuel's Dream – Laurie Thompson  
Malala's Magic Pencil – Malala Yousafzai

## **Poetry**

Insectlopedia (other titles) - Douglas Florian  
When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano  
Firefly July (other titles) - Paul Janeczko  
Now We Are Six (other titles) – A. A. Milne  
Ride a Purple Pelican (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky  
Swirl by Swirl (other titles) - Joyce Sidman  
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein  
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst

## **Folk Tales/Myth**

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - Verna Aardema  
Brave Red, Smart Frog – Emily Jenkins  
Paul Bunyan (other titles) - Steven Kellogg  
Fables - Arnold Lobel  
The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great (Knights' Tales series) - Gerald Morris



Tales from the Odyssey (series) - Mary Pope Osborne

Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night (Newbery) (other titles) – Joyce Sidman

Squids Will Be Squids - Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

**For the first week of school, Third Graders are asked to:**

Have read at least **five** of the recommended books from the list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

## **GRADE 4 Recommended Reading**

### **Realistic Fiction**

The Terrible Two (series) - Mac Barnett  
The Best of Iggy (series) - Annie Barrows  
El Deafo (Newbery)(graphic) – CeCe Bell  
The Penderwicks (series) – Jane Birdsall  
The Great Quarterback Switch (series) - Matt Christopher  
Friendship War (other titles) – Andrew Clements  
The Lemonade War (series) - Jacqueline Davies  
Because of Winn-Dixie (Newbery)(other titles) - Kate DiCamillo  
Mandy – Julie Edwards  
The Saturdays (series)- Elizabeth Enright  
The Year of Billy Miller (sequel) – Kevin Henkes  
Saucy - Cynthia Kadohata  
Pippi Longstocking (series) – Astrid Lindgren  
Allergic (graphic) - Megan Lloyd  
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud Hart Lovelace  
Comeback Kids (series) - Mike Lupica  
Juana and Lucas (series) – Juana Medina  
Adventures with Waffles – Maria Parr  
Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea – Lynne Rae Perkins  
Hoe to Eat Fired Worms - Thomas Rockwell  
Ballet Shoes (series) – Noel Streatfield  
All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor  
The Trouble with Tuck (sequel) – Theodore Taylor  
Stargazing (graphic) - Jen Wang

### **Historical Fiction**

I Survived the Titanic (series)(graphic) - Georgia Ball  
The Whipping Boy (Newbery)– Sid Fleischman  
Houdini and Me (series) - Dan Gutman  
Ben and Me - Robert Lawson  
The Doll Shop Downstairs (sequel) - Yona Zeldis McDonough  
Hannah’s Journal: the Story of an Immigrant Girl (series) - Marissa Moss  
Max and the Midnighters – Lincoln Peirce  
Dear America Series (any title) - Scholastic Books  
I Survived (series) – Lauren Tarshis  
Little House in the Big Woods (series) – Laura Ingalls Wilder

### **Fantasy/Mystery**

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series) - Tom Angleberger

Poppy (series) - Avi  
Indian in the Cupboard (series) - Lynn Reid Banks  
Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Mistaken Identity (series) - Mac Barnett  
Masterpiece - Elise Broach  
Jedi Academy (series) – Jeffrey Brown  
The Wild Robot (sequel) - Peter Brown  
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley  
The Tale of Despereaux (Newbery) – Kate DiCamillo  
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series) - Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black  
Half Magic (series)- Edward Eager  
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy – Karen Foxlee  
The 13-Story Treehouse (series) – Andy Griffiths  
The Silver Arrow - Lev Grossman  
The Lion of Mars - Jennifer Holm  
The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew Mystery Series) – Carolyn Keene  
Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep (The Princess Tales series) - Gail Carson Levine  
Nathaniel Fludd Beastologist (series) - R. L. LaFevers  
The People in Pineapple Place (series) - Anne Lindbergh  
The Doll People (series) - Ann Martin  
Bob – Wendy Mass  
Toto: the Dog-gone Amazing Story of the Wizard of Oz – Michael Morpurgo  
Knights Vs. Dinosaurs – Matt Phelan  
Nuts to You – Lynne Rae Perkins  
Rowan of Rin (series) - Emily Rodda

## **Nonfiction**

The Journey That Saved Curious George - Louise Borden  
Grand Canyon (Caldecott) – Jason Chin  
Who Is –Who Was – What Was... Biography Series – Grosset & Dunlap  
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors  
Animals by the Numbers (other titles) – Steve Jenkins  
Swimming with Hammerhead Sharks (other titles) - Kenneth Mallory  
Encounter the Saints (series) - Pauline Books and Media  
Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower – Greg Pizzoli  
Saturn (other titles) - Seymour Simon  
Joan of Arc - Diane Stanley  
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet

## **Myths/Fairy Tales/Poetry**

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire  
The Death of the Hat (other titles) - Paul Janeczko  
Brave Red, Smart Frog – Emily Jenkins  
The McElderry Book of Greek Myths - Eric Kimmel

Pinocchio: In His Own Words – Michael Morpurgo  
American Tall Tales - Mary Pope Osborne  
A Pizza the Size of the Sun – Jack Prelutsky  
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein  
Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible verse (other titles) – Marilyn Singer  
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst  
Gone Fishing (sequel) – Jamara Wissinger  
The Fabled Life of Aesop - Lendler Zagarenski

**For the first week of school, Fourth Graders are asked to:**

Have read at least **four** of the recommended books from the list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

# GRADE 5 Summer Reading

## Recommended Reading

### **Realistic Fiction**

Lions and Liars - Kate Beasley  
El Deafo (graphic novel)(Newbery) - Cece Bell  
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall  
The Secret Garden – Francis Hodgson Burnett  
The Incredible Journey - Sheila Burnford  
Dear Mr. Henshaw (Newbery)(sequel) - Beverly Cleary  
No Talking (other titles) - Andrew Clements  
Saving Winslow – Sharon Creech  
The Tiger Rising - Kate DiCamillo  
The Goat – Anne Fleming  
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series) - Chris Grabenstein  
Real Friends (graphic) – Shannon Hale  
Wink - Rob Harrell  
When Stars Are Scattered (graphic) - Victoria Jamieson  
Hello, Universe (Newbery) – Erin Kelly  
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Newbery) - E.L. Konigsburg  
Unplugged (other titles) - Gordon Korman  
The Year of the Dog (series) - Grace Lin  
Touch Blue (other titles) - Cynthia Lord  
Comeback Kids (series) – Mike Lupica  
The Candymakers (sequel) - Wendy Mass  
Binny for Short (series) - Hilary McKay  
Shiloh (Newbery)(series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
The Turtles of Oman - Naomi Nye  
Wild River - P.J. Peterson  
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick  
Ghosts (graphic) – Raina Telgemeier  
The Bridge Home - Padma Venkatraman  
Stargazing - Jen Wang  
The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place (series) - Maryrose Wood

### **Historical Fiction**

The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech  
The Door in the Wall (Newbery) - Marguerite DeAngeli  
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (graphic)(series) - Nathan Hale  
Titanic (and other series) - Gordon Korman  
Inside Out and Back Again (Newbery) - Thanhha Lai

Waiting for Anya - Michael Morpurgo  
Washington City is Burning - Harriette Robinet  
May B - Caroline Rose  
Esperanza Rising - Pam M. Ryan  
My Name is America (series) - Scholastic Books  
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott) - Brian Selznick  
The Sign of the Beaver (Newbery) - Elizabeth George Speare  
I Survived (series) - Lauren Tarshis

### **Fantasy/Mystery/Myth**

The One and Only Ivan (sequel) - Katherine Applegate  
Finding Serendipity (series) – Angelica Banks  
The 100-year-old Secret (Sherlock Files series) - Tracy Barrett  
The Wild Robot (sequel) – Peter Brown  
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley  
A Flicker of Courage - Deb Caletti  
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire  
Flora & Ulysses (Newbery) - Kate DeCamillo  
The 13-Story Treehouse (series) – Andy Griffiths  
Babe and Me (Baseball Card Adventure series) - Dan Gutman  
The Song from Somewhere Else – A.F. Harrold  
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (series) - Christopher Healy  
Emily Windsnap (series) - Liz Kessler  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) - Grace Lin  
Bliss (series) - Kathryn Littlewood  
Gifts from the Gods - Lise Lunge-Larsen  
Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair (series)- Wendy Mass  
Candymakers (sequel) – Wendy Mass  
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Newbery)(series) - Robert O'Brien  
The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root - Christopher Pennell  
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling  
The Ickabog - J.K. Rowling  
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart  
Unsolved Case Files: Escape at 10,000 Feet - Tom Sullivan  
The Thickety (series) - J.A. White

### **Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**

Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart - Candace Fleming  
Lincoln (Newbery) - Russell Freedman  
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt - Jean Fritz  
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors  
Heroes of Baseball - Robert Lipsyte  
Cathedral - David Macaulay

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous photograph – Roxane Orgill  
Around the World (graphic) - Matt Phelan  
Hidden Figures (picture book) – Margot Shetterly  
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet  
Camp Panda – Catherine Thimmesh  
Gorilla Doctors (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner

**For the first week of school, Fifth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read at least **three** books of choice from the recommended reading list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. Write a letter to the author of your favorite book to give to your teacher on the first day of school. Tell the author about yourself. Explain your feelings and questions about the book. Be specific and give details to support your reaction. The letter should be one page in length.
3. Make a cover for your letter which includes a scene from the book.
4. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection.

# Grade 6 Summer Reading

## Recommended Reading

### **Realistic Fiction / Mystery**

I Kill the Mockingbird – Paul Acampora  
Chasing Vermeer (trilogy) - Blue Balliett  
Lions and Liars – Kate Beasley  
The Next Great Paulie Fink - Ali Benjamin  
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall  
Masterpiece – Elise Broach  
A Week in the Woods (other titles) - Andrew Clements  
Moo (other titles) - Sharon Creech  
Raymie Nightingale (series) – Kate Di Camillo  
Out of My Mind - Sharon M. Draper  
Absolutely Truly (series) – Heather Frederick  
Space Case (series and other series by author) – Stuart Gibbs  
Absolutely Almost – Lisa Graff  
Wink - Rob Harrell  
My Louisiana Sky - Kimberly Willis Holt  
Roller Girl (graphic) – Victoria Jamieson  
When Stars Are Scattered (graphic) - Victoria Jamieson  
Mascot - Antony John  
The Great Greene Heist (sequel) – Varian Johnson  
Amina's Voice – Hena Khan  
The Unteachables - Gordon Korman  
Invisible Emmie (graphic)(series) – Terri Libenson  
Rules - Cynthia Lord  
The Only Game (series) – Mike Lupica  
The Season of Styx Malone – Kekla Magoon  
Rain Reign – Ann Martin  
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life – Wendy Mass  
Chester and Gus – Cammie McGovern  
Merci Suarez changes gears (Newbery)(sequel) – Meg Medina  
Auggie & Me (sequel to Wonder) - R.J. Palacio  
Hatchet (series) - Gary Paulsen  
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart

### **Historical Fiction**

The War That Saved My Life (Newbery)(sequel) – Kimberly Bradley  
Stella by Starlight – Sharon Draper  
Lily's Crossing (Newbery)(series)– Patricia Reilly Giff



Ground Zero - Alan Gratz  
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (graphic)(series) – Nathan Hale  
Our Only May Amelia (Newbery) (sequel) - Jennifer Holm  
Hero on a Bicycle – Shirley Hughes  
War Stories - Gordon Korman  
The Thieves of Ostia (Roman Mysteries series) - Caroline Lawrence  
Number the Stars - Lois Lowry  
Anne of Green Gables (series) – L. M. Montgomery  
Kensuke's Kingdom (other titles)- Michael Morpurgo  
Island of the Blue Dolphins (Newbery) - Scott O'Dell  
On the Wings of Heroes – Richard Peck  
The Upstairs Room - Johanna Reiss

### **Fantasy/Myths/Fables/Folklore**

The One and Only Ivan (Newbery)(sequel) - Katherine Applegate  
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt  
The Wonderling (sequel) – Mira Bartok  
Circus Mirandus – Cassie Beasley  
The Iron Trial (sequel) – Holly Black  
A Flicker of Courage - Deb Caletti  
Flunked (series) – Jen Calonita  
The Land of Stories (series) – Chris Colfer  
Wizards of Once (series) – Cressida Cowell  
The Illiad – Gillian Cross  
The Lifters – Dave Eggers  
Scary Stories for Young Foxes - Christian Heidicker  
The Fourteenth Goldfish (sequel) – Jennifer Holm  
Savvy (trilogy) - Ingrid Law  
A Wrinkle in Time (Newbery) – Madeline L'Engle  
Ella Enchanted (Newbery)(other titles) – Gail Carson Levine  
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) – Grace Lin  
Bliss (series) – Kathryn Littlewood  
A Snicker of Magic - Natalie Lloyd  
The Problem Children (sequel) – Natalie Lloyd  
Gifts from the Gods - Lise Lunge-Larsen  
The Door by the Staircase – Katherine Marsh  
11 Birthdays (series) – Wendy Mass  
Mrs. Smith's Spy School for Girls (sequel) – Beth McMullen  
The Book of Boy (Newbery 2019) – Catherine Murdock  
Percy Jackson and the Olympians (series and all other series) - Rick Riordan  
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling  
The Ickabog - J.K. Rowling

A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) – Lemony Snicket  
Orphan Island – Laurel Snyder  
The Egypt Game (Newbery) (sequel) – Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
The Secret Keepers – Trenton Lee Stewart  
Nightbooks - J.A. White

### **Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**

Rising Water – Marc Aronson  
Terrible Typhoid Mary – Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini - Sid Fleischman  
The Story of Salt - Mark Kurlansky  
Untamed: The Wild Life of Jane Goodall – Anita Silvey  
The Frog Scientist (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S. Turner  
Big Top Burning – Laura Woollett

### **For the first week of school, Sixth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **two** books - **one** required and at least **one** other from the recommended list. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. The required book is a **choice** of either Wonder by R.J. Palacio or Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
3. Turn in a one-page typed report for each of the **two** books. One half of the page should be a summary. The other half should include reactions, thoughts, and feelings about the book.

# Grade 7 Summer Reading

## Recommended Reading

### **Realistic Fiction/ Mystery**

The Right Hook of Devin Velma – Jake Burt  
Close to Famous – Jane Bauer  
My name is Parvana (series) - Deborah Ellis  
Starfish - Lisa Fipps  
The Honest Truth – Dan Geimeinhart  
My Side of the Mountain (Newbery)(series) – Jean Craighead George  
Spy School (series and other series) – Stuart Gibbs  
Lost in the Sun – Lisa Graff  
First Team (other titles) – Tim Green  
Theodore Boone (series) – John Grisham  
Slider – Pete Hautman  
The Outsiders (sequel) - S.E. Hinton  
One for the Murphys – Lynda Hunt  
When Stars Are Scattered (graphic) - Victoria Jamieson  
The Parker Inheritance – Varian Johnson  
Listen, Slowly – Thanhha Lai  
Fast Break (series) – Mike Lupica  
A Mango-shaped Space (other titles) – Wendy Mass  
Chester and Gus – Cammie McGovern  
Greenglass House (sequel) – Kate Milford  
The First Rule of Punk – Celia Perez  
The Red Pencil – Andrea Pinkney  
Murder Is Bad Manners (series) – Robin Stevens  
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) – Trenton Lee Stewart  
Wolf Hollow – Lauren Wolk

### **Historical Fiction**

Fever 1793 - Laurie Anderson  
Al Capone Does My Shirts (Newbery)(series) – Gennifer Choldenko  
Secrets of the Terra-Cotta Soldier - Ying Chang Compestine  
Salt – Helen Frost  
Dead End in Norvelt (Newbery) - Jack Gantos  
Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales (graphic)(series) – Nathan Hale  
Penny from Heaven – Jennifer Holm  
The Great Trouble – Deborah Hopkinson  
Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam - Cynthia Kadohata  
Weedflower (other titles) - Cynthia Kadohata

Lions of Little Rock – Kristin Levine  
Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel (graphic) – Mariah Marsden  
Little White Duck: A Childhood in China (graphic) – Andres Martinez  
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo  
A Single Shard (Newbery) - Linda Sue Park  
When My Name Was Keoko - Linda Sue Park  
Heart of a Samurai (Newbery)(sequel) – Margi Preus  
The Romeo and Juliet Code (sequel) – Phoebe Stone  
Moon Over Manifest (Newbery) - Clare Vanderpool  
Paperboy (Newbery) – Vince Vawter  
Beyond the Bright Sea – Lauren Wolk

### **Fantasy/Myths/Folklore**

Sweep – Jonathan Auxier  
Jinx (series) – Sage Blackwood  
Artemis Fowl (series) – Eoin Colfer  
Ranger’s Apprentice (series) - John Flanagan  
Princess Academy (other titles) - Shannon Hale  
13 Treasures (series)- Michelle Harrison  
Warriors (series) - Erin Hunter  
The Giver series - Lois Lowry  
The Ascendance Series (The False Prince is #1) - Jennifer Nielsen  
The Boundless – Kenneth Opel  
The Nest – Kenneth Opel  
Archer’s Quest – Linda Sue Park  
Pax – Sarah Pennypacker  
Percy Jackson’s Greek Gods (other titles) - Rick Riordan  
Echo: A Novel – Pam Nuno Ryan  
Emerald Atlas (trilogy) – John Stephens  
Nevermoor (sequel) – Jessica Townsend  
Demon Dentist (other titles) – David Walliams

### **Classics**

The Illiad – Gillian Cross  
The Odyssey – Gillian Cross  
Gris Grimly’s Tales from the Brothers Grimm – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm  
Across Five Aprils (Newbery) – Irene Hunt  
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain  
The Sword in the Stone - T. H. White

### **Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction**

Trapped – Marc Aronson

Rising Water – Marc Aronson  
Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) – James Brown  
Presenting Buffalo Bill – Candace Fleming  
Cheaper by the Dozen (sequel) – Frank Gilbreth  
Titanic: Voices from the Disaster - Deborah Hopkinson  
Inside of a Dog (YA edition) – Alexandra Horowitz  
The Mysterious Universe (Any of the Scientists In The Field series) - Ellen B. Jackson  
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution - Ji-li Jiang  
The Plot to Kill Hitler – Patricia McCormick  
An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever of 1793 - Jim Murphy  
The Great Fire – Jim Murphy  
Bomb (Newbery) – Steve Sheinkin  
Port Chicago 50 – Steve Sheinkin  
Team Moon, How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 on the Moon - Catherine Thimmesh  
Brown Girl Dreaming (Newbery) – Jacqueline Woodson  
I Am Malala (Young Readers Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Seventh Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **two** books - **one** required and at least **one** other from the recommended list. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. The required book is The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen. It is the first in a series. #4 just came out this year!
3. Turn in a one-page typed summary of each of the two books.

# 8th Grade Summer Reading.

## Recommended Reading

### **Realistic Fiction/Mystery**

Crossover (Newbery) (series) – Kwame Alexander  
Posted – John Anderson  
The Scandalous Sisterhood of Prickwillow Place – Julie Berry  
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus(sequel) – Dusti Bowling  
Heist Society (series) – Ally Carter  
Murder on the Orient Express (other titles) – Agatha Christie  
Mockingbird - Kathryn Erskine  
Rush for the Gold (other titles) – John Feinstein  
Starfish - Lisa Fipps  
Belly Up, Spy School and Space Case (series) – Stuart Gibbs  
The Big Game (other titles) – Tim Green  
Olive’s Ocean (Newbery) - Kevin Henkes  
Hoot – Carl Hiaasen  
Checked – Cynthia Kadohata  
The Contender - Robert Lipsyte  
QB1 (other titles) – Mike Lupica  
Every Soul A Star (other titles) – Wendy Mass  
Breakout – Kate Messner  
Scorpions - Walter Dean Myers  
Free Lunch - Rex Ogle  
City Spies - James Ponti  
A Girl Called Problem – Katie Quirk  
Ghost (series) – Jason Reynolds  
Amal Unbound – Aisha Saeed  
Counting by 7s – Holly Sloan  
Short – Holly Sloan  
Stargirl (sequel)- Jerry Spinelli  
Homecoming (series) – Cynthia Voigt

### **Historical Fiction**

Little Women (series) - Louisa May Alcott  
Chains (series) - Laurie Halse Anderson  
The Boy Who Dared - Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
The Boy in Striped Pajamas – John Boyne  
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave – John Boyne  
Innocent Heroes – Sigmund Brouwer  
Caminar – Skila Brown  
Under a War-Torn Sky (sequel) – L.M. Elliott

Johnny Tremain (Newbery) – Esther Forbes  
The Night Diary – Veera Hiranandani  
Across Five Aprils (Newbery)- Irene Hunt  
A Million Shades of Gray (other titles) - Cynthia Kadohata  
Hattie Big Sky (sequel) - Kirby Larson  
The Mad Wolf's Daughter (sequel) – Diane Magras  
Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel (graphic) – Mariah Marsden  
Mira's Diary – Marissa Moss  
Resistance – Jennifer Nielsen  
Auma's Long Run – Eucabeth Odhiambo  
My Brigadista Year – Katherine Paterson  
A Long Way from Chicago (Newbery) – Richard Peck  
The Hired Girl – Laura Amy Schlitz  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry (Newbery)(series) - Mildred Taylor  
My Family for the War (Newbery) - Anne C. Voorhoeve  
Wolf Hollow (Newbery) – Lauren Wolk

### **Fantasy and Myth**

The Night Gardener – Jonathan Auxier  
Artemis Fowl (series) – Eoin Colfer  
The Seeing Stone (trilogy) - Kevin Crossley-Holland  
The Ear, the Eye and the Arm (Newbery) - Nancy Farmer  
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider series) – Anthony Horowitz  
The Giver (Newbery)(series) – Lois Lowry  
Percy Jackson's Greek Gods (sequel) – Rick Riordon  
Echo: A Novel – Pam Munoz Ryan  
Amber and Clay - Laura Amy Schlitz  
The Riverman (trilogy) - Aaron Starmer  
First Light - Rebecca Stead  
The Lord of the Rings (series) - J.R.R. Tolkien

### **Autobiography/Biography/ Nonfiction**

Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Edition) - James Brown  
Anne Frank's Diary (graphic) - Ari Folman  
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank  
Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin and John Wilkes Booth - James Giblin  
The Many Rides of Paul Revere - James Giblin  
The Endless Steppe – Esther Hautzig  
The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler (graphic) – John Hendrix  
Unbroken (YA edition) – Laura Hillenbrand  
The Boys Who Challenged Hitler – Phillip Hoose  
Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary – Gail Jarrow  
Lone Survivor - Marcus Latrell

Black Diamond: Story of Negro Baseball Leagues - Patricia McKissack  
Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America - Jim Murphy  
Gone to the Woods - Gary Paulsen  
Bomb: The Race to Build-and Steal-The World's Most Dangerous Weapon - Steve Sheinkin  
Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War - Steve Sheinkin  
The Notorious Benedict Arnold - Steve Sheinkin  
Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team – Steve Sheinkin  
Chasing Lincoln's Killer - James Swanson  
I Am Malala (YA Edition) – Malala Yousafzai

**For the first week of school, Eighth Graders are asked to:**

1. Have read **one** book from the recommended reading list. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. There is an annotation assignment to complete and turn in on your book of choice.