

Summer Reading Log

Preschool 3 & 4

St. John the Baptist

Summer is a time to soak up the sun and splash around in the pool, but it's also the perfect opportunity for kids to develop their reading skills for the year ahead. In your child's case, that might involve preparing for a big milestone like beginning preschool. Reading books out loud together is a fantastic family activity, even if your child can't read books by themselves yet. One of the best ways to keep kids reading all summer long is by introducing them to a variety of books, like picture books and activity books! Reading practice and skill-building will help your kid create a strong foundation in reading, which will help them become more confident in the classroom.

- **There Was an Old Lady Books**
 - **Clifford Series**
 - **The Bad Seed Series**
 - **How Do Dinosaurs Series**
 - **Pete the Cat**
 - **Rhyming books**
- **Books about being a good friend**
 - **Books about waiting our turn**
- **The Color Monster by Anna Llenas**
 - **Oh David! by David Shannon**



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PRE-K 4 Summer Reading List

Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin

- Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes
- Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons
- Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcake
- Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes

Biscuit Books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

- Biscuit Goes Back to School
- Biscuit Finds a Friend
- Biscuit's Day at the Farm
- Biscuit Loves the Library

Social/Emotional Books

- The Color Monster by Anna Llenas
- Oh David! by David Shannon
- Grumpy Bird by Jeremy Tankard
- The Way I Feel by Janan Cain



Summer Reading Suggestions

Kindergarten



Biscuit Books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

- ❖ *Biscuit Goes to School*
- ❖ *Biscuit Finds a Friend*
- ❖ *Biscuit Loves the Park*

Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin & James Dean

- ❖ *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes*
- ❖ *Pete the Cat: The Wheels on the Bus*
- ❖ *Pete the Cat and the Missing Cupcakes*

Dr. Seuss Books

- ❖ *Green Eggs and Ham*
- ❖ *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*
- ❖ *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*
- ❖ *Horton Hears a Who!*

David Shannon Books

- ❖ *Bad Case of the Stripes*
- ❖ *No, David!*
- ❖ *Duck on a Bike*

You can visit your local library to look for more leveled books based on your child's reading level on their last report card as well!

Read with your child and have your child read to you 😊



Summer Reading Challenge

Great books for first grade going to second grade

Title	Author's Last Name
Frog and Toad series	Lobel
Benny and Penny series	Hayes
Henry and Mudge series	Rylant
Annie and Snowball series	Rylant
Heidi Heckelbeck series	Coven
Owl Diaries series	Elliott
Pedro series	Manushkin
Katie Woo series	Manushkin
Fly Guy series	Arnold
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series	Silverman
Nate the Great series	Sharmat
Yasmin series	Faruqi
Unicorn Named Sparkle series	Young
Pigeon series	Willems
The Day the Crayons Quit	Daywalt
Square	Barnett
The Good Egg	Jory
I Don't Want to be a Frog	Petty
Pig the Pug	Blabey
Bring Me a Rock!	Miyares
It Came in the Mail	Clanton
Cat Secrets	DiCamillo

Teacher:

Reader:



Summer Reading Suggestions for Grades 3-4-5

Fiction Summer Reading for Grade School

- Because of Winn-Dixie | Kate DiCamillo
- Frindle | Andrew Clements
- A Week in the Woods | Andrew Clements
- A Dog Called Kitty | Bill Wallace
- Big Red | Jim Kjelgaard
- Ramona (series) | Beverly Cleary
- Judy Moody (series) | Megan McDonald
- Maniac Magee | Jerry Spinelli
- Everywhere | Bruce Brooks
- Fly Away Home | Eve Bunting
- Keeper of the Doves | Betsy Byars
- Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story | Mary Downing Hahn
- The Foxman | Gary Paulsen
- The Stories Huey Tells and The Stories Julian Tells (series) | Ann Cameron
- The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates | Susan Shreve
- Freckle Juice | Judy Blume
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing | Judy Blume
- Stone Fox | John Reynolds Gardiner
- The Great Gilly Hopkins | Katherine Paterson
- Misty of Chincoteague | Marguerite Henry
- The Secret Garden | Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Goosebumps (series) | R.L. Stine
- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson | Bette Bao Lord
- The Silver Coach | C.S. Adler
- The Children of Green Knowe (series) | L.M. Boston
- Old Yeller | Fred Gipson
- The Higher Power of Lucky | Susan Patron
- Joey Pigza Loses Control | Jack Gantos
- Nancy Drew (series) | Carolyn G. Keene
- Chocolate Fever | Robert Kimmel Smith
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Roald Dahl
- Rules | Cynthia Lord
- The Sign of the Beaver | Elizabeth George Speare
- The View from the Cherry Tree | Willo Davis Roberts
- The Best School Year Ever | Barbara Robinson
- Project Mulberry | Linda Sue Park

- Charlotte's Web | E.B. White
- Piper Reed, Navy Brat (series) | Kimberly Willis Holt
- Swindle | Gordon Korman

Fantasy and Folklore Summer Reading List for Grades 3–5

- Space Race | Sylvia Waugh
- The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse | Bruce Hale
- The Case of the Raging Rottweiler | John R. Erickson
- The Great Good Thing | Roderick Townley
- The Doll People | Ann M. Martin
- I, Houdini | Lynne Reid Banks
- Poppy | Avi
- Mean Margaret | Tor Seidler
- The Moorchild | Eloise McGraw
- The Secret of Platform 13 | Eva Ibbotson
- Abel's Island | William Steig
- James and the Giant Peach | Roald Dahl
- The BFG | Roald Dahl
- The Wind in the Willows | Kenneth Grahame
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe | C.S. Lewis
- Charlotte's Web | E.B. White
- The Castle in the Attic | Elizabeth Winthrop
- Magic Tree House (series) | Mary Pope Osborne
- Going Through the Gate | Janet S. Anderson
- The Sea Egg | L.M. Boston
- The Talking Parcel | Gerald Durrell
- Mick Harte Was Here | Barbara Park
- The Cricket in Times Square | George Selden
- The Wizard of Oz | Frank L. Baum
- Whittington | Alan Armstrong
- Under the Bridge | Ellen Kindt McKenzie
- Just So Stories | Rudyard Kipling
- The Fiddler of the Northern Lights | Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

Historical Fiction Summer Reading List for Elementary School

- Linnea in Monet's Garden | Cristina Bjork
- Meet Kit: An American Girl – 1934 | Valerie Tripp

- Love From Your Friend, Hannah | Mindy Warshaw Skolsky
- Sarah, Plain and Tall | Patricia MacLachlan
- Little House on the Prairie (series) | Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes | Eleanor Coerr Understood Betsy | Dorothy Canfield Fisher
- King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian | Marguerite Henry
- The Birchbark House | Louise Erdrich
- The Night Journey | Kathryn Lasky
- Grasshopper Summer | Ann Turner
- The Midwife's Apprentice | Karen Cushman
- The Borning Room | Paul Fleischman
- Jacob Have I Loved | Katherine Paterson
- The Boxcar Children | Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Pink and Say | Patricia Polacco
- The Perilous Road | William O. Steele
- Boston Jane: An Adventure | Jennifer L. Holm
- Our Only May Amelia | Jennifer L. Holm
- Follow the Drinking Gourd | Jeanette Winter
- Hattie Big Sky | Kirby Larson
- Show Way | Jacqueline Woodson
- Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie | Peter and Connie Roop
- When Stravinsky Met Nijinsky | Lauren Stringer
- Beethoven Lives Upstairs | Barbara Nichol
- Little House on the Prairie (series) | Laura Ingalls Wilder

Science Fiction Summer Reading for Grade School

- I'm Out of My Body ... Please Leave a Message | Dan Greenburg
- Heartlight | T.A. Barron
- Space Garbage | Isaac Asimov
- The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter | Matt Christopher
- The Package in Hyperspace | Janet Asimov
- The Computer Nut | Betsy Byars
- Frankenbug | Steven Cousins
- The Classroom at the End of the Hall | Douglas Evans
- My Life Among the Aliens | Gail Gauthier
- Nose Pickers from Outer Space | Gordon Korman
- The Time Warp Trio | Jon Scieszka
- Carrot Holes and Frisbee Trees | N.M. Bodecker

- Shadows in the Water | Kathryn Lasky
- The Sword of Aradel | Alexander Key
- The Moorchild | Eloise McGraw
- Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery | Deborah and James Howe

Poetry for Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Summer Reading

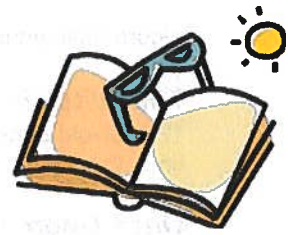
- Bird Watch: A Book of Poetry | Jane Yolen
- From Sea to Shining Sea | Amy L. Cohn
- Snow Toward Evening: A Year in a River Valley | Josette Frank
- Hand in Hand: An American History Through Poetry | Lee Bennett Hopkins
- Fingers are Always Bringing me News | Mary O'Neill
- The New Kid on the Block | Jack Prelutsky
- Something Big Has Been Here | Jack Prelutsky
- Pierre | Maurice Sendak
- Journey through Heartsongs (series) | Mattie J.T. Stepanek
- Spin a Soft Black Song | Nikki Giovanni

Nonfiction Summer Reading for Elementary School

- The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle | Dan Wulffson
- Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (and What the Neighbors Thought) | Kathleen Krull
- A River Ran Wild | Lynne Cherry
- Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary | Jean Craighead George
- The Man Who Walked Between the Towers | Mordicai Gerstein
- Pink and Say | Patricia Polacco
- Dateline: Troy | Paul Fleischman
- Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? | Jean Fritz
- Six-Minute Nature Mysteries | Faith Brynie
- The Truth About Great White Sharks | Mary M. Cerullo
- Through My Eyes | Ruby Bridges
- The Story of Baseball | Lawrence S. Ritter
- Girls Think of Everything | Catherine Thimmesh
- Uncle John's Bathroom Reader for Kids Only! | The Bathroom Readers' Institute
- Meet Me in St. Louis: A Trip to the 1904 World's Fair | Robert Jackson
- Just Peace: A Message of Hope | Mattie J.T. Stepanek with Jimmy Carter

List taken from <https://www.connectionsacademy.com>

Summer Reading for 5th Graders



Nonfiction

Look for other books by these wonderful authors, as well.

The Perilous Journey of the Donner Party by Marion Calabro

A realistic and moving account of the ill-fated pioneer journey of the Donner party, through the eyes of 12-year-old Virginia Reed.

Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman

The fascinating and funny biography of Houdini, the magician who could escape from anything.

The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy) by Barbara Kerley

A unique introduction to the great writer through his own 13-year-old daughter's eyes, based on her actual journal entries.

Kakapo rescue : saving the world's strangest parrot by Sy Montgomery

An introduction to the kakapo parrot, a flightless bird found on Codfish Island off the coast of New Zealand, and looks at how the country's National Kakapo Recovery Team is working to save the kakapos, whose population numbers less than one hundred.

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus NEWBERY HONOR 2011 FICTIONALIZED BIOGRAPHY

Manjiro is 14 when a freak storm washes him and his fishing companions onto a tiny island far from their Japanese homeland. Shortly before starving, they are rescued by an American whaling ship. But it's 1841 and the Japanese consider the whalers barbarians and the whalers think they are godless cannibals. Captain Whitfield is different and forges a bond with Manjiro. When it comes time for him to choose between staying with his countrymen or going to America with Whitfield, he picks the path of adventure. A swashbuckling adventure **based on the true story** of Manjiro, the young fisherman believed to be the first Japanese person to visit America.

The Dreamer by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Imagines the magic-filled youth of Chilean Nobel Prize-winning poet Pablo Neruda. Through skillful use of language inspired by Neruda's work, Muñoz Ryan weaves this stunning tale of a young boy's discovery of self and the development of his ideologies and artistic voice. FICTIONALIZED BIOGRAPHY

Fiction

A star * means the book is part of a series or has sequels.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda by Tom Angleberger

In this hilarious tale, Tommy and his sixth grade friends must decide if the advice of an tiny origami finger puppet of Yoda, who starts dispensing eerily wise advice, can be trusted.

The Conch Bearer by Chitra Banerjee *

In India, a healer invites 12 year-old Anand to join him on a quest to return a magical conch to its safe and rightful home, high in the Himalayan Mountains.

Masterpiece by Elise Broach

After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as a gift for 11-year-old James, the two new friends work together to help recover stolen art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Born with cerebral palsy, Melody has never spoken a word. She is brilliant, but she will never sing, dance, talk on the phone, or whisper secrets to friends. She's not complaining, though; she's planning and fighting the odds. She learns to use a keyboard that lets her "talk", and is moved into a different classroom. Can she overcome her disabilities and the misconceptions that go with them?

A Tale Dark & Grimm by Adam Gidwitz

As dark and bloody as the title suggests, these six retellings tweak the classic fairy tale as Hansel and Gretel embark on an epic journey of self-discovery. **Warning:** Not for the squeamish.

Mission Unstoppable by Dan Gutman

On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi, soon to be thirteen, fend off strange assassins as they try to come to terms with their being part of a top-secret government organization known as The Genius Files.

The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang by Amy Ignatow

In a quest for upward social mobility, two fifth graders try changing their looks, taking up new hobbies, and making new friends. They



record their amusing successes and failures scrapbook style.

The Glitch in Sleep by John Hulme *

12-year-old Becker Drane is a fixer and must fix a huge problem in the world so that people will be able to sleep. If he can't do it in time, the earth will be destroyed!

Once Upon a Time: Traditional Latin America Tales by Rueben Martinez FOLKTALES

This lively bilingual collection will transport readers to a land where coyotes fly to the moon, cockroaches play dress-up, and magic flowers restore dead

The Candymakers by Wendy Mass

Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet.

Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes

12-year-old aspiring engineer Lanessa, abandoned by her own family, lives in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans with elderly Mama Ya-Ya, a former midwife and medicine woman who also has psychic powers. Trapped in the attic by Hurricane Katrina's floods, they help each other ride out the storms both outside the window and inside themselves.

The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens

Following their parents' disappearance, 14-year old Kate and her younger siblings, Emma and Michael, grew up in a series of orphanages. After moving to the dismal town of Cambridge Falls, the trio discovers a mysterious book. When Michael tucks a historic photo into the book, they are transported to an earlier time when the town is held captive by an evil witch. Prophecies, wizards, hidden treasures, an ancient evil, and tantrum-throwing dwarves all make appearances in this fast-paced, engaging, and humorous tale.

Bill Pennant, Babe Ruth, and Me by Timothy Tocher

In 1920, sixteen-year-old Hank finds his loyalties divided when he is assigned to care for the Giants' mascot, a wildcat named Bill Pennant, as well as keep an eye on Babe Ruth in Ruth's first season with the New York Yankees.

Drizzle by Kathleen Van Cleve

Polly Peabody lives on an unusual rhubarb farm where it rains at exactly 1 p.m. every Monday, and some of the plants taste like chocolate. When Aunt Edith shows her a secret room, a library, filled with writhing ivy and bugs that fly in patterns that spell out words, she is thrilled. But then the rain stops, plants start to die, Polly's brother becomes ill, and Aunt Edith pressures Polly's dad to sell the property. Now Polly must interpret the farm's signs and symptoms to figure out the problem and the solution. Fun, quirky new fantasy.

Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool 2011 Newbery Medal Winner

Alternating between World War I and the Great Depression, this tale of the eclectic people and mysteries of Manifest, Kansas is told through a mix of letters, newspaper articles, and a fortune teller's tales.

As Simple As It Seems by Sarah Weeks

Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.

Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

The last remaining dragon belonging to the ancient Chinese Emperor is Long Danzi who is able to escape from his cruel keeper by coaxing Ping, a slave-orphan girl to assist him in his flight. This adventure leads her to discover her true destiny.

Favorite Series

The Last Apprentice	Joseph Delaney	Eric Rex	Kaza Kingsley
Great Tree of Avalon	T.A. Barron	Leven Thumps	Obert Skye
Pendragon	D.J. MacHale	Kingdom Keepers	Ridley Peterson
Dark Lord of Derkholm	Diana Wynne Jones	Enchanted Forest Chronicles	Patricia Wrede
Earthsea	Ursula LeGuin	Bartimaeus Trilogy	Jonathan Stroud
Keys to the Kingdom	Garth Nix	The Five Ancestors	Jeff Stone
The Bromeliad Trilogy	Terry Pratchett	His Dark Materials	Phillip Pullman
Ranger's Apprentice	John Flanagan	Fablehaven	Brandon Mull

Summer Reading Recommendations (6th-8th)

Hi parents! I've compiled a list of books that I think your kids will enjoy over the summer. I know that reading over the summer will only help your child continue to succeed. Books with an asterisk next to them, I have not personally read. I hope you find this list helpful! :) Choose at least One book to read over the summer. Write a short summary of the book you read.

- ["Refugee"](#)*
 - Parents need to know that *Refugee* by Alan Gratz is a historical novel that braids the stories of three young refugees in three different time periods and settings: 1938 Berlin, 1994 Cuba, and 2015 Syria. The circumstances of all the kids and families are dire, and their journeys are fraught with imminent danger.
- ["Down and Across"](#)*
 - Parents need to know that *Down and Across* is a coming-of-age story about an Iranian American teen boy who runs away on a quest to learn about perseverance and success. Scott lies to his parents about where he is and takes off for Washington, D.C., where he meets new friends and tracks down a Georgetown professor he believes can help him sort out his life. The story examines the effects of the pressure some immigrant parents put on their children to succeed. Scott learns a lot of good lessons about responsibility and honest relationships
- [You Go First*](#)
 - Parents need to know that *You Go First*, by Newbery Medal winner [Erin Entrada Kelly](#) (*Hello, Universe*), is told by two kids in alternating chapters -- a 12-year-old girl in Pennsylvania and an 11-year-old boy in Louisiana -- over the course of a week. Although they live in different states, the kids bond over an online game of Scrabble and help each other deal with their family and friendship issues. Characters use mild insults including "idiot," "dork," "nerd," and "loser." [Bullying](#) is a large part of the book, but kids will learn about the importance of family and the power of friendship, [courage](#), and [perseverance](#).

Books I've read for the eager reader:

- [I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives](#)
 - Parents need to know that *I Will Always Write Back* is the true story of unlikely pen pals that begins in 1997, when 12-year-old American Caitlin and

14-year-old Zimbabwean Martin are randomly paired by their schools. It's told in the first person, with chapters alternating between Caitlin's and Martin's points of view, as the two forge a life-altering friendship despite significant cultural, economic, and geographical differences. The disparity between their lives is stark; Caitlin is a typical middle-class American teen engaged in petty dramas involving friends and boys, while Martin goes hungry daily and struggles to find the funds to stay in school. When Caitlin sends him a dollar so he can see American currency, he can buy enough groceries to feed his family for two weeks. Martin is hesitant to disclose just how poor his family is but eventually opens up to Caitlin as his situation grows more desperate. Caitlin, with help from her tireless mother, ultimately changes Martin's life, as well as the lives of his family members. Martin, in return, opens Caitlin's eyes to the world outside her small rural town.

- Walk Two Moons
 - Parents need to know that *Walk Two Moons* is a complex novel of self-discovery in which a 13-year-old girl explores her cultural and personal heritage, and her country, all at once. This Newbery winner is rich and rewarding on many levels, with three generations of memorable characters, relatable families, and a sensitive portrayal of feelings of loss in a girl just approaching adulthood.
- The Uglies Series *
 - Tally has grown up in a post apocalyptic world where, at age 16, everyone is given an operation that makes their faces and bodies perfect. Before the operation they are known as "uglies" and after as "pretties." After the operation they live in New Pretty Town, enjoying a life of constant partying and pleasure. Tally can't wait. Shortly before her 16th birthday she befriends Shay, who tells her about the Smoke, a secret community of those who refuse the operation. When Shay runs away to join the Smoke, Tally is given a choice by the Specials, the secret police: Help them find the Smoke and betray her friend, or remain an ugly forever.

Help! My child doesn't want to pick up a book this summer:

- Hatchet
 - Parents need to know that Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet* is an intense, fast, exciting read. The main character is a 13-year-old boy whose parents are divorced. He survives a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness en route to visit his father and

must use the hatchet his mother once gave him to stay alive. Many kids report that this is the first school-assigned book they fell in love with.

- Ghost

- Parents need to know that *Ghost*, written by Coretta Scott King Honor author [Jason Reynolds](#) ([The Boy in the Black Suit](#)) is a story about overcoming tragedy and finding where you belong. The first of Reynolds' middle grade Track series, it includes themes of bullying and abuse, and parents should be ready to discuss alcoholism, nonviolent ways to stand up to bullying, pursuing things you're passionate about, and finding reliable mentors.