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### Recommended Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grades K-1

#### Fiction/Picture:

Digging Up Dinosaurs by Aliki  
Brand New Baby by Kathi Appelt  
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by John Archambault  
Miss Brooks Loves Books by Barbara Bottner  
Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle  
First Grade Here I Come by Nancy Carlson  
When I Was Little by Jamie Lee Curtis  
Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin  
Jamberry by Bruce Degau  
Is Your Mamma a Llama? by Deborah Guarino  
A Good Day; My Garden by Kevin Henkes  
A House is a House for Me by Mary Ann Hoberman  
The Ghost Eye Tree by Bill Martin & John Archambault  
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn  
Bear Flies High by Michael Rosen  
Duck on a Bike & No David! by David Shannon  
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate  
Timothy Goes to School by Rosemary Wells  
The Deep Blue Sea & Silly Sally by Audrey Wood  
Arthur Eyes (series) by Marc Brown  
Spot (series) by Eric Hill  
Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel  
Froggy (series) by Jack London  
Fox (series) by James Marshall  
Museum 1, 2, 3 Metropolitan Museum of Art  
Little Bear (series) by Else Holmelund Minarik  
If You Give a Mouse... (series) by Laura Numeroff  
Henry and Mudge (series) by Cynthia Rylant  
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series) by Cynthia Rylant  
Sheep in a Jeep (series) by Nancy Shaw  
Tractor Mac (series) by Billy Steers  
Minerva Louise (series) by Janet Morgan Stocke  
Good Knight (series) by Shelley Moore Thomas  
Dinosaur (series) by Jane Yolen  
Alphabet Books & Counting Books by: Lois Ehlert; Denise Fleming;  
Laurie Krebs; Jerry Pallotta; George Shannon; Audrey Wood and others

#### Favorite Authors:

Stan and Jan Berenstain  
Jan Brett  
Marc Brown  
Eric Carle  
Nancy Carlson  
Kevin Henkes  
Eric Hill  
Mary Ann Hoberman  
Stephen Kellogg  
Arnold Lobel  
Mercer Meyer  
Laura Numeroff  
Jerry Pallotta  
Cynthia Rylant  
Mo Willems

#### Favorite Magazines:

Ladybug  
Spider  
My Big Backyard  
Ranger Rick

#### Classic Old Favorites:

Fairy Tales  
Folk Tales  
Nursery Rhymes



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**Recommended Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grades 2-3  
Be Adventurous!**

**Fiction/Picture: Too Many to List!**

Amelia's Road by Linda Altman  
Old Henry by Joan Blos  
Double Trouble in Walla Walla  
by Andrew Clements  
Giggle, Giggle, Quack by Doreen Cronin  
I Lost My Tooth in Africa by Penda Diakite  
Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo  
Hattie and the Fox by Mem Fox  
Look to the North: A Wolf Pup Diary  
by Jean Craighead George  
My Friends by Taro Gomi  
The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins  
Lionel at Large by Stephen Krensky  
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathmann  
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein  
Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt

**Favorite Authors:**

Jan Brett  
Judy Blume  
Peter Brown  
Beverly Cleary  
Matt Christopher  
Tomie DePaola  
Dr. Seuss  
Kevin Henkes  
Stephen Kellogg  
Suzy Kline  
Patricia MacLachan  
Robert Munsch  
Barbara Parks  
Bill Peet  
Jack Prelutsky  
Patricia Polacco  
William Steig  
E.B. White  
Jane Yolen

**Favorite Series:**

Cam Jansen by David Adler  
Arthur by Marc Brown  
Magic School Bus by Joanna Cole  
Jenny Archer by Ellen Conford  
Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey  
Amber Brown by Paula Danziger  
Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo  
Hardy Boys by Franklin Dixon  
I Can Read Books  
My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett  
Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline  
Catwings by Ursula LeGuin  
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel  
Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry  
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald  
George and Martha; Fox by James Marshall  
Little Bear by Else Minarik  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park  
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish  
Jigsaw Jones by James Preller  
Zack and Cody by Kitty Richards  
Henry and Mudge; Poppleton; Mr. Putter and Tabby  
by Cynthia Rylant  
Oliver Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen  
The Little House by Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Favorite Magazines:**

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Boy's Life  
Highlights for Children  
Lady Bug  
My Big Backyard  
National Geographic Kid  
Ranger Rick  
Spider  
Sports Illustrated for Kids



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**Recommended Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grade 4**  
**Be Adventurous!**

**Fiction/Non Fiction: Too many to list**

Exploring the Titanic by Robert Ballard  
Shakespeare's Secret by Elise Broach  
S.O.S. Titanic by Eve Bunting  
Free Baseball by Sue Corbett  
Granny Torelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech  
BFG; The Twits; Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar  
by Roald Dahl  
Five True Dog Stories by Margaret Davidson  
Helen Keller by Margaret Davidson  
City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau  
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner  
Babe and Me by Dan Gutman  
Thunder from the Sea by Joan H. Harlow  
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo  
A Dog's Life by Ann M. Martin  
The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson  
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden  
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B. White

**Favorite Series:**

Poppy by Avi  
Fudge by Judy Blume  
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler  
Matt Christopher (sports)  
Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary  
Shredderman by W. Van Draanen  
Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney  
Princess Tales by Gail C. Levine  
Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis  
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
Kaley by Dian Curtis Regan  
Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling  
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

**Some Favorite Authors Include:**

Avi  
Marion Diane Bauer  
Judy Blume  
Beverly Cleary  
Andrew Clements  
Roald Dahl  
Kate DiCamillo  
Jean Fritz  
Dan Gutman  
James Howe  
Robert Kimmel - Smith  
Gordon Korman  
C. S. Lewis  
Patricia MacLachlan  
Wendy Mass  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Gary Paulsen  
Cynthia Rylant  
Louis Sachar  
Shel Silverstein  
Lemony Snicket  
Jerry Spinelli  
Wendelin VanDraanen: Book- Shredderman  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Jane Yolen

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### Recommended Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grades 5-6

#### Fiction/Non Fiction/Genres:

One Handed Catch by Mary Jane Auch  
Iron Thunder by Avi  
Williwaw by Tom Bodett  
Skeleton Man by Joseph Bruchac  
The Kid Who Only Hit Homers; Sports Biographies  
by Matt Christopher  
Love that Dog; Unfinished Angel by Sharon Creech  
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Curtis  
Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies  
The London Eye by Siobhan Dowd  
Once Upon a Marigold by Jean Ferris  
The Thing about Georgie by Lisa Graff  
Nora Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carlson Levine  
Soul Surfer by Bethany Hamilton  
Sun and Spoon by Kevin Henkes  
Hoot; Scat by Carl Hiaasen  
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton  
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata  
Everything for a Dog by Ann M. Martin  
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life; Every Soul  
a Star by Wendy Mass  
Boy at War by Harry Mazer  
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo  
Three Cups of Tea... Young Readers Edition  
by Greg Mortenson  
A Single Shard; The Mulberry Project  
by Linda Sue Park  
Mudshark by Gary Paulson  
My Everest Story by Mark Pftzter and Jack Galvin  
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco  
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls  
Small Steps by Louis Sachar  
The Georges and the Jewels by Jane Smiley  
Elephant Run by Roland Smith  
Dragon's Gate by Laurence Yep  
Biographies  
Disasters  
History: World and USA  
Mysteries  
Survival  
Wars  
The Greatest  
Olive's Ocean  
Chasing Lincoln's Killer

American Girl  
Boy's Life  
Muse  
National Geographic Kid  
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Dan Gutman  
Margaret P. Haddix  
Virginia Hamilton  
Will Hobbs  
Anthony Horowitz  
Brian Jacques  
Gordon Korman  
Madeleine L'Engle  
Peter Lourie  
Michael Lupica  
Wendy Mass  
Walter Dean Myers  
Rick Riordan  
Roland Smith  
Cynthia Voigt  
Scott O'Dell  
Jane Yolen  
Favorite Series  
Spiderwick Chronicles by H. Black & T. DiTerlizzi  
Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot  
Al Capone by Gennifer Choldenko  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins  
Inkheart; Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke  
Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry  
Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan  
Lily B. by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel  
Chronicles of Narnia by C. S. Lewis  
Seventh Tower by Garth Nix  
Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling  
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket  
The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

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#### Favorite Magazines: