

Your students have grown to be great readers this year. They have gained many reading skills that will still need to be practiced over the summer to ensure retention. Thus, it is important to keep your students reading over the summer. Summer reading can bridge the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.



Why do summer reading?



Increase reading level
Individualize reading material
Language skills
Vocabulary
Ethics
Expand World

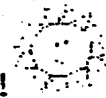
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Grade 1

Below you will find some tips to make summer reading a fun experience for you and your child. Below the tips, you will find my suggestions of great books to read for the summer. I hope this list will help you find many books that an almost second grader would enjoy!

I ask that your child read everyday for at least fifteen minutes.

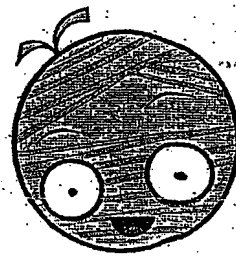


Some Tips, Tips, Tips for Summer Reading!!!!



- o Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets tucked into sports bags and campers' backpacks.
- o Get your child his own library card.
Take or allow him to go to the library often browse for books and enjoy special activities.
- o Help your child select books on topics he is interested in and on his reading level.
A simple rule of thumb for helping your child select books at his reading level is to have them choose a page in the book (not the first one) and read it. If he doesn't know five or more of the words, then the book is too hard for pleasure reading.
- o Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines, and other reading material around for kids to read.
- o Stock up inexpensive books that can be exposed to the elements or swapped for others at camp.
- o Connect reading with other summer activities.
For example, read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing. Perhaps you will visit the beach or go camping, there are many good books about the beach and camping!
- o Set goals and reward reading.
Reward reading with more reading. If your child finishes one book, stop by the store and let him pick out another.
- o Let your kids see you read.
Read the newspaper over your morning coffee, take a magazine from the rack in a doctor's office while you wait, and stuff a paperback into your purse, pocket, or briefcase. Your kids will catch on to the fact that reading is something you like to do in your spare time.
- o Make reading together fun and memorable.
Even if your child is a super reader, they still love to be read too. You may want to use different voices for different characters when you read to your child. Reading together is a time for closeness and cuddling-another way to show your love as a caring adult. Children love to read letters and notes you write them. Maybe have a day of no talking only writing and reading each others notes.
- o Read it, then do it.
Does your child want to learn magic tricks? Juggling? Computer games? There's sure to be a book that can help him. Have your child read the instructions and then give it a try.

First Grade Summer Reading



Easy Reader Books (E)

Arnold, Ted. Fly Guy series—Buzz befriends a fly and enters him in a pet contest.

Cazet, Denys. Minnie and Moo series. Two silly cows blunder through sticky situations.

Cushman, Doug. Dirk Bones. "Daily Tombs" newspaper reporter Dirk Bones, who also happens to be a skeleton, investigates when a family of ghosts fears that they are being haunted.

DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson series. A pig encounters many adventures in her quest to acquire buttered toast.

George, Jean Craighead. Goose and Duck. A boy is followed everywhere when Goose and Duck believe he is their mother.

Hiaspiel, Dean. Mo and Jo: Fighting Together Forever. Told in comic book format, Monica and Joey fight about everything, including the superhero uniform they inherit—but they must learn to work together to defeat the evil Saw-Jaw at the town parade. (Graphic Novel section).

Hayes, Geoffrey. Benny and Penny in Just Pretend. Benny the mouse wants to pretend he's brave Benny the Pirate, but it's hard to pretend when his little sister, Penny, is always tagging along. (Graphic Novel section)

Jacobson, Jennifer. Andy Shane and the Queen of Egypt. Andy Shane selects Egypt as the topic of his first-ever Culture Fair project, but the very bossy Dolores Starbuckle declares that she is the Queen of Egypt and does not give him a moment's peace until he agrees to let her work with him.

Levin, Betsy. Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series. Cocoa the horse herds the cows with Cowgirl Kate, helps her practice her roping skills, and wishes he could wear boots instead of horseshoes.

Marzollo, Jean. I Spy easy readers series—Learn to read and play search and find.

O'Connor, Jane. Fancy Nancy easy readers series. Great for girls!

Read-It Readers. This series has many fairy tales for beginning readers.

Rylant, Cynthia. Several good series: Henry and Mudge, High-Rise Private Eyes, Mr. Putter and Tabby, Poppleton.

Toney, Rich. Beans Baker's Best Shot. Beans Baker cannot play in his championship soccer game because his foot is in a cast.

Williams, Mo. Elephant and Piggie series—fun reading for fans of the pigeon that didn't drive the bus.

Yee, Wong. A Brand New Day with Mouse and Mole. As best friends Mole and Mouse try to solve the problem of Mole's moth-eaten clothes, they also find new uses for old things.

Summer Reading Suggestions

Series: (most of these books are graded on the cover for you - when leveled start at level 2)

Dial Easy to Read
Classic Readers by DK Publishing
Golden Star Reader
Dell Young Yearling
Hello Readers 2+
Step Into Reading 2+
Hello Readers
Usborne Puzzle Adventures (challenge)
I Can Read
MathStart Series - Harper Collins Publishing

Author Series

PeeWee Scouts - Judy Delton
Arthur and Buster Chapter Books - Marc Brown
Nate the Great - Marjorie Weinman
Dino School - Jacqueline Ball
Polk Street Kids - Patricia Reilly Giff
First Grade Kids - Lillian Hoban
Amelia Bedelia - Peggy Parish
Leo and Emily - Leonard Kessler
Magic Tree House - Mary Pope Osborne
Boxcar Children - Gertrude Chandler Warner (challenge)
Bailey School Kids - Debbie Dadey and Marcia Jones (challenge)
Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series

Authors

Peggy Parish
Leonard Kessler
Franz Brandenburg
James Marshall
Marc Brown
Stan and Jan Berenstein
Pat Hutchins
Aliki
William Steig
Leo Leoni
Ezra Jack Keats
Mercer Mayer

Easy Fiction

Benjamin McFadden and the Robot Babysitter
Big Anthony: His Story
Blue-Ribbon Henry
Chocolatina
Cook-a-Doodle-Do!
David Goes to School
Ding Dong Ding Dong
Heat Wave
Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet
Honk! The Story of a Prima Swanerina
Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores
Annabel the Actress Starring in Gorilla
My Dreams
Cody Unplugged
Not My Dog
Louise Takes Charge
Junie B. Jones Is (Almost)
a Flower Girl
Johnny on the Spot
Owen Foote, Frontiersman
Look Alikes, Jr.
Lottie's New Friend
My Friend Bear
Rabbit Pirates: A Tale of the Spinach Main
Raising Sweetness
Sector 7
When Agnes Caws
Young Cam Jansen Mysteries
Zelda and Ivy

Timothy Bush
Tomi dePaola
Mary Calhoun
Erik Kraft
Janet Stevens and Susan Crummel
David Shannon
Margie Palatini
Helen Ketteman
Cynthia Rylant
Pamela Edwards
James Howe

Ellen Conford
Betsy Duffey
Colby Rodowsky
Stephen Krensky

Barbara Park
Edward Sorel
Stephanie Greene
Joan Steiner
Petra Mathers
Jez
Judy Cox
Diane Stanley
David Wiesner
Candace Fleming
David Alder
Laura Kvasnosky

Non-Fiction, Folktales, Biography, and Poetry

The Great Kapok Tree A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest
Amazing Dinosaurs: The Fiercest, the Tallest,
the Toughest, the Smallest
Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella
The Emperor's Egg
Geese Find the Missing Piece: School Time
Riddle Rhymes
If I Were President
Little Dog Poems
Red-Eyed Tree Frog
Snowflake Bentley
Turn of the Century
The 20th Century Children's Poetry Treasure
26 Fairmount Avenue
About Fingers, Forks and Chopsticks

Dougal Dixon
Robert Souci
Martin Jenkins

Marco and Guilio Maestro
Catherine Stier
Kristine O'Connell George
Joy Cowley
Jacqueline Martin
Ellen B. Jackson
Jack Prelutsky
Tomi dePaola
Patricia Lauber

Reading

- Read independently for a period of 20 minutes (child should select books that they can easily read).
- Read orally with expression.
- Identify basic story elements (setting, characters, and main ideas).
- The Upper Arlington Library offers a wonderful summer reading program

Writing

- Write complete name (first and last)
- Write 4 to 5 simple sentences on a given topic
- Correctly use capitalization rules for beginning sentences and proper names
- Correctly use basic punctuation at the end of sentences (.!?)
- Use appropriate upper and lower case letters when writing words
- Spell all first grade core words correctly.
- Spell simple pattern words correctly.

Math

- Memorize basic addition facts to 20
- Memorize basic subtraction facts from 20
- Count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 100
- Write numbers 0 to 100
- Fill in missing numbers in a number sequence
- Group objects into sets of five and ten
- Know math terms "sum" (+) and "difference" (-)
- Know doubles to 20
- Know neighbors to the double facts to 20
- Know your fast 10 facts
- Know your fast 9 facts

Individual Books

A Field Full of Horses

A Friend for Sam

A Lesson for Martin Luther King Jr.

A Mouse Called Wolf

A Parade for Sam

A Snout For Chocolate - Deny's Cazet

A Trip to the Zoo - Karen Wallace

About Bugs (We Both Read)

About Dinosaurs (We Both Read)

About Pets (We Both Read)

About Space (We Both Read)

About the Ocean (We Both Read)

About the Rain Forest (We Both Read)

About the Seasons (We Both Read) - Sindy McKay

Amanda Pig and Her Best Friend Lollipop

Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day - Jean Van Leeuwen

Amanda Pig Schoolgirl - Jean Van Leeuwen

Amazing Creation - Katharine Kenah

Amelia Bedelia: Under Construction

Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle - Jennifer Richard Jacobson

Angelina Has the Hiccups - Katharine Holabird

ASL Tales: Rapunzel

ASL Tales: The Princess and the Pea

Baa-Choo

Babe Ruth and the Ice Cream Mess - Dan Gutman

Babe Ruth Saves Baseball - Frank Murphy

Baseball Ballerina - Kathryn Cristaldi

Baseball Fever - Sindy McKay

Bats at the Beach

Bella Baxter and the Lighthouse Mystery

Best Friends: The True Story of own and Mzee - Roberta Edwards

Biscuit and the Baby - Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Bones and the Dog Gone Mystery - David Adler

Brave Norman: A True Story - Andrew Clements

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine - Erica Silverman

Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: School Days - Erica Silverman

Croc By The Rock - Hilary Robinson

Custard Surprise - Bernard Lodge

Detective Dinosaur - James Skofield

Did You See Chip? - Wong Herbert Yee

Dinosaur Babies - Lucille Recht Penner

Dinosaur Planet - David Orme

Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Treehouse #1) - Mary Pope Osborne

Dot and Bob - David McPhail

Dragon Egg - Mallory Loehr

Dragons - Louie (Aloungobble and Me)
Dragons - Louie Recht Penner
Dumpy and the Firefighters - Julia Andrews Edwards
Dumpy To The Rescue - Julie Andrews Edwards
Dumpy's Extra Busy Day - Julie Andrews Edwards
Endangered Animals (We Both Read)
Enemy Of
Flora the Fairy - Tony Bradman
Follow Me Mittens - Lola Schaefer
Frank Was A Monster Who Wanted to Dance
Franklin and the Stopwatch - Sean Jeffrey
Gentle Giant Octopus - Karen Wallace
Get Well Good Knight - Shelley Moore Thomas
Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghosts
Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings - Deborah Hopkinson
Gooney Bird and the Room Mother
Gooney Bird Greene - Lois Lowry
Goose on the Loose - Phil Roxbee
Grand Canyon (Wonders of American Series) - Marion Dane Bauer
Henry and Mudge and Annie's Good Movie
Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet
Henry and Mudge and Mrs. Hopper's House
Henry and Mudge and the Bedtime Thumps
Henry and Mudge and the Best Day of All
Henry and Mudge and the Forever Sea
Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch
Henry and Mudge and the Happy Cat
Henry and Mudge and the Long Weekend - Cynthia Rylant
Henry and Mudge and the Sneaky Crackers
Henry and Mudge and the Snowman Plan
Henry and Mudge and the Starry Night
Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House
Henry and Mudge and the Wild Goose Chase
Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind
Henry and Mudge Get the Cold Shivers
Henry and Mudge in Puddle Trouble
Henry and Mudge in the Family Trees
Henry and Mudge in the Sparkle Days
Henry and Mudge Take the Big Test
Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon
Henry and Mudge: The First Book
Henry and Mudge in the Green Time
Hi! Fly Guy - Tedd Arnold
Horses and Ponies (Usborne Nature book) - Anna Milbourne
Howard and Catina and the Birthday Surprise - James Howe
If I Had A Robot Dog - Andrea Baruffi
It's Snowing! It's Snowing! Winter Poems - Jack Prelutsky

Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way - April Jones Prince
Journey of a Humpback Whale - Caryn Jenner
Judy Moody Declares Independence
Kiss the Cow
Let's Go Riding
Lily's Choice G-H-I (Leveled Book Set 1)
Lily's Choice G-H-I (Leveled Book Set 2)
Little Rat Rides - Monika Bang-Campbell
Loose Tooth - Lola Schaefer
Lucy on the Loose - Ilene Cooper
Marley and Me - Natalie Engel
Martin Bridge on the Lookout
May I Please Have A Cookie? - Jennifer Morris
Maz and Mo's First Day of School - Patricia Lakin
Minnie and Moo: Wanted Dead or Alive - Denys Cazet
More Tales of Amanda Pig - Jean Van Leeuwen
Mouse Soup - Arnold Lobel
Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Catch the Cold - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Feed the Fish - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Fly the Plane - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Make a Wish - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Paint the Porch - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Pick the Pears - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Pour the Tea - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Stir the Soup - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Take the Train - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Toot the Horn - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog - Cynthia Rylant
Mr. Putter and Tabby Write the Book - Cynthia Rylant
Ms. Turtle and the Babysitter - Valeri Gorbachev
My Dog Buddy - David Milgrim
My Father's Dragon - Ruth Stiles
My Parents Think I'm Sleeping - Jack Prelutsky
My Robot
Mystery of the Pirate Ghost - Geoffrey Hayes
Noodle the Puppy - Hans Wilhelm
On the Way to the Pond - Angela Shelf Medearis
Peculiar Pets - Teresa Domnauer
Pig Squeak - Sarah Weeks
Pirate Mom - Deborah Underwood
Poppleton - Cynthia Rylant
Poppleton and Friends - Cynthia Rylant
Poppleton Everyday - Cynthia Rylant
Poppleton Forever - Cynthia Rylant
Poppleton in Winter - Cynthia Rylant
Rafi and Rosi - Lulu Delacre

Room on the Broom
Sacagawea and the Bravest Deed - Diana Magnuson
Scaredy Dog - Andy Ellis
Sir Small and the Dragonfly - Jane O'Conner
Skeleton Hiccups
Smasher
Snow Trucking - John Scieszka
Soccer Song - Patricia Reilly Giff
Sojourner Truth: Path to Glory - Peter Merchant
Space Cat - Doug Cushman
Squish, Crunch, Spash - Kay Woodward
Stanley, Flat Again - Jeff Brown
Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid
Tall Tilly - Jillian Powell
Tara and Tiree: Fearless Friends - Andrew Clements and Ellen Beier
The Best Chef in Second Grade - Katharine Kenah
The Best Sleepover Ever (Angelina's Diary #1)
The Bravest Dog Ever: True Story of Balto - Natalie Standiford
The Eagle - Cynthia Rylant
The King's Equal
The Magic Footprints - Melissa Balfour and Russell Julian
The Monster in the Backpack - Lisa Moser
The Perfect Monster
The Picnic - David Williams
The Riverbank (Wind in the Willows #1)
The Runaway Pumpkin
The Scarecrow's Hat
The Turtle
The Very Boastful Kangaroo - Bernard Most
Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat - True Kelley
Three Stories You Can Read to Your Dog - Sara Swan Miller
Tick Tock - David Williams
Tiny Terrors
Too Small Paul - Kay Woodward
Tooth Story - Margaret McNamara
Tumbleweed Stew - Susan Stevens Crummel
Ugh! A Bug! - Ned Crowley
Unicorn Wings - Mallory Loehr
Wanda Witch and the Stray Dragon
What Columbus Found - Jane Kurtz
When Pigs Fly (Fitch and Chip) - Lisa Wheeler
Where Do Frogs Come From? - Alex Vern
Why Do Horses Neigh? - Joan Holub
Wind In The Willows: Home Sweet Home - Kenneth Grahame
Yellowstone (Wonders of America) - Marion Dane Bauer
Zelda and Ivy and the Boy Next Door - Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Series

Amanda Pig

Andrew Lost

Biscuit

Boxcar Children

Catwings

Chet Gecko

Childhood of Famous Americans

Dick King-Smith

Encyclopedia Brown

Fitch and Chip

Flat Stanley

Freaky Joe Club

Geronimo Stilton

Green Light Readers

Happy and Honey

Henry and Mudge

Hoofbeats

Lighthouse Family

Lily Quench

Little Wolf

Magic Treehouse

Mr. Putter and Tabby

My Father's Dragon

Pets to the Rescue

Poppleton

Puppy Mudge

Read and Wonder

Sam

Sir Small

Spiderwick Chronicles

Time Warp Trio

Unicorn's Secret

Usborne Phonics Readers

Wanda Witch

We Both Read

Wild at Heart