

# Kindergarten Summer Reading List

(all summer reading is **OPTIONAL!**)

*(All book titles are links that will take you to Amazon to preview/purchase the book)*

1. [A Bad Case of Stripes](#) by David Shannon
2. [After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again](#) by Dan Santat
3. [Alphabet Everywhere](#) by Elliott Kaufman
4. [Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs](#) by Judi Barrett
5. [Frog and Toad](#) (series) by Arnold Lobel
6. [Goodnight, Moon](#) by Margaret Wise Brown
7. [Hello, Baby Beluga](#) by Darrin Lunde
8. [Henry and Mudge](#) (series) by Cynthia Rylant
9. [Hot Rod Hamster](#) by Cynthia Lord
10. [Ice Cream Summer](#) by Peter Sis
11. [Junie B. Jones](#) (series) by Barbara Park
12. [Me on the Map](#) by Joan Sweeney
13. [The Adventures of Curious George](#) by H.A. and Margret Ray
14. [The Giving Tree](#) by Shel Silverstein
15. [The Grouchy Ladybug](#) by Eric Carle
16. [The Jungle Grapevine](#) by Hugh Lupton
17. [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) by Eric Carle
18. [We're All Wonders](#) by R.J. Palacio

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

(all summer reading is optional)

[The Book of Mistakes](#) by Corinna Luyken

[Fergus and Zeke](#) by Kate Messner

[Jabari Jumps](#) by Gaia Cornwall

[Give Bees a Chance](#) by Bethany Barton

[Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing](#) by Kay Haring

[Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach](#) by James Dean

[Go, Dog, Go](#) by P.D. Eastman

[Pete the Cat Goes Camping](#) by James Dean

[Sheep in a Jeep](#) by Nancy E. Shaw

[The Tale of Peter Rabbit](#) by Beatrix Potter

## Second Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

A good reading suggestion is for a child to read 10 minutes for every grade he/she has completed. For upcoming second graders, having completed kindergarten & first grade, they should read for a total of 20 minutes per day. The most important aspect of this suggested summer reading list is that your child READ, READ, READ! The more he or she reads, the better he/she will get. Also, to change things up, you may read to your child. What a great memory maker, and it will help him/her to improve their reading skills. Have a wonderful fun-filled summer!

9 Cul-De-Sac Kids Series by Beverly Lewis

The Adventures of Taxi Dog by Debra Barracca, Sal Barracca, Mark Buehner (illus.)

Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book Series) by Peggy Parish, Fritz Siebel (illus.)

Chicken Soup with Rice, A Book of Months by Maurice Sendak

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

The Great Kapok Tree A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest by Lynne Cherry

Is Your Mama a Llama? by Deborah Guarino, Steven Kellogg (illus.)

Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osbourne

Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo

A to Z Mysteries Series by Ron Roy

More books can be found at [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com)

Dear Families of Upcoming Third Graders,

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!!! In third grade, your child will take some huge strides with their learning in many areas. Strong reading skills are crucial to everything that your student will learn this next year and beyond. Make a love of reading your most important educational goal for your children. Children who love to read will excel in many areas, not just academics. Here are some ideas to keep in mind as you begin to encourage your child to read more:

- **Listen to a book being read aloud.**
- **Take turns reading to a friend or parent.**
- **Read the book by yourself and tell someone about your favorite parts.**
- **Make a list of the books you have read. Use a code to indicate how you felt about each book.**
- **Visit the library and explore the section with information books. Select those that interest you.**
- **Record yourself reading the book or parts of the book a second time. Listen to your recording.**

To know if a book is “just right” for your child, try the “5 Finger Test”. Have your child open a book to the middle. Have them read one page. If they get to a word that they don’t know, hold up one finger. At the end of the page, see how many fingers your child is holding up. Explain that this can tell you if a book is “just right”:

- 0 fingers – book is too easy
- 1-5 fingers – book is “just right”
- More than 5 fingers – book is a challenge book

I have attached a recommended summer reading list. Becoming a confident and fluent reader, like getting in shape or learning a new sport, requires daily practice. Without daily practice, kids can regress by a month or more, which can result in them starting the new school year scrambling to catch up. A good rule of thumb for summer reading: you should read at a minimum ten minutes per day for each grade level they have completed. Your student should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes a day. Every time your child reads 20 minutes a day, please have them fill in the summer reading log attached to this letter. Please encourage your child to read, read, and then read some more this summer! I am looking forward to developing a partnership with you in Christ as we begin this next year together! Have a blessed summer!

God bless,

Mrs. Butler



## 3rd Grade Summer Reading

This listing of books offers book titles that are popular with boys and girls who are entering third grade. This list is a good place to start your summer

reading, but it is only a place to start. You may find other books by these authors and enjoy those books, too. Knowing how to choose a good book is part of being a good reader. Have fun choosing and reading books this summer.

**Mouse and the Motorcycle** Cleary, Beverly

**Henry and Mudge** (series) Rylant, Cynthia

**Mr. Popper's Penguins** Atwater, Richard

**Shiloh** Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds

**The Relatives Came** Rylant, Cynthia

**Jumanji** Van Allsburg, Chris

**The Magic Treehouse** (series) Osborn, Mary Pope

**Junie B. Jones** (series) Park, Barbara

**How to Eat Fried Worms** Rockwell, Thomas

**Nate the Great** (series) Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman

**Stuart Little** White, E.B.

**The Puppy Place** (series) Miles, Ellen

**Amelia Bedelia** (series) Parrish, Peggy

**Fly Guy** (series) Arnold, Tedd

**The True Story of the Three Little Pigs** Scieszka, Jon

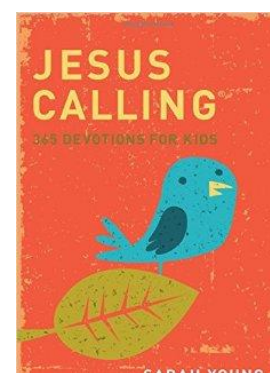
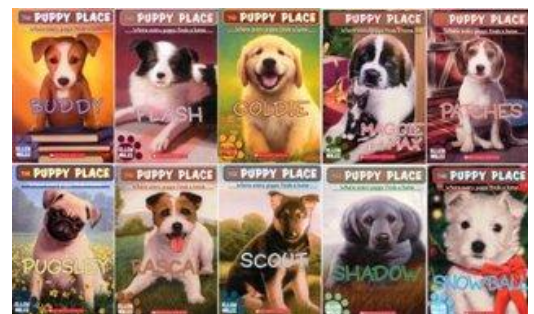
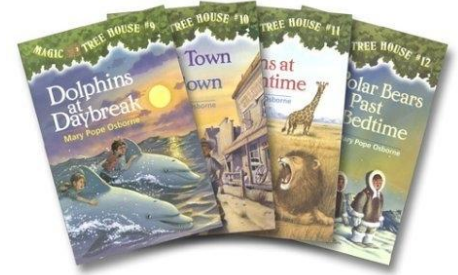
**Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (series) Kinney, Jeff

**Rainbow Magic Series** Meadows, Daisy

**I Survived** (series) Tarshis, Lauren

\*A great daily devotional for your child is **Jesus Calling**

by Sarah Young.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Here is a list of recommended books for summer reading for upcoming fourth graders that has many different titles for a wide range of reading abilities:

- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater
- Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald Sobol
- Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
- Sophie Series by Dick King-Smith
- Akimbo Series by Alexander McCall Smith
- Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfelt
- My Father's Dragon Series by Ruth Styles Gannett
- The Bells of Christmas by Virginia Hamilton
- My America Series
- Three Cousins Detective Club by Elspeth Campbell Murphy
- Box Car Children Series by Gertrude Chandler
- Any Beverly Cleary Book
- American Girl Series
- My Life As.... Series by Bill Myers
- The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill
- Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinnelli
- The Miss Piggle Wiggle Series by Betty MacDonald
- The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
- The Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith
- Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis
- Nancy Drew Series by Carolyn Keene
- Hardy Boys Series by Franklin Dixon
- Little House Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Sugar Creek Gang Series by Paul Hutchens

I hope you have a great summer! This is the suggested summer reading list and instructions for upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

Read the book and write one paragraph summarizing the story, and write one paragraph about who was your favorite character and why.

For every 3 books read, you will receive 100 points extra credit in the test section. That is the same as getting a 100 on a test grade! (optional)

Suggested summer reading list for upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

The Magician's Nephew C.S.Lewis

Little Women Louisa May Alcott

Indian in the Cupboard Lynne Reid Banks

Heidi Johanna Spyri

The Hobbit J.R. Tolkien

The Giver Lois Lowry

The summaries need to be turned in by the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of school.

~Mrs. Henry ☺