



#LehrmanLoves2Read

Kindergarten

Here are some suggestions to read this summer.

Please remember these are only **suggestions**. The most important factor is that you and your child choose books that you both enjoy!

Books About Me:

- *I Like Me!* By Nancy L. Carlson
- *Owen* by Kevin Henkes
- *It's Okay to Be Different* by Todd Parr

Folktales and Fairy Tales

- *Three Little Pigs* by James Marshall
- *Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Peter Christen Asbjornsen
- *Chicken Little* by Steven Kellogg

Rhyming Books

- Dr. Seuss books
- *Down by the Bay* by Bernard Westcott
- *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen

Predictable and Repetitive Books

- *Silly Sally* by Audrey Woods
- *No David!* By David Shannon
- *Bark George* by Jules Feiffer

Books About Starting Kindergarten

- *Kindergarten Rocks* by Katie Davis
- *The Night Before Kindergarten* by Natasha Wing
- *Planet Kindergarten* by Sue Ganz Schmitt

Mo Willems

- *Elephant & Piggie*, *The Pigeon*, *Knuffle Bunny*... any Mo Willems books

Non-fiction books about subjects your child is interested in.

Happy Reading!

Your Kindergarten Teachers



First Grade

The Summer is for Rest, Relaxation...and Reading!

This summer we have one MAJOR 'assignment' for you to do with your child! **READ TOGETHER!** As your child approaches first grade the most important readiness skill you can give them is simply to read **to them**. The interactive process of reading together is the best investment you can make in the future of your child. Not only does reading aloud with

your child form the basis of literacy and positive feelings about reading, but the latest research shows **countless benefits** such as:

Learning Benefits

- Supports cognitive development
- Increases vocabulary
- Increases general knowledge
- Expands understanding of the world
- Develops language and listening skills
- Stimulates imagination

Behavioral Benefits

- Supports attention and focus
- Calms hyperactivity
- Quells aggression
- Helps children think about feelings
- Helps children use words to describe feelings
- Helps the child learn to control behavior

Even if your child is reading fluently, please do not overlook the benefits of reading to your child. Other options are: have your child read a page and then you read a page; family members take turns reading a story together; try to read to or with your child daily at scheduled times—before bedtime is great! If you skip a night or two don't be discouraged—just try to read together as much as you can at anytime.

Have a great Summer! Please see below for some book suggestions. The best advice, however, is to read the books your child loves! We will handle the technical reading instruction in the fall. Find topics your child is interested in and let them guide the way. We want reading to take them to new and exciting places. We want them to fall in love with Reading.

Happy Reading!

Your First Grade Teachers

Recommended Books:

Biscuit by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
Duck on a Bike by David Shannon
Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
Gossie by Olivier Dunrea
The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Itchy, Itchy Chicken Pox by Grace MacCarone
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Puppy Mudge by Cynthia Rylant

Any of the **Step into Reading** book series (Levels 1-3)
 Any of the **Clifford** book series by Norman Bridwell
 Any of the **Elephant and Piggie** books by Mo Willems
 Any of the **Berenstain Bears** series by Sharon and Jan Berenstain
 Any of the **Pete the Cat** series by Eric Litwin
 Any of the **Fly Guy** series by Tedd Arnold
 Any of the **Dr. Seuss** books
 Any of Kay Thompson's **Eloise Ready-to-Read** series



Second Grade

The Summer is for Rest, Relaxation...and Reading!

Read *any* books you choose over the summer; below are some suggestions, but choose books that *you* enjoy.

While you read, think about these questions:

Characters: Who are the main characters in the story?

Setting: Where does the story take place?

Plot: (for fiction, of course) What happens at the beginning of the story? What happens in the middle of the story? What happens at the end of the story?

We will begin the year with an activity that will allow you to respond to one of your summer reading books. Then when we read together our first book of the year, we will delve into Character, Setting, and Plot.

Happy Reading!

Your Second Grade Teachers

Some Recommended Books (you do not have to use books from these lists, they are only suggestions)

I CAN READ

I Can Read books are perfect for first graders who are going into second. We like to describe them as short chapter books, since they are just long enough. The vocabulary is usually controlled and consistent and will give readers a lot of practice reading high-fluency words. In addition, many of the books have memorable characters and a wonderful sense of humor. Again, some are slightly easier than others, so a quick review is always wise.

CHAPTER BOOKS

Some first-into-second graders will be ready for chapter books this summer. The books listed below have themes that we feel are perfect for this age group. In addition, the vocabulary in each book is straightforward and word choice is fairly controlled. We also tried to choose chapter books that are not too long, but should satisfy a reader who wants to stretch a little over the summer.

The following books are recommended for summer reading:

Easier Readers

Young Cam Jansen (Series) by David Adler

Henry and Mudge (Series) by Cynthia Rylant
Dr. Seuss Books

Nate the Great (Series) by Marjorie Sharmat

Frog and Toad (Series) by Arnold Lobel

Poppleton (Series) by Cynthia Rylant

Mr. Putter and Tabby (Series) by Cynthia Rylant

I Can Read (Series)

Middle Level Readers

Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne

Fly Guy (Series) by Tedd Arnold

Mercy Watson (Series) by Kate DiCamillo

Horrible Harry (Series) by Suzy Kline

Princess Pink (Series) by Noah Jones

Bink and Gollie (Series) by Kate DiCamillo

Boris (Series) by Andrew Joyner

The Princess in Black (Series) by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale

Owl Diaries (Series) by Rebecca Elliot

Higher Level Readers

Ivy and Bean (Series) by Annie Barrows

Stink (Series) by Megan McDonald

Encyclopedia Brown (Series) by Leroy Brown

Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure by Jeff Brown

Wayside School (Series) by Louis Sachar

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney



Third Grade

The Summer is for Rest, Relaxation...and Reading!

We are asking that students commit to reading AT LEAST one book—fiction or nonfiction—over the summer. When your child returns to school in August, one of the first reading skills/strategies we will be discussing at length is character traits. Please ask your child to keep this in mind as s/he reads over the summer. Once this lesson has been taught, your children will be expected to connect it to a character they read about over the summer.

Below is a **suggested** Summer Reading List for students entering third grade for the 2022-23 school year. This is only a suggested list; students may choose any books that they can read independently and that they have not read before.

Happy Reading!

Your Third Grade Teachers

Suggested Reading:

Any book by Andrew Clements except *Frindle* and *Troublemaker*

Any book by Beverly Cleary

Any book by Roald Dahl

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

The One and Only Ivan Series by Katherine Applegate

Mr. Lemoncello's Library series by Chris Grabenstein

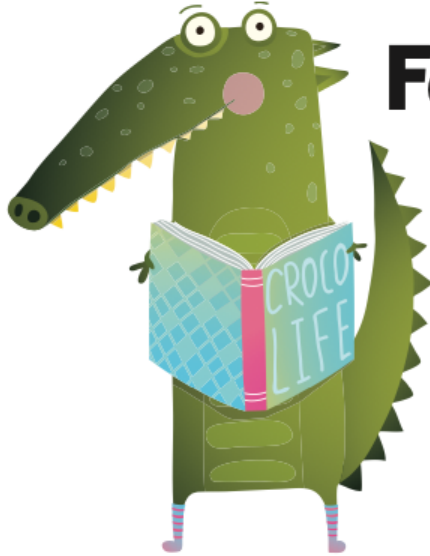
The Candymakers Series by Wendy Mass

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliot

Trapped in a Video Game Series by Dustin Brady

The Secret Lake by Karen Ingis

Wish by Barbara O'Connor



Fourth Grade

The Summer is for Rest, Relaxation...and Reading!

Enjoy at least **one novel** over the summer.

Of course, the more reading the better! Please be prepared during the first week of school, to discuss with the class and write (in-class) a short summary of the favorite novel you read this summer. You may bring the book with you, of course, so you may want to go to the library and take it out in time; if you bought it, remember to pack it in your back-pack!

Happy Reading!

Your Fourth Grade Teachers

Suggestions:

Fudge-a-Mania by Judy Blume

Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

(any book from series)

Cupcake Dairies by Coco Simon

The Landry News by Andrew Clements

Frindle by Andrew Clements

Amelia Writes Again by Marissa Moss (or any Amelia Book)

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke

Aesop's Fables by Michael Hague

(or any version of Aesop's fables)



Fifth Grade

The Summer is for Rest, Relaxation...and Reading!

Enjoy at least **two novels** over the summer.

Of course, the more reading the better! Please be prepared to bring your books to school with you. We will discuss the books and complete an activity or two with the novel that was your favorite during the first week of school.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Savvy by Ingrid Law

The Toothpaste Millionaire by Jean Merrill

Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything by Uma Krishnashwami

Under the Egg by Lara Fitzgerald

The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom by Christopher Healy

Surviving the Applewhites by Stephanie Tolan

Absolutely Almost by Lisa Graff

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Handbook for Dragon Slayers by Merrie Haskell

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM by Robert O'Brien

Benjamin Franklinstein Lives by Matthew McElligott and Larry Tuxbury

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black

Better Nate Than Never by Tim Federle

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Cat Who Went to Heaven by Elizabeth Coatsworth

Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park

Happy Reading!

Your Fifth Grade Teachers