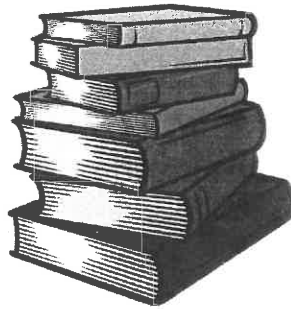


Summer Reading List



For Students

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5th Grade

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By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level! ☺ Happy Reading and Writing!

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVELS

- In Elementary school, each child is developing on their own continuum, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, *children need lots of time to read lots of books that are "just right" for their abilities.*

FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?

Nope! *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children **not** read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.
- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books - many of the books in this packet are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THROUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?

*Good question, but **proceed with caution!***

- "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.
- If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! ☺ Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Please help your child select books that you are 100% confident your child can read independently *with ease*, and that are clearly written for readers the age of your child. You will see the results of this important, careful book selection work in September! ☺

GREAT WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS: <http://www.hornbookguide.com>, <http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/>, <http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/> and <http://www.nsta.org/recommends/>

<u>LEVEL Q - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Aliens Ate My Homework	Coville, Bruce	X	
Help! I'm Trapped In...(series)	Strasser, Todd	X	
Bunnica (series)	Howe, James	X	
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Clearly, Beverly	X	
Little House in the Big Woods (series)	Wilder, Laura I	X	
James And The Giant Peach	Dahl, Roald	X	
Just Juice	Hesse, Karen	X	
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Atwater, Richard	X	
The War with Grandpa	Smith, Robert	X	
Superfudge, Fudge-a-Mania, Double Fudge	Blume, Judy	X	
Tales Of A Fourth Grade Nothing	Blume, Judy	X	
There's a Boy In The Girl's Bathroom	Sachar, Louis	X	
The True Story Of The 3 Little Pigs	Scieszka, Jon	X	
Black Diamond: the Story Of Negro Baseball Leagues	McKissack, Patricia		X
Finding The Titanic	Ballard, Robert		X
Great Black Heroes: Five Notable Inventors	Hudson, Wade		X
If You Lived At The Time Of ...	Various Authors		X
If Your Name Was Changed At Ellis Island	Levine, Ellen		X
A Medieval Feast	Aliki		X
Sarah Morton's Day	Waters, Kate		X
Walking The Road To Freedom	Ferris, Jeri		X

<u>LEVEL R - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
Amos (series)	Paulsen, Gary	X	
Because Of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo, kate	X	
Brian's Winter	Paulsen, Gary	X	
Charlie And The Chocolate Factory	Dahl, Roald	X	
Charlotte's Web	White, E.B.	X	
Every Living Thing	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Frindle	Clements, Andrew	X	
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary	X	
How To Eat Fried Worms	Fleischman, Sid	X	
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	X	
The Whipping Boy	Fleischman, Sid	X	
Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great	Blume, Judy	X	
The Witches	Dahl, Roald	X	
The Indian in the Cupboard (series)	Banks, Lynne Reid	X	
All For The Better	Mohr, Nicholasa		X
Amelia Earhart: Young Adviator	Gormley, Beatrice		X
And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?	Fritz, Jean		X
Can't You Make Them Behave, King Geroge?	dePaola, Tomie		X
Can it Rain Cats and Dogs? Question And Answers			X
About The Weather	Berger, Melvin		X
Flight: The Journey Of Charles Lindbergh	Burleigh, Robert		X
The Great Migration	Lawrence, Jacob		X
Mummies Made In Egypt	Aliki		X
Mummies! Secrets Of the Dead	Griffey, Harriet		X
Sadako And the Thousand Paper Cranes	Coerr, Eleanor		X

<u>LEVEL U - TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>FICTION</u>	<u>NONFICTION</u>
The BFG	Dahl, Roald	X	
Lyddie	Paterson, Katherine	X	
Tucket's Ride & Words	Paulsen, Gary	X	
Report to the Principal's Office	Spinelli, Jerry	X	
Ella Enchanted	Levine, Gail Garson	X	
Flipped	Van Draanen, Wendelin	X	
Julie Of The Wolves	George, Jean C.	X	
My Side Of The Mountain	George, Jean C.	X	
Number The Stars	Lowry, Lois	X	
A Single Shard	Park, Linda Sue	X	
Tangerine	Bloor, Edward	X	
The View From Saturday	Konigsburg, E.L.	X	
The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963	Curtis, Christopher Paul	X	
Wringer & Who Put the Hair in my Toothbrush ?	Spinelli, Jerry	X	
Insects	Bird, Bettina		X
Knots in My Yo-Yo String	Spinelli, Jerry		X
Mandela	Cooper, Floyd		X
Ordinary Genius: The Story Of Albert Einstein	McPherson, Stephanie S.		X
A Place Called Heartbreak	Myers, Walter Dean		X
Rosa Park	Parks, Rosa		X
The Silk Route	Major, John S.		X
The Tarantula In My Purse	George, Jean C.		X
Volcano: The Eruption And Healing Of Mount St. Helens	Lauber, Patricia		X
The Witchcraft of Salem Village	Jackson, Shirley		X