

# Summer Reading List



## TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

Daily reading of any book is strongly encouraged! We recommend sitting with your child, modeling how to open and hold a book, using your finger to track the text across the pages, and asking your child questions about the story and illustrations as you read.

### Alphabet Books, such as:

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
- Eating the Alphabet by Lois Ehlert
- I-Spy Letters by Jean Marzollo
- A to Z by Sandra Boynton

### Color Books, such as:

- Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? by Eric Carle
- Mix It Up by Herve Tullet
- Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert
- Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni

### Counting/ Number Books, such as:

- Ten Black Dots by Donald Crow
- Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 by Bill Martin Jr.
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Christelow

### Wordless Books, such as:

- The Balcony by Melissa Castrillon
- Du Iz Tak? by Carson Ellis
- Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle

### Beloved Characters, such as:

- Pete the Cat by James Dean
- Llama Llama by Anna Dewdney
- The Pigeon by Mo Willems
- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Curious George by H. A. Rey
- Spot by Eric Hill

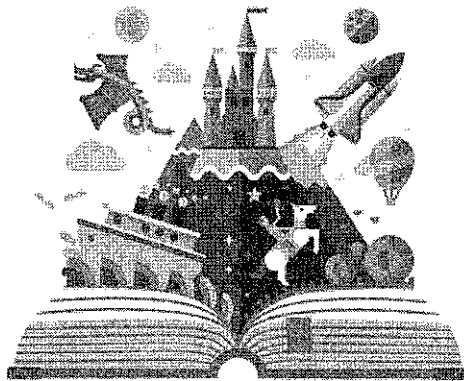
### Beloved Authors, such as:

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| • Diane Alber     | • Suzanne Lang    | • Laura Numeroff |
| • Bill Martin Jr. | • James Dean      | • Mac Barnett    |
| • Mo Williams     | • Vashti Harrison | • Jon Klassen    |

## Pre-Kindergarten Summer Reading List

Feel free to pick at least one of the following titles to read with your child during the summer months to prepare him/her for Pre-Kindergarten. Along with these titles, please continue to read daily to your child. Have your child pick picture books that interest him/her. In August, begin to read children's literature about school to prepare your child for his or her transition back into the classroom. Happy reading!

- **The Magic of Me: My Magical Choices**
  - Author: Becky Cummings
  - A book about how our choices can "bring sunshine or rainy showers"
- **Do Unto Otters: A book about Manners**
  - Author: Laurie Keller
  - A book about manners
- **This School Year Will be the Best!**
  - Author: Kay Winters
  - A book about starting school
- **Nugget and Fang**
  - Author: Michael Slack
  - A book about inclusion and kindness





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## 2026 Summer Reading List

### Kindergarten

***Reading to and with your child is vitally important to his/her future success as an independent reader. The following genres offer a variety of summer reading choices:***

- Alphabet books
- Rhyming books
- Nursery rhyme books
- Number/counting books
- Fairytales/folktales/fables
- Picture books
- High-frequency word books such as Scholastic's BOB books or "Sight Word Readers"
- Step into Reading books (leveled readers)
- Books by selected authors such as Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Pat Hutchins, Leo Lionni, Mo Willems, and Mem Fox

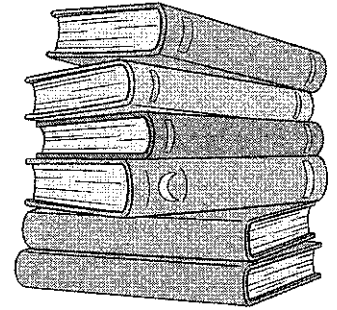
***About three weeks prior to the start of the school year, it is important to read books with the theme of starting school, being confident in yourself, and making friends. Please choose three or more books from the following list to read to your child:***

- Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne Rockwell
- KINDergarten by Vera Ahiiya
- How to Be Kind in Kindergarten by D.J. Steinberg
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen
- Sorry Grownups, You Can't Go to School by Christina Geist
- You Are Enough by Margaret O'Hair
- Blossom and Bud by Frank Sileo
- The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes
- It's Hard to Be Five: Learning How to Work My Control Panel by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Off to Kindergarten by Tony Johnston
- Planet Kindergarten by Sue Ganz-Schmitt

***These books can be found at the Public Library, online, or in our local bookstores.***

***Enjoy!***

## **MRS. STRAKER'S SUGGESTED READING LIST**



### **Beginning Readers:**

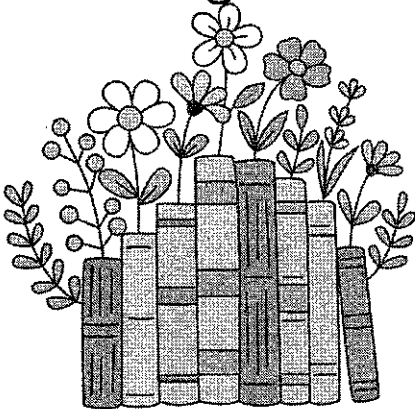
- Any books from the Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems

### **Emerging Readers:**

- Bob Books by Lynn Maslen Kertell
- Any decodable reading books.

### **Independent Readers or Read Aloud:**

- Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel
- Any books from the Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo



# Second Grade Summer Reading List and Project

Dear Future Second Graders,

During the summer I would like you to read as much as you can! Visit your favorite library and have fun choosing different books to read.

I would like you to read 3 books from this list.

## List of Books to Choose From:

- *Pizza My Heart*      \* *Donut Feed the Squirrels*
- *Apple of my Pie*      \* *Cat & Cat, The Quest for Snacks*
- *One Smart Cookie*
- *The Adventures of Waffle and Pancake*
- *Pizza and Taco Best Party Ever*
- *Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake*
- *Chef Yasmina and the Potato Panic*
- *The Gingerbread Man-New Friend on the Loose*
- *Cupcake Diaries (any in the series)*

## After you finish reading:

1. Bake your favorite cookie or snack. (with an adult)
2. Make a poster with the printed recipe and a picture of you baking.
3. Bring the snack to school for the first week of school to share.





Sincerely,  
Mary Golba

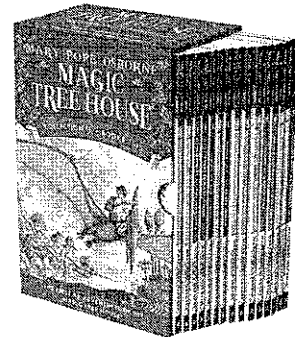
# Ms. Bowser's 3RD GRADE SUMMER READING

## Main Project: Story Map Poster

Choose **ONE** book from the **Magic Tree House** series by Mary Pope Osborne.  
After reading, create a Story Map Poster that shows the adventure from your  
book!

### Your map should include:

-  A creative map of the story's setting
-  5 marked spots on your map
-  At each spot, include one of the following:
  - A short sentence about what happened
  - A drawing of an important event
  - A fun detail about the characters or setting
-  Be creative! Your map can look like a treasure map, island, forest, or anything  
from your story!






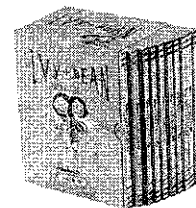
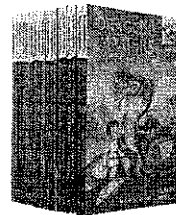
## 2 Book Talks

Choose **TWO** books from any of the series below:

- Dragon Masters
- Ivy + Bean
- A to Z Mysteries

For each book, complete the attached "Book Talk" that includes:

-  Title and Author of the book
-  Main character(s)
-  Your favorite part(s)
- Would you recommend it? Why or why not?



### Questions?

Email Ms. Bowser:  
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Ms. Bowser's

# 3RD GRADE BOOK TALK

Book Title and Author

Main Character(s)

My favorite part of the book was...  
Share why it was your favorite.

Would you recommend this book? Why?

# GRADE 4 SUMMER READING

Please pick any **3** from the list below and complete book reviews/summaries for each book read. You may fill out the template provided or type up your own review/summary.

Along with the reviews/summaries, choose **1** of the books to create a poster, diorama, mobile, puppet, etc. to share during the first week of school. Books may be read with a parent or independently.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Katie CiCamillo

Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka

Rump – The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin by Liesl Shurtliff

The Last Kids on Earth by Max Brallier

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

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## **2026 Summer Reading List: Fifth Grade**

Have you ever read a novel so fantastic that you felt like you were walking in the main character's shoes? That's because a good book makes you empathize with its characters. Empathy is the ability to feel and understand the emotions and point of view of another person; developing empathy is an important part of growing up. The novels on this list are all about kids your age. Some of their experiences may feel familiar to you, while some may feel very different from your life; either way, reading these books will enhance your sense of empathy and help you feel ready to take on the challenges and opportunities of middle school!

Choose three of the following novels, and then complete the project described below:

*Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper, 2010

Genre: Realistic Fiction

*Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh, 1964

Genre: Realistic Fiction

*The Last Cuentista* by Donna Barba Higuera, 2021

Genre: Science Fiction

*When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller, 2020

Genre: Magical Realism/Fantasy

*The First State of Being* by Erin Entrada Kelly, 2025

Genre: Science Fiction

*The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon, 2018

Genre Realistic Fiction

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen, 1986

Genre: Adventure

*As Brave as You*, Jason Reynolds, 2016

Genre: Realistic Fiction

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan, 2000

Genre: Historical Fiction

*Holes* by Louis Sachar, 1998

Genre: Mystery

Project:

## Fifth Grade Summer Reading

1. For each of the books you choose to read from the list, please write answers the following questions, using complete sentences:
  - What are two similarities you share with the main character of this book? What are two differences?
  - What emotions did you feel while reading this book?
  - Would you recommend this book to another fifth grader? Why or why not?
2. Imagine you are a bookseller or librarian. Make a poster to encourage a fifth-grade reader to choose your favorite of the three books you read. You will share your poster with the rest of our class during the first week of school. Your poster should include:
  - The book's title
  - The book's genre
  - A short summary of the plot (No spoiling the ending, please!)
  - Pictures (drawings or photos) related to the book
  - Information about the book's author
  - Anything else you think would persuade someone to pick this book up—be creative!



## Middle School English Summer Reading List 2026

Grades 6-8

**Sixth Grade-** Read a total of 2 books

*Choose one:*

The Wind in the Willows Kenneth Grahame

The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe- C.S. Lewis

Anne of Green Gables- L.M. Montgomery

*Choose One:*

Sing Down the Moon Scott O'Dell

Touching Spirit Bear- Ben Mikaelson

Sign of the Beaver- Elizabeth George Spear

Choose one of the books listed above to make a "book in a box" project.

**Seventh Grade-** Read a total of 2 books

*Choose one:*

Refugee- Alan Gratz

When Stars are Scattered- Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon- Grace Lin

*Choose one:*

The Midwife's Apprentice - Karen Cushman

Adam of the Road -Elizabeth Janet Gray

Mary, Bloody Mary -Carolyn Meyer

Choose one of the books listed above to make a "book on a board" project.

**Eighth Grade-** Read a minimum of 2 books from this list, and 3 of your choice, for a total of 5 books:

*Choose a minimum of two:*

Fahrenheit 451- Ray Bradbury

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

Wuthering Heights- Emily Bronte

This Tender Land- William Kent Krueger

The Joy Luck Club – Amy Tan

The Book Thief- Markus Zusak

Choose **three** more titles to be included in your power point project.