

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

First grade readers, just beginning to appreciate the joy of independent reading, will love these books for the zany characters, the life lessons and active minds imagining new worlds. Suggestions for early reader books help round off this list of beautifully crafted and vivid picture books.

**The Plot Chickens** by Mary Jane & Herm Auch

Henrietta the chicken loves to read so much that she decides to write a book herself, but first no one will publish a book written by a chicken, and then, when she publishes it herself and it gets a terrible review in "The Corn Book," Henrietta is devastated.

**Have You Seen My New Blue Socks** by Eve Bunting

The reader is invited to help Duck and his animal friends find a missing item.

**Our Library** by Eve Bunting

A raccoon and his friends go to great lengths to make sure they will always have a library from which to borrow books.

**Great Fairy Tale Disaster** by David Conway

When an old Big Bad Wolf, who no longer has enough huff and puff to blow down a house, tries to find a nice relaxing fairy tale for a change, he winds up making a big mess for Cinderella, Rapunzel, and other well-known characters.

**M.O.M. (Mom Operating Manual)** by Doreen Cronin

A guide to the care and maintenance of mothers, who are, according to the manual, "the most advanced human models on the planet.

**Thunder-Boomer** by Shutta Crum

A farm family scurries for shelter from a violent thunderstorm that brings welcome relief from the heat and also an unexpected surprise.

**Bink & Gollie** by Kate DiCamillo

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

**Oh, No!** by Candace Fleming

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.

**Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide!** by Candace Fleming

Having worked all summer at keeping bunnies out of his garden, Mr. McGreely looks forward to a peaceful winter--if only he can keep those naughty bunnies from invading his home.

**Diary of a Baby Wombat** by Jackie French

Through a week of diary entries, a wombat describes his life of sleeping; playing and helping his mother look for a bigger hole in which to make their home.

**Day by Day** by Susan Gal

"As the seasons change, the industrious pigs of Day by Day build a home, plant a garden, help their neighbors, and then gather in a harvest grown with hard work and kindness"

**Egg Drop** by Mini Grey

Tragedy strikes when an egg, eager to fly like birds, airplanes, and insects, steps off of a tall tower.

**Three By the Sea** by Mini Grey

Cat, Dog, and Mouse live together contentedly in a cottage by the sea, dividing the work between them, until A. Stranger, a fox from the "Winds of Change" company, arrives and stirs up trouble

**Mall Harry To the Moon** by Robie Harris

Harry's older brother, unhappy that the new baby seems to have taken over, dreams up imaginative ways to get rid of him.

**Charley's First Night** by Amy Hest

A book about friendship, new beginnings and that indescribable measure of love that we call a dog.

**Magritte's Marvelous Hat** by D. B. Johnson

When painter Magritte, depicted as a well-dressed, floppy-eared dog, buys a playful--and mysterious--hat, his painting enjoys a burst of creativity. Inspired by the art of French surrealist painter Rene Magritte.

**Emeraldalicious** by Victoria Kann

Recycling magic turns a garbage-filled park into a "greentastic" garden.

**Flower Girl** by Victoria Kann

"Pinkalicious is going to be the best flower girl ever - as soon as she figures out just what a flower girl is!"

**Library Mouse: A Friend's Tale** by Daniel Kirk

Sam, the shy mouse that lives in the library and likes to write books, collaborates with a boy in the library's Authors and Illustrators Club.

**Ten things I Love About You** by Daniel Kirk

Rabbit makes a list of the things he loves about Pig, but needs Pig's help deciding what to write.

**A Boy Had a Mother Who Bought Him a Hat** by Karla Kuskin

After a boy's mother buys him a hat, she buys him a mouse, shoes, boots, skis, mask, cello, and an elephant--none of which he is ever without.

**Giant John** by Arnold Lobel

Hired to perform odd jobs at the royal castle, Giant John's work pleases everyone until the musical fairies arrive and the friendly giant cannot resist the urge to dance.

**Pirates Don't Change Diapers** by Melinda Long

Braid Beard and his pirate crew return to retrieve the treasure they buried in Jeremy Jacob's backyard, but first they must help calm his baby sister, Bonney Anne, whom they awoke from her nap.

**Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes** by Jane O'Connor (Easy Reader series)

Nancy's failure to pay attention gets her into trouble when she bakes cupcakes for the school bake sale.

**The Blushful Hippopotamus** by Chris Raschka

Though Roosevelt the hippopotamus's sister teases him because he blushes a lot, his best friend helps him feel better about himself.

**Think Big!** by Liz Scanlon

A classroom of exuberant youngsters explores art in its most varied forms, from painting, music and writing, to cooking and performing.

**Green** by Laura Seeger

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text explore the many shades of the color green.

**Grandpa Green** by Lane Smith

A child explores the ordinary life of his extraordinary great-grandfather, as expressed in his topiary garden.

**When No One Is Watching** by Eileen Spinelli

When alone, a young girl enjoys dancing, singing, growling, and cheering but when anyone other than her best friend is watching, she is quiet and shy.

**Bear Has a Story to Tell** by Philip Stead

Bear, with the help of his animal friends, remembers the story he had hoped to tell before the onset of winter.

**Great Fuzz Frenzy** by Janet Stevens

When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.

**Here Comes the Big, Mean Dust Bunny!** by Jan Thomas

Dust bunnies who enjoy rhyming games and a boisterous cat who likes to chase and grab learn how to play together.

**Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs** by Mo Willems

When three hungry dinosaurs lay a trap hoping to catch something to eat, Goldilocks who never listens to warnings walks into their house and springs the trap.

**Bear's Loose Tooth** by Karma Wilson

When Bear discovers he has a loose tooth, his friends try to help make it fall out.

**Mortimer's First Garden** by Karma Wilson

Little Mortimer Mouse, longing to see something green at winter's end, follows the lead of the big people and plants, waters, and weeds his last sunflower seed until, finally, with God's help and a lot of patience, he harvests his crop.

## **NON-FICTION**

**Wet Pet (Flip-a-Word series)** by Yukiko Kido

Humorous illustrations and die-cut pages introduce words of the same family, such as pet, wet, jet, and then combine them in often-improbable phrases, including jet gets wet.

**The Wing Wing Brothers Math Spectacular** by Ethan Long

The Wing Wing brothers put on a show that illustrates how to compare numbers, add, and subtract.

**Planets** by Linda Aspen-Baxter

Young readers learn about the planets in our solar system.

**Time to Eat** by Steve Jenkins

Provides an introduction to what animals eat and how they collect, store, and digest their food.

**Football Colors** by Mark Weakland

Sports Illustrated Kids Rookie Book – All the colors seen at a football game.

## **Easy Reader Series & Authors**

David Adler: **Young Cam Jansen and the Magic Bird Mystery**

Alyssa Capucilli: **Biscuit in the Garden**

Syd Hoff: **Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp**

Arnold Lobel: **Frog and Toad Together**

Cari Meister: **Tiny On the Farm**

Claudia Mills: **Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson**

Else Minarek: **Little Bear and the Marco Polo**

Jane O'Connor: **Fancy Nancy and the Mean Girl**

Cynthia Rylant: **Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip**

Majorie Sharmat: **Nate the Great and the Phony Clue**

Mo Willems: **Elephant and Piggie: Listen to My Trumpet!**

# Summer Reading List

*Students Entering 2nd Grade*

## **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!**

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!

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/August!

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/>

## Suggested Summer Reading List for Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

### LEVEL G (12)- TITLES

Biscuit (series) Capucilli, Alyssa  
Harry Books(series) Ziefert, Harriet  
I Took my Frog to the Library Kimmel, Eric  
The Carrot Seed Krauss, Ruth  
Just for You Mayer, Mercer  
Mine's The Best Bonsall, CrosbyN.  
More Spaghetti, I Say! Gekman, RitaGolden  
A New House For Mole And Mouse Ziefert,Harriet  
Nicky Upstairs And Down Ziefert,Harriet  
Sheep In A Jeep Shaw,Nancy  
Titch Hutchins, Pat  
Zoo-Looking Fox, Mem  
Just Grandpa and Me Mayer, Mercer  
Barnyard Math With Farmer Fred Hill, Sandi  
Boats Rockwell, Anne  
Caring For Our Lizard Graves, Kimberlee  
A Day At Greenhill Farm Nicholson, Sue  
A Day in The Life Of A Teacher Hayward, Linda

### LEVEL H (14) Titles-

The Cake That Mack Ate Robart, Rose  
Captain Cat Hoff, Syd  
Chrysanthemum Henkes, Kevin  
Danny And The Dinosaur(series) Hoff, Syd  
Goodnight Moon Brown, MargaretW.  
Just Me...(series) Mayer, Mercer X  
Owl Babies Waddell, Martin X  
Sammy The Seal(series) Hoff, Syd  
We Are Best Friends Alike  
You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch Hutchins, Pat  
Mouse Books(series) Kraus, Robert  
ABC I Like Me! Carlos,Nancy  
Building a House Barton, Byron  
Butterflies Ashley, Susan  
Diving Dolphins Wallace, Karen  
I Want To Be A Firefighter Liebman,Dan  
Mail Carrier Gorman,Jacqueline  
Sun Up, Sun Down Gibbons,Gail  
Surprise Puppy! Walker-Hodge,Judith  
Tale Of A Tadpole Wallace, Karen  
Whatever The Weather Wallace, Karen

### LEVEL I (16)

Froggy Books(series) London,Jonathan  
Father Bear ComesHome Minarik, ElseH.  
Happy Birthday, Sam Hutchins, Pat  
Hattie And The Fox Fox, Mem  
Henny Penny Galdone, Paul  
Just Grandma And Me Mayer, Mercer  
Leo The Late Bloomer Kraus, Robert  
Messy Bessey (series) McKissack, Patricia  
Mrs. Brice's Mice Hoff, Syd  
The Quilt Jonas, Ann  
Who Took The Farmer's Hat? Nodset,Joan L.  
Airport Barton, Byron  
All The Colors Of The Rainbow Fowler, Allan  
Bees Ashley, Susan  
Charlie Needs A Cloak dePaola, Tomie  
A Day In The Life Of A Police Officer Hayward, Linda  
A Day In The Life Of A TV Reporter Hayward, Linda  
Wild Baby Animals Wallace, Karen  
A Girl Named Helen Keller Schmidt, Karen  
Spooky Riddles Brown, Marc

### LEVEL J (18)

Beezy (series) McDonald, Megan  
Danny And The Dinosaur(series) Hoff, Syd  
Bear(series) Asch, Frank  
Henry And Mudge (series) Rylant, Cynthia  
Little Bear(series) Minarik, Else L  
Curious George (series) Rey, Margaret  
Poppleton (series) Rylant, Cynthia  
Fox (series) Marshall, Edward  
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series) Rylant, Cynthia  
The Snowy Day Keats, Ezra Jack  
Mouse Soup, Owl at Home, etc Lobel, Arnold  
There's An...(series) Mayer, Mercer  
Where The Wild Things Are Sendak, Maurice  
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! Dussling,Jennifer  
Celebrating Chanukah: EightNights Kupperstein,Joel  
Celebrating Chinese New Year Drew, Rosa  
Dinosaur Dinners Davis, Lee  
Going By Bus Ashley, Susan  
Guinea Pigs Macken,JoAnn Early  
Slinky, Scaly Snakes Dussling,Jennifer  
The Statue Of Liberty Penner, Lucille Recht  
Veterinarian Gorman,Jacqueline

### LEVEL K - (20)

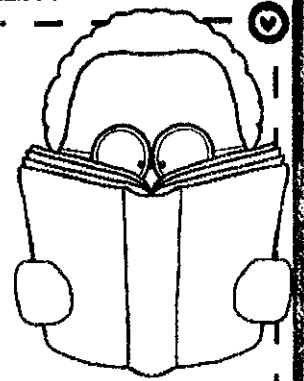
Arthur's Early Chapter Books(series) Hoban, Lillian  
Clifford (series) Brickwell,Norman  
Golly Sisters(series) Byars, Betsy  
Frog And Toad (series) Lobel, Arnold  
If You Give a Mouse a...(series) Numeroff, L  
Madeline (series) Bemelmens, Ludwig  
Little Bill (series) Cosby, Bill  
Nate The Great(series) Sharmat, Marjorie W.  
Camp Knock Knock (series) Douglas, Ann  
ThreeDaysOn A RiverIn A Red Canoe Williams, Vera B.  
Betsy Ross And the Silver Thimble Greene, Stephanie  
Chicken Aren't The Only Ones Heller, Ruth  
Dinosaur Time Parish, peggy  
The Emperor's Egg Jenkins, Martin  
Fire Fighter Royston, Angela

### LEVEL L - (24)

Amelia Bedelia (series) Parish, Peggy  
Cam Jansen (series) Adler,David A,  
George And Martha (series) Marshall.James  
Judy Moody (series) McDonald, Megan  
Miss Nelson Books(series) Allard,Harry  
Pinky And Rex (series) Howe,James  
Black Lagoon (series) Thaler, Mike  
Ginger Brown (series) Wyeth, Sharon  
Deputy Dan (series) Rosenbloom,Joseph  
Horrible Harry (series) Kline, Suzy  
Song Lee (series) Kline, Suzy  
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto Stanford,Natalie  
Dinosaur Days Milton,Joyce  
Dolphin Morris, Robert Ada  
From Flower to Honey Nelson, Robin  
From Idea to Book Marshall.James  
Hungry, Hungry Sharks Cole,Joanna  
The Snow Walker Wetterer, Margaret K.  
Thinking About Ants Brenner, Barbara

**\*\*More about summer reading, as well as, more titles of books found online at ITES website!**

# Third Grade Recommended Reading



Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott  
American Girl Series

Roscoe Riley Rules Series by Kathleen Applegate  
Ruby and the Book Boys Series by Derrick Barnes

Ivy and Bean Series by Anne Barrows

Fudge Series by Judy Blume

Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown

Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls by Meg Cabot

Ramona, Henry Huggins, etc by Beverly Cleary

Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wendy Coven

Dyamonde Daniel Books by Nikki Grimes

Weird School Series by Dan Gutman

Captain Awesome Series by Stan Kirby/George Connor

Amazing Days of Abby Hayes Series by Anne Mazer

Stink Series by Meghan McDonald

Judy Moody Series by Meghan McDonald

Fairy Books by Daisy Meadows

Puppy Palace Series by Ellen Miles

Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Big Nate Series by Lincoln Pierce

Clementine Series by Sarah Pennypecker

A to Z Mystery by Ron Roy

Wayside School Books by Louis Sachar

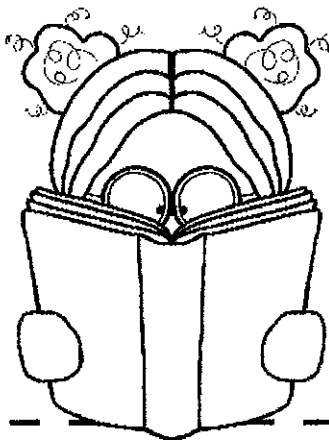
Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat

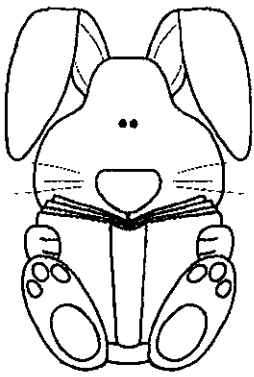
I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshish

Various Authors-DC Super Pets

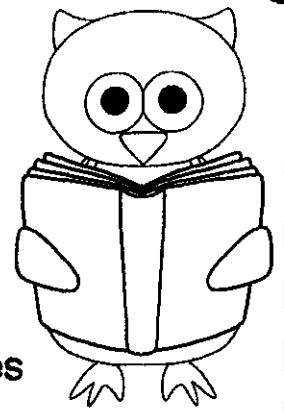
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner

Stick Dog series by Tom Watson



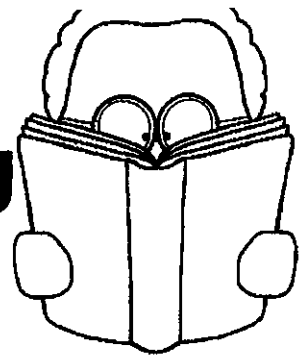


# Fourth Grade Recommended Reading



Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott  
American Girl Series  
Ruby and the Book Boys Series by Derrick Barnes  
Ivy and Bean Series by Anne Barrows  
Fudge Series by Judy Blume  
Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown  
Ramona, Henry Huggins, etc by Beverly Cleary  
Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wendy Coven  
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl  
Dyamonde Daniel Books by Nikki Grimes  
Diary of the Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney  
Captain Awesome Series by Stan Kirbey  
Judy Moody Series by Meghan McDonald  
Timmy Failure Series by Stephen Pastis  
Big Nate Series by Lincoln Pierce  
Stilton, Geronimo-Geronimo Stilton Series  
29 Clues Series by Various Authors  
Various Authors-DC Super Pets  
Warner, Gertrude-Boxcar Children  
Stick Dog series by Tom Watson  
Any books by Andrew Clements  
Smile (and other books) by Raina Telgemeier  
Shiloh series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Nonfiction by Gail Gibbons  
Nonfiction by Seymour Simon  
The Borrowers series  
Bunnicula by James Howe

# Fifth Grade Recommended Reading



- Amelia's War by Ann Rinaldi  
Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer  
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo  
The Big Wander by Will Hobbs  
Brian's Winter by Gary Paulsen  
Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman  
Charlie Bone and the Time Twister by Jenny Nimmo  
The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau  
Crispin by Avi  
Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan  
Fair Weather by Richard Peck  
Far North by Will Hobbs  
Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson  
Ghost Canoe by Will Hobbs  
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen  
Ida B. by Katherine Hannigan  
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell  
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos  
Just Ella by Margaret P. Haddix  
The Legend of Luke by Brian Jacques  
The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan  
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson  
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech  
Midnight for Charlie Bone / Jenny Nimmo  
The Million Dollar Kick by Dan Gutman.  
Mossflower by Brian Jacques  
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings  
The Silent Boy by Lois Lowry  
Silent to the Bone by E.L. Konigsburg  
So B. It by Sarah Weeks  
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli  
Under the Same Sky by Cynthia DeFelice.  
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech  
The Wanderer by Sharon Creech  
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck  
Witness by Karen Hesse

