Primary Grades Summer Reading List 2018

Please note that selections are given approximate grade levels, but are not meant to be prescriptive. Since children are expected to vary widely in their reading abilities, some selections for older children can be appropriate read alouds. Offer reading suggestions but allow your children to choose the books they want to read, want to read them, and read comfortably when reading independently.

Exquisite picture books for all ages

Baldacchino, Christine, **Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress.**
Barton, Patrice, **The Invisible Boy**
Becker, Aaron, **Journey.**
Bond, Rebecca, **Out of the Woods.**
Bradby, Marie, **Mama, Where Are You From?**
Chall, Marsha Wilson, **Up North at the Cabin.**
Clark-Robinson, Monica. **Let the Children March**
Clinton, Chelsea. **She Persisted Around the World: 13 Women Who Changed History.**
Colon, Raul, **Draw!**
de la Pena, Last Stop on Market Street.
de la Pena, Matt. **Love.**
Frazee, Marla. **The Farmer and the Clown.**
Fogliano, Julie. **The House That Once Was.**
Greenberg, Jan and Jordan, Sandra, **Ballet for Martha, Making Appalachian Spring.**
Jeffers, Oliver, **Once Upon an Alphabet, Short Stories For all the Letters.**
Lauture, Denize, **Running the Road to ABC.**
Love, Jessica. **Julian Is a Mermaid.**
Low, William, **Old Penn Station.**
Nolen, Jerdine, **In My Momma’s Kitchen.**
Popov, Nikolai, **Why?**
Rudge, Leila, **A Perfect Place for Ted.**
Ruurs, Margaret. **Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family’s Journey**
Ryan, Pam Munoz, **Hello Ocean.**
Rylant, Cynthia, **An Angel for Solomon Singer.**
Shetterly, Margot Lee. **Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race.**
Stead, Philip, **Lenny and Lucy.**
Tamaki, Jillian. **They Say Blue.**
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis, **Something Beautiful.**
Yashima, Taro, **Crow Boy.**
**Entering Kindergarten**

(Many are great to read aloud to twos and threes, depending on the child.)

**PICTURE BOOKS**

Arnold, Tedd. *Fix This Mess.*
Bagley, Jessica. *Laundry Day*
Bang, Molly. *Diez, Nueve, Ocho.*
Barratt, Judi. *Old MacDonald Had an Apartment House.*
Barton, Byron. *My Bus.*
Bee, William. *Digger Dog.*
Blechman, Nicholas. *Night Light.*
Boudreau, Helene. *I Dare You Not to Yawn.*
Choi, Yangsook. *New Cat.*
Collier, Bryan. *Uptown.*
Donaldson, Julia. *The Highway Rat.*
Donaldson, Julia. *Superworm.*
Fearing, Mark. *Giant Pants.*
Fogliano, Julie. *If You Want to See a Whale.*
Fox, Mem. *Yoo-Hoo, Ladybug!*
Fox, Mem. *Good Night, Sleep Tight.*
Godwin, Laura. *Central Park Serenade.*
Heo, Yumi. *One Afternoon.*
Isadora, Rachel. *Listen to the City.*
James, Simon. *Nurse Clementine.*
Jocelyn, M. *Same Same.*
Kimura, Ken. *999 Frogs Wake Up.*
Klausmeier, Jesse. *Open This Little Book.*
Lee, Mark. *20 Big Trucks in the Middle of the Street.*
Lin, Grace. *Dim Sum for Everyone.*
Mack, Jeff. *The Things I Can Do.*
Mahy, Margaret. **Bubble Trouble.**
Mahy, Margaret. **Mister Whistler.**
Martin, David. **Peep and Ducky.**
Park, Linda Sue. **Be-Bim Bop!**
Parr, Todd. **The Family Book.**
Priceman, Marjorie. **Froggie Went A-Courtin.**
Raschka, **Hip Hop Dog.**
Reid, Barbara. **The Subway Mouse.**
Rosen, Michael. **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt.**
Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. **Don’t Blink.**
Seeger, Laura. **Dog and Bear.**
Stein, David Ezra. **Ol’ Mama Squirrel.**
Varon, Sarah. **Chicken and Cat.**
Vega, Dennis. **If Your Monster Won’t Go to Bed.**
Wellington, Monica. **Night City.**
Wells, Rosemary. **Stella’s Starliner.**
Wheeler, Lisa. **People Don’t Bite People.**
Wood, Audrey. **Silly Sally.**
Yerkes, Jennifer. **A Funny Little Bird.**
Yum, Hyemon. **This is Our House.**

**Entering First and Second Grades**

**PICTURE BOOKS AND BEGINNING READING SERIES**

Alda Arlene. **Lulu’s Piano Lesson.**
Berger, Samantha. **Martha Doesn’t Say Sorry.**
Blackall, Sophie. **Hello Lighthouse.**
Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. **Grandma’s Purse.**
Brown, Peter. **The Curious Garden.**
Bryan, Ashley. **Beautiful Blackbird.**
Bryan, Jennifer. **The Different Dragon.**
Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a Fly.**
Croza, Laurel. **From There to Here.**
DePaola, Tomie. **Hide and Seek All Week (Series)**
Desmond, Jenni. **The Polar Bear.**
Devi, Dulari. **Following My Paintbrush.**
Fern, Tracy. **Pippo the Fool.**
Gall, Chris. **Dog vs. Cat.**
Gerstein, Mordecai. **Sparrow Jack.**
Graegin, Stephanie. **Little Fox in the Forest**
Greenwald, Tommy. **Hooked.**
Guest, Elissa Hayden. **Iris and Walter (Series)**
Hartfield, Claire. **Me and Uncle Romie: A Story Inspired by the Life and Art of Romare Bearden.**
Hall, Bruce. **Henry and the Kite Dragon.**
Henkes, Kevin. **The Year of Billy Miller.**
Hoff, Syd. **Mrs. Brice’s Mice.**
Hoffman, Mary. **Princess Grace.**
Huget, Jennifer. **How to Clean Your Room in 10 Easy Steps.**
Jenkins, Emily. **A Little Bit Scary People.**
Klise, Kate. **The Show Must Go On.**
Lagercrantz, Rose. **My Happy Life.**
Lin, Grace. **Ling & Ting Share a Birthday.**
Liniers, **The Big Wet Balloon.**
Lo, Ginnie. **Majong All Day Long.**
Lobel, Arnold. **Grasshopper on the Road.**
Lord, Michelle. **Little Sap and Monsieur Rodin.**
Maier, Brenda. **The Little Red Fort.**
McKay, Hilary. **Lulu and the Cat in the Bag.**
Mills, Claudia. **Annika Riz, Math Whiz.**
Offill, Jenny. **Sparky.**
Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine and the Spring Trip.**
Polacco, Patricia. **Mr. Lincoln’s Way.**
Pomerantz, Charlotte. **The Outside Dog.**
Rodman, Mary Ann. **My Best Friend.**
Rubbino, Salvatore. **A Walk in Paris.**
Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby (Series)**
Shah, Indries. **The Old Woman and the Eagle.**
Tan, Shaun. **Rules of Summer.**
Woodson, Jacqueline. **We Had a Picnic This Past Sunday.**
Ziefert, Harriet. **Henry’s Wrong Turn.**

**POETRY**

**Days Like This: A Collection of Small Poetry**
**Talking Like the Rain: A First Book of Poetry**
Adoff, Arnold. **Back is Brown is Tan**
Brown, Margaret Wise. **Nibble, Nibble: Poems for Children**
Florian, Douglas. **Summersaults**
Grimes, Nikki. **A Pocketful of Poems**
Kuskin, Karla. **Moon, Have You Met My Mother?**
Moore, Lillian. **Mural on Second Avenue: And Other City Poems**
Yolen, Jane. **Least Things**
NON-FICTION

Armstrong, Jennifer. **Audubon: Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier.**
Aston, Dianna Hutts. **A Butterfly is Patient.**
Baney-Winters, Lisa. **On Stage: Theater Games and Activities for Kids.**
Bassman, Michael. **Chess for Kids.**
Berne, Jennifer. **On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein.**
Blackwood, Gary. **The Shakespeare Stealer (Series)**
Corey, Shana. **Players in Pigtails.**
Darsie, Richard. **String Games.**
Day, Leslie. **A Field Guide to the Natural World of New York City.**
Del Rizzo, Suzanne. **My Beautiful Birds.**
Driscoll, Laura. **The Bravest Cat: The True Story of Scarlett.**
Erdrich, Louise. **The Birchbark House.** (Series)
George, Lindsay Barrett. **In the Garden: Who’s Been Here.**
Gibbons, Gail. **Weather Words and What They Mean.**
Greene, Bette. **Summer of My German Soldier.**
Heiligman, Deborah. **The Boy Who Loved Math: The Impossible Life of Paul Erdos**
Himmelman, John. **A Luna Moth’s Life.**
Messner, Kate. **Over and Under the Snow.**
McCarthy, Meghan. **The Incredible Life of Balto.**
McDonnell, Patrick. **Me...Jane.**
Murphy, Stuart. **Dave’s Down-to-Earth Rock Shop.**
Nakano, Dokuotei. **Easy Origami.**
Rey, H. A. **Find the Constellations.**
Schaefer, Lola. **What’s Up, What’s Down.**
Sweet, Melissa. **Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade.**
Winter, Jeanette. **The Tale of Pale Male: A True Story.**
Wyler, Rose. **Magic Secrets.’**
Zoehfeld, Kathleen. **What’s Alive?**

**Entering Third and Fourth Grades**

FICTION

Altbacker, EJ. **Shark Wars (Series)**
Alvarez, Julia. **How Tia Lola Came to Visit/Stay**
Applegate, Katherine. **Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs (Series)**
Asch, Frank. **Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius (Series)**
Atinuke. **Anna Hibiscus (Series)**
Banerjee, Anjali. **Seaglass Summer.**
Barnes, Derrick. **Brand-New School, Brave New Ruby (Series)**
Barshaw, Ruth M. **Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen Will Travel. (Series)**
Barrows, Annie. **Ivy + Bean Make the Rules (Series)**
Bauer, Marion D. **Runt.**
Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy (Series)**
Blume, Lesley M. **Cornelia and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters.**
Bowe, Julie. **My Last Best Friend (Series)**
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Case of the Lost Boy (Series)**
Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake, Bully Buster.**
Creech, Sharon. **The Boy on the Porch.**
Cox, Judy. **The Secret Chicken Society.**
Various authors, **Dear America Series (historical fiction)**
DiCamillo, Kate. **Flora and Ulysses.**
Donovan, Gail. **The Waffler.**
Estes, Eleanor. **Ginger Pye.**
Farmer, Nancy. **The Warm Place.**
Fitzhugh, Louise. **Harriet the Spy.**
Fleming, Candace. **Lowji Discovers America.**
Graff, Lisa. **Absolutely Almost.**
Gutman, Dan. **Miss Daisy is Crazy (Series)**
Impey, Rose. **Desperate for a Dog.**
Jennings, Patrick. **Odd, Weird & Little.**
Herman, Charlotte. **Max Malone Makes a Million.**
Herrera, Robin. **Hope Is a Ferris Wheel.**
Hughes, Susan. **Four Seasons of Patrick.**
Humphrey, Anna. **Ruby Goldberg’s Bright Idea.**
Hurwitz, Joanne. **Fourth Grade Fuss (Series)**
Kline, Suzy. **Herbie Jones (Series)**
Lasky, Kathryn. **The Capture (Series)**
Leach, Sara. **Slug Days.**
Manes, Stephen. **Be a Perfect Person in Just Ten Days.**
Marciano, John Bemelmans. **The 9 Lives of Alexander Baddenfield.**
Marino, Nan. **Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace.**
Martin, Ann M. **Better to Wish.**
McMullan, Kate. **New Kid at School (Series)**
Moss, Marissa. **Amelia’s Notebook (Series)**
Various authors, **My America series (historical fiction)**
Naylor, Phyllis R. **The Boys Start the War (Series)**
Nolan, Lucy. **Smarter than Squirrels.**
Various authors, **On My Own History series (historical**
Orr, Wendy. A Dog Called Bear. (Series)
Perkins, Mitali. Rickshaw Girl.
Robertson, David. When We Were Alone.
Rylant, Cynthia. Gooseberry Park.
Sachar, Louis. Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth (Series)
Scieszka, Jon. Summer Reading is Killing Me (Series)
Spinelli, Eileen. Another Day as Emily.
Stauffacher, Sue. Animal Rescue Team (Series)
Urban, Linda. Road Trip with Max and His Mother.
Van Draanen, Wendelin. Secret Identities (Series)
Weeks, Sarah. Oggie Cooder (Series)

POETRY

Agard, John. Under the Moon and Over the Sea.
Brown, Calef. Soup for Breakfast.
Clements, Andrew. Dogku.
Creech, Sharon. Love That Dog.
Durango, Julia. Under the Mambo Moon.
Fehler, Gene. Change-Up: Baseball Poems
Giovanni, Nikki. Hip Hop Speaks to Children.
Hoberman, Mary Ann. The Tree that Time Built.
Koch, Kenneth. Talking to the Sun.
Moore, Lillian. Mural of Second Avenue and Other City Poems.
Richards, Beah. Keep Climbing Girls.
Sidman, Joyce. Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors.
Wong, Janet. Twist: Yoga Poems.

NON-FICTION

Adler, David. Time Zones.
Auch, MJ. One-Handed Catch.
Bouler, Olivia. Olivia’s Birds: Saving the Gulf.
Bridges, Shirin Yim. Nur Jahan of India.
Brown, Monica. **Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People.**
Buchanan, Andrea. **The Pocket Daring Book for Girls: Things to Do.**
Buckley, Carol. **Just for Elephants.**
Campbell, Guy. **The Boy’s Book of Survival.**
Capaldi, Gina. **A Boy Named Beckoning.**
Cate, Annette LeBlanc. **Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard.**
Cole, Joanna. **Crazy Eights and Other Card Games.**
Curtis, Bruce. **Beginning Golf.**
Davidson, Margaret. **Helen Keller’s Teacher.**
Dennis, Yvonne Wakim. **A Kid’s Guide to Native American History.**
Eason, Sarah. **How Does a Jet Plane Work.**
Eabock, M.M. **Jesse Owens, Young Record Breaker.**
Evans, Shane. **Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom.**
Fleming, Candace. **Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart.**
Francis, Neil. **Super Flyers.**
Gillis, Jennifer. **Ballroom Dancing for Fun.**
Hale, Christy. **The East-West House: Noguchi’s Childhood in Japan.**
Hansen, Rosanna. **Panda: A Guide Horse for Ann.**
Hobza, Klara. **The New Millennium Paper Airplane Book.**
Hughes, Susan. **Off to Class: Incredible and Unusual Schools Around the World.**
Hults, Dorothy. **New Amsterdam Days and Ways: The Dutch Settlers of New York.**
Jackson, Tom. **The Periodic Table.**
Johnson, Tami. **Girls’ Ice Hockey: Dominating the Rink.**
Knight, Mary-Jane. **Why Should I Care About Nature?**
Krakow, Kari. **The Harvey Milk Story.**
MacLeod, Elizabeth. **Harry Houdini: A Magical Life.**
Maas, Dave. **Kids’ Gone Fishin: The Young Angler’s**
Marx, Trish. **Steel Drumming at the Apollo: The Road to Super Top Dog.**
Morrissey, Peter. **Ice Skating.**
Nobleman, Marc. **Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman.**
Nobleman, Marc. **Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real.**
Obregon, Jose. **World Soccer Stars.**
Pallotta, Jerry. **Who Would Win (Series)**
Pimentel, Annette Bay. **Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon.**
Robinson, Nick. **Super Quick Origami Animals.**
Rockwell, Anne. **My Pet Hamster.**
Rosenstock, Barb. **Otis Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere.**
Schertle, Alice. **We.**
Schwartz, Tina. **Freshwater Fishing.**
Sullivan, Sarah. **Passing the Music Down.**
Terban, Marvin. **Funny You Should Ask: How to Make Up Jokes and Riddles.**
Waters, Marjorie. **Victory Gardens Kids’ Book.**
Wilkes, Angela. *Dazzling, Disguising and Clever Costumes.*
Wulfson, Don. *Extraordinary Stories Behind the Invention of Ordinary Things.*

**Entering Fifth Grade**

**FICTION**

Alvarez, Julia. *Return to Sender.*
Ain, Beth. *Izzy Kline Has Butterflies: A Novel in Small Moments.*
Angelini, Josie. *Snow Lane.*
Appelt, Kathi. *The Underneath.*
Avi, *The Book Without Words.*
Barrett, Tracy. *Marabel and the Book of Fate.*
Barron T.A. *The Ancient One.*
Baptiste, Tracey, *The Jumbies.*
Blackwood, Gary. *Curiosity.*
Blackwood, Sage. *Jinx.*
Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine.*
Brooke, Lauren. *Coming Home (Series)*
Carter, Caela. *Forever, or a Long, Long Time.*
Clements, Andrew. *About Average.*
Coats, J. Anderson. *R is for Rebel.*
Codell, Esme. *Sahara Special.*
Cooper, Susan. *The Boggart Fights Back.*
Cox, Lynne. *Grayson.*
Creech, Sharon. *Bloomability.*
Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind.*
Farrant, Natasha. *After Iris.*
Fleming, David. *The Saturday Boy.*
Fitzgerald, Laura Marx. *Under the Egg.*
Funke, Cornelia. *Inkheart.*
Fusco, Kimberly Newton. *Beholding Bee.*
Gardner, Sally. *Operation Bunny.*
Gephart, Donna. *How to Survive Middle School.*
Golds, Cassandra. *Clair de Lune.*
Howe, James. *The Misfits.*
Kelly, Erin Entrada. *You Go First.*
Koje, Kathe. *Straydog.*
Levine, Gail Carson. *Dave at Night.*
Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairy’s Return and Other Princess Stories.*
Matthews, L.S. *A Dog for Life.*
Middleton, Dana. *Open If You Dare.*
Myers, Walter Dean. *Looking Like Me.*
Myers, Walter Dean. *Scorpions.*
Park, Linda Sue. *Archer’s Quest.*
Pinkwater, Daniel. *Alan Mendelsohn, the Boy from Mars.*
Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Sugar.*
Sovern, Megan. *The Meaning of Maggie.*
Stead, Rebecca. *When You Reach Me.*
Stevens, April. *The Heart and Mind of Alice Pauley.*
Stoddard, Lindsey. *Just like Jackie.*
Van de Vendel, Edward. *A Dog Like Sam.*
Williams-Garcia, Rita. *P. S. Be Eleven.*
Wilson, Nathan. *100 Cupboards.*

**POETRY**

Koch, Kenneth. *Talking to the Sun.*
Meyers, Walter Dean. *Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices.*
Molloy, Paul. *Poetry USA.*
NON FICTION

Amnesty International. **We Are All Born Free.**
Anacona, George. **Cutters, Carvers & the Cathedral.**
Bausum, Ann. **Freedom Riders, John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement.**
Bernstein, Richard. **A Girl Named Faithful Plum.**
Bogacki, Tomasz, **The Champion of the Children: the Story of Janusz Korczak**
Borden, Louise. **The Journey that Saved Curious George.**
Brandon, Marie Miller. **Women of the Frontier: 16 Tales of Trailblazing Homesteaders.**
Budhos, Marina. **Remix: Conversations with Immigrant Teenagers.**
Cassidy, John. **The Klutz Book of Animation.**
Cindrich, Sharon. **A Smart Girl’s Guide to the Internet.**
Farrell, Juliana. **Middle School: The Real Deal: From Cafeteria Food to Combination Locks.**
Fendler, Donn. **Lost: Nine Days Alone in the Wilderness**
Fleming, Candace. **Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart.**
Freedman, Russell. **The Adventures of Marco Polo.**
Galloway, Priscilla. **Adventures on the Ancient Silk River.**
Grainfield, Linda. 97 Orchard Street, New York: Stories of Immigrant Life.
Hakim, Joy. **The Story of Science: Newton at the Center.**
Haring, Kay. **Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing**
House, Phillip. **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.**
Jiang, Ji Li. **The Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution.**
Kerr, Daisy. **Keeping Clean: a Very Peculiar History.**
Nelson, Kadir. **Heart and Soul: The Story of Americans and African Americans.**
Lasky, Kathryn, **One Beetle Too Many: The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin.**
Rappaport, Doreen. **Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust**

** Students entering middle school will receive their summer reading list and assignment separately.**