

Recommended Summer Reading List

Upcoming 1st Graders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fiction	Song and Dance Man In this tender story, three children visiting their grandfather learn about the good old days before people sat for hours in front of the television.	Ackerman, Karen
GRL-O		
Science	Digging Up Dinosaurs Explains how scientists find and preserve dinosaurs for museums.	Aliki
GRL-P		
Social Studies	Johnny Appleseed This book tells the story of John Chapman, whose devotion to planting apple trees made him a legendary figure in American history.	Aliki
GRL-J		
Fiction	Parts A young boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns that new teeth grow and that hair and teeth replace themselves.	Arnold, Tedd
GRL - I		
Fiction	Too Many Frogs! Rabbit lives alone. He cooks for himself, cleans up for himself, and at the end of the day, reads himself a story. It's a simple life, and he likes it. But one evening, Froggie shows up at his door.	Asher, Sandy
GRL-N		
Fiction	Princess and the Pizza An out-of-work princess applied to become the bride of Prince Drupert, but must first pass several tests including a cooking contest.	Auch, Mary Jane
GRL-N		
Fiction	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs In the town of Chewandswallow, no one ever has to go food shopping because their meatballs materialize from the sky.	Barrett, Judi
GRL-M		
Social Studies	America the Beautiful With his stunning paintings of American landscapes and historical moments, Wendell Minor celebrates our nation's history and beauty and transforms a musical tribute into a visual masterpiece.	Bates, Katherine Lee
GRL-G		
Fiction	I Like Myself High on energy and imagination, this ode to self-esteem encourages kids to appreciate everything about themselves--inside and out. Messy hair? Beaver breath? So what! Here's a little girl who knows what really matters.	Beaumont, Karen
GRL-N		
Fiction	Airmail to the Moon Ora Mae is certain that someone has stolen her tooth and sets out to find the culprit.	Birdseye, Tom
GRL-N		
Fiction	Bad Kitty Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables.	Bruel, Nick
GRL-I		
Fiction	Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to modern steam shovels, they find a place that needs their help.	Burton, Virginia
GRL-M		
Fiction	Read All About It Tyrone loves math, lives for science, and is king of the playground. But books—well, he doesn't really care for them. When his teacher, Miss Libro, reads aloud, Tyrone usually finds something better to do, like making paper airplanes. Then, during one of the story sessions something happens: Tyrone starts listening.	Bush, Laura
GRL-K		
Fiction	The Principal's New Clothes In this updated version of the famous Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, a school principal is tricked into wearing just his underwear to school. A twist on the traditional ending complements this modern-day story.	Calmenson, Stephanie
GRL-K		
Fiction	The Grouchy Ladybug A tale about an impolite ladybug who becomes happier when she is better behaved.	Carle, Eric
GRL-J		
Super Series	Minnie and Moo Books Two cows share a multitude of very funny adventures.	Cazet, Denys
GRL-L		
Fiction	A Fine, Fine School When the principal loves his school so much he wants children to attend classes every day of the year, his students show him how to enjoy free time.	Creech, Sharon
GRL-K		
Fiction	Diary of a Worm A young worm discovers day by day, that there are some good and not-so-good things about being a worm.	Cronin, Doreen
GRL-K		

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Fiction GRL-K	Click, Clack Moo, Cows That Type Farmer Brown thinks it odd when he hears typing sounds coming from the barn...but that is only the beginning of his trouble.	Cronin, Doreen
Super Series GRL-G	"Gilbert Books" Lighthearted books about the adventures of Gilbert and his friends.	deGroat, Diane
Fiction GRL-K	Tom As he does in many of his picture books, Tomie dePaola gives a privileged peek into yet another happy episode in his formative years. Anyone who has ever had a special relationship with a grandparent will read this book with a warm heart and a hearty chuckle.	dePaola, Tomie
Fiction GRL-H	Waiting For Wings Every spring, butterflies emerge and dazzle the world with their vibrant beauty. But where do butterflies come from? How are they born? What do they eat--and how?	Ehlert, Lois
Fiction GRL-N	Goldilocks Returns Fifty years after she first entered the home of the three bears, Goldilocks returns to right the wrongs she did to them in her youth.	Ernst, Lisa Campbell
Fiction GRL-L	I Lost My Bear When she cannot find her stuffed bear, a girl asks her mother, father and older sister for help.	Feiffer, Jules
Fiction GRL-P	The Story About Ping This is the classic story about Ping, a little duck, who finds adventure on the Yantze River. One evening he does not want to be the last one to board his master's houseboat. Readers will be anxious to see how his individuality shines through.	Flack, Marjorie
Fiction	In a Small, Small Pond	Fleming, Denise
	An energetic frog takes us on a tour of the small, small pond, mischievously interrupting the other animals at work and play. As the seasons pass, slowly and gradually, dragonflies hover, herons plunge, whirligigs twirl, swallows scoop, and turtles doze in the summer sun.	
Favorite Authors GRL-G	Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild Harriet and her mother learn that even when they do things they wish they hadn't, they still love each other very much!	Fox, Mem
Favorite Authors GRL-K	Koala Lou When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time	Fox, Mem
Favorite Authors GRL-I	Shoes From Grandpa I'll buy you a skirt that won't show the dirt, to go with the socks from the local shops, to go with the shoes from Grandpa. In a cumulative rhyme, family members describe the clothes they intend to give a little girl to go with her shoes from Grandpa.	Fox, Mem
Favorite Authors GRL-J	Tough Boris Boris von der Borch is a mean, greedy old pirate — tough as nails, through and through, like all pirates. Or is he? When a young boy sneaks into Boris' ship, he discovers that Boris and his mates aren't quite what he expected!	Fox, Mem
Read Together GRL-K	Earl The Squirrel It's time for Earl the Squirrel to learn how to gather nuts. Earl doesn't know where to begin, but he is determined to make his mother proud. An all-night search leads Earl to a cranky owl and a raging bull, but will he ever find an acorn?	Freeman, Don
Fiction GRL-K	Little Red Hen Galdone's dynamic, amusing pictures add much humor to the familiar tale of the industrious hen and lazy cat, dog, and mouse.	Galdone, Paul
Fiction GRL-L	Is Your Mama a Llama? "Is your mama a llama?" Lloyd, the baby llama, asks his creature friends, including Dave, the bat; Fred, the duckling; Jane, the calf; and Clyde, the seal, among others.	Guarino, Deborah
Fiction	The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County A girl takes pride in her chicken-chasing skills, but one hen continues to elude her.	Harrington, Janice
Favorite Authors GRL-M	Chrysanthemum Chrysanthemum loves her name — until she starts kindergarten, which is an unfamiliar world full of short names like Sue, Bill, Max, Sam, and Joe. But it's Victoria who really makes Chrysanthemum wilt, offering that <i>she</i> was named after her grandmother, which is much more important than being named after a flower.	Henkes, Kevin
Fiction GRL-P	Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse Lily loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but after she brings a toy for show-and-tell her feelings change.	Henkes, Kevin

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Fiction GRL-J	Giant Hug Owen wants to send a giant hug to his grandmother for her birthday. But will the hug get lost in the postal service?	Horning, Sandra
Fiction GRL-M	Aunt Flossie's Hats The story of Sarah and Susan's Sunday afternoon with their great-great-aunt Flossie--and her many hats and stories--has become a favorite book for sharing and for initiating conversations about family history.	Howard, Elizabeth
Social Studies GRL-J	The Doorbell Rang Ma makes a batch of a dozen chocolate chip cookies for her children Victoria and Sam — each child has six cookies. But when the doorbell rings and friends drop by, the cookies must be shared. The doorbell rings again, and again, and again . . . until there is only one cookie for each child.	Hutchins, Pat
Fiction GRL-O	Little Red Riding Hood Today's young readers will truly be enchanted by this easy-to-read version of the Brothers Grimm classic illustrated with a fresh, vibrant new look set in an American frontier. Full-color illustrations.	Hyman, Trina Schart
Fiction GRL-I	Pigs Rock Ready to meet the best, yet strangest rock band in town? Find out how these pigs dazzle their fans onstage and prepare for each performance at home.	Jones, Melanie
Favorite Authors GRL-I	The Dog Who Cried Wolf A pet dog runs away from home to seek adventure, but soon discovers the dangers of the big-wild-world.	Kasza, Keiko
Favorite Authors GRL-Q	Don't Laugh Joe Mother possum is trying to teach her child to play dead, but Joe can't stop giggling.	Kasza, Keiko
Social Studies GRL-F	Theodore Beautiful illustrations and terse text combined with quotes from Theodore Roosevelt help to tell the inspiring story of the youngest U.S. president.	Keating, Frank
Fiction GRL-O	The Three Little Pigs Three little pigs are happily working away in their delicious family business -- making the best-tasting waffles in the world. Business is so good, in fact, that the three siblings can live comfortably in their very own homes --	Kellogg, Stephen
Social Studies L1030 GRL-O	Paul Bunyan The author-illustrator of Johnny Appleseed and Pecos Bill recreates the life and times of the mythical lumberjack.	Kellogg, Stephen
Fiction GRL-I	Leo the Late Bloomer Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time — all of his friends can read, write, draw, eat neatly, and speak clearly; and Leo can't do any of those things very well. Worried and sad, Leo wonders if he'll ever catch up to his friends.	Kraus, Robert
Fiction GRL-N	Batter Up Wombat Last year the interspecies team, the Champs, finished last in the National Wildlife league, so when a huge wombat wanders on the field, the teammates are delighted--they think he's a super hitting "Whambat."	Lester, Helen
Fiction GRL-K	Me First Being first isn't always best, as Pinkerton Pig finds out after an encounter with a mean Sand Witch. As always, Helen Lester's wonderfully offbeat humor and Lynn Munsinger's whimsical illustrations result in a hilarious lesson about piggishness.	Lester, Helen
Super Series GRL-J	Froggy Books Rambunctious Froggy hops out into many very funny adventures.	London, Jonathan
Fiction GRL-L	How I Became a Pirate When Braid Beard's pirate crew invites Jeremy Jacob to join their voyage, he jumps right on board. Buried treasure, sea chanteys, pirate talk--who wouldn't go along? Soon Jeremy Jacob knows all about being a pirate.	Long, Melinda
Fiction GRL-L	Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon Molly Lou Melon is short and clumsy and has buckteeth and a voice that sounds like a bullfrog being squeezed by a boa constrictor. But armed with the encouraging words of her grandmother, Molly Lou confidently confronts the class bully at her new school.	Lovell, Patty
Fiction GRL-L	George & Martha Books Here are five stories about two of the greatest friends ever to grace a picture book. George and Martha, Jim Marshall's dearly beloved, wise, and wickedly funny hippos teach each other the importance of honesty, companionship, discretion, humility, and consolation in this classic.	Marshall, James

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Fiction	Will's Mammoth	Martin, Rafe
	Though his parents explain that there have been no mammoths for a long time, Will goes out in the snow, certain he will discover some. GRL-G	
Fiction	There's an Alligator Under My Bed	Mayer, Mercer
	This sequel to "There's a Nightmare in My Closet" brings back the story's even funnier nighttime adventure. GRL-J	
Read Together	Guess How Much I Love You	McBratney, Sam
	Little Nutbrown Hare wants to show Big Nutbrown Hare how very much he loves him - but love as big as his is very hard to measure! GRL-J	
Read Together	Make Way For Ducklings	McCloskey, Robert
	This is a Caldecott award winning classic about Mr. & Mrs. Mallard and their brood of ducklings in downtown Boston. GRL-L	
Fiction	Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth	McGhee, Alison
	Sure, first-grade teacher Mrs. Watson may "look "human, but it is a known and proven fact that she is actually a three-hundred-year-old alien who steals baby teeth from her students. GRL-K	
Fiction	Flossie and the Fox	McKissack, Patricia
	In this folktale, Flossie takes a joyful and comic journey through fox-haunted woods as she carries her basket of eggs to Viola. GRL-O	
Fiction	Precious and the Boo Hag	McKissack, Patricia
	Precious is warned of a creature named Prueilla the Boo Hag who will do anything to get inside the house and cause trouble. So when Precious is left home alone, she must be extra careful. Sure enough, the Boo Hag arrives riding on a storm and making demands. GRL-M	
Fiction	Martha Blah Blah	Meddaugh, Susan
	When the current owner of the soup company breaks a promise, Martha the talking dog, takes action. GRL-M	
Social Studies	Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Mitchell, Margaree King
	Told from a young girl's point of view, this gloriously illustrated read-aloud story about dreams and determination takes place in the segregated South. Sarah Jean's uncle is the only black barber in the county and dreams of opening his own barbershop. GRL-P	
Fiction	The Funny Little Woman	Mosel, Arlene
	Giggly lady from Japan chases a rolling rice dumpling and is captured by a fearsome oni. 1973 Caldecott Winner GRL-L	
Fiction	Paper Bag Princess	Munsch, Robert
	The Princess Elizabeth is slated to marry Prince Ronald when a dragon attacks the castle and kidnaps Ronald. In resourceful and humorous fashion, Elizabeth finds the dragon, outsmarts him, and rescues Ronald — who is less than pleased at her un-princess-like appearance. GRL-K	
Fiction	If You Give A Pig a Pancake	Numeroff, Laura
	If you give a pig a pancake, she'll want syrup to go with it. If you give her some of your favorite maple syrup, she'll probably get all sticky and will want to take a bath... GRL-G	
Fiction	Fancy Nancy	O'Connor, Jane
	Meet Nancy, who believes that more is ALWAYS better when it comes to being fancy. From the top of her tiara down to her sparkly studded shoes, Nancy is determined to teach her family a thing or two about being fancy. GRL-L	
Fiction	Recess Queen	O'Neill, Laura
	In this sassy playground romp, the irrepressible new kid dethrones the reigning recess bully, Mean Jean the Recess Queen, by doing the unthinkable — she invites her to be her friend! GRL-L	
Fiction	Sweet Tooth	Palaatini, Margie
	Stewart's life is ruled by his sweet tooth. The Tooth, as he calls it, makes its desires for cake and candy known to everyone at the worst times! It makes demands of Stewart at the movies, at weddings, and even during class at school. GRL-M	
Fiction	Play Ball ,Amelia Bedelia	Parish, Peggy
	Amelia Bedelia stands in for a sick baseball player and the result, as usual is hilarious. GRL-L	
Fiction	The Firekeeper's Son	Park, Linda Sue
	In Korea in the early 1800s, news from the countryside reached the king by means of signal fires. On one mountaintop after another, a fire was lit when all was well. If the king did not see a fire, that meant trouble, and he would send out his army. GRL-L	
Favorite Authors	The Gnats of Knotty Pine	Peet, Bill
	The animals of Knotty Pine won't listen to the gnats' suggestion for keeping the hunters away, but learn to appreciate the tiny bugs when they're able to make the hunters "buzz off." GRL-M	

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Favorite Authors GRL-M	Thunder Cake While gathering the ingredients for her grandmother's "thunder cake," a young girl begins to overcome her fear of storms. Recipe for "thunder cake" is included.	Polacco, Patricia
Favorite Authors GRL-M	Babushka Baba Yaga Living alone and lonely in the woods because of the terrible stories told about her, Baba Yaga yearns for a grandchild to love and sets out to adopt a family of her own in a fable about not judging individuals by their appearance alone.	Polacco, Patricia
Math GRL-I	One Duck, Another Duck When Danny goes to the pond with his grandmother, he shows her that he can count.	Pomerantz, Charlotte
Fiction GRL-K	Ruby the Copycat It's the first day of school, and Ruby is new. When her classmate Angela wears a red bow in her hair, Ruby comes back from lunch wearing a red bow, too. When Angela wears a flowered dress, suddenly Ruby's wearing one, too. Fortunately, Ruby's teacher knows a better way to help Ruby fit in — by showing how much fun it is to be herself.	Rathman, Peggy
Social Studies GRL-N	Thomas Jefferson Pictures and easy words tell the story of one of America's presidents.	Ribke, Simone
Read Together GRL-N	First Grade Stinks On her first day of first grade, Haley discovers that the routines are much different and decidedly less fun than kindergarten. She gets only one recess, no sharing time, a room without the familiar decorations, a teacher who is less demonstrative than her beloved Ms. Lacy, and, worst of all, a read-aloud that isn't even finished.	Rodman, Mary Ann
Super Series GRL-J	Henry & Mudge Books Easy chapter books about the friendship between a boy named Henry and his dog named Mudge.	Rylant, Cynthia
Fiction GRL-K	The Great Gracie Chase Gracie Rose has always been a good, quiet puppy, but when she barks at some noisy painters she's put outside. Your child will follow Gracie as she takes a walk around the neighborhood, which turns into a hilarious chase.	Rylant, Cynthia
Math GRL-K	How Much is a Million? Author Schwartz, along with illustrator Steven Kellogg, bends over backward to help young readers conceptualize — and more importantly visualize — how much a million actually is.	Schwartz, David M
Fiction GRL-Q	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs The wolf tells his never-before-heard version of the familiar tale. Is he the bad guy or was he framed? This story will keep you laughing!	Scieszka, Jon
Fiction GRL-P	A Bad Case of Stripes Camilla Cream loves lima beans — but she won't admit it to anyone. The other kids don't like them, and Camilla wants to fit in. "Camilla was always worried about what other people thought of her." But as she tries on her forty-second potential outfit for the first day of school, the unthinkable happens: Camilla breaks out in stripes.	Shannon, David
Super Series GRL-K	Nate the Great Books Nate is a nine-year-old pancake eating detective who solves neighborhood mysteries with the help of his dog Sludge.	Sharmat, Marjorie
Fiction GRL-J	Gila Monsters Meet You at the Airport A little boy imaginatively explains why he would rather not move from New York City to "out West".	Sharmat, Marjorie
Fiction GRL-K	The Missing Piece "It was missing a piece. And it was not happy, so it set off in search of its missing piece. And as it rolled it sang this song....Hi-dee-ho, here I go....	Silverstein, Shel
Fiction GRL-K	Caps For Sale This clever, original folk tale told by internationally renowned artist Esphyr Slobodkina has entertained children for generations. Full of drama, humor, and repetition and illustrated with warmth and wit, <i>Caps for Sale</i> begs to be read aloud — and shared again and again.	Slobodkina, Esphyr
Fiction GRL-M	Too Many Tamales While helping her parents make the tamales for Christmas dinner, Maria sees her mother set her precious diamond ring to the side. It's so beautiful! And Maria only means to try it on for a minute. Then, all of a sudden, the ring is gone. Does she spy it in the tamale dough?	Soto, Gary
Read Together GRL-N	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.	Steig, William

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Read Together GRL-T	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter Mufaro has two daughters, the bad-tempered Manyara and the loving Nyasha, who must pass a series of tests in order for one of them to be considered a beautiful and worthy wife for the Great King.	Steptoe, John
Fiction GRL-L	Tops and Bottoms Hare solves his family's problems by tricking rich and lazy Bear in this funny, energetic version of an old slave story. With roots in American slave tales, "Tops & Bottoms" celebrates the trickster tradition of using one's wits to overcome hardship.	Stevens, Janet
Fiction GRL-K	Great Fuzz Frenzy Deep, deep down in their underground town, the prairie dogs live in harmony--until a mysterious, fluorescent, very fuzzy "thing" (otherwise known as a tennis ball) rolls down their hole. When the prairie dogs discover that they can pluck and pull the fuzz into fabulous fashions, their fear quickly turns to curiosity, then delight, then pure greed.	Stevens, Janet
Super Series GRL-L	Black Lagoon Books All outrageously funny tales of how rumors can make a student create a monster of any teacher!	Thaler, Mike
Fiction GRL-L	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day From the moment Alexander gets up and finds gum in his hair, everything goes wrong!	Viorst, Judith
Read Together GRL-L	Ira Sleeps Over Ira is thrilled to spend the night at Reggie's, until his sister raises the question of whether he should take his teddy bear.	Waber, Bernard
Math GRL-F	Mouse Count A hungry snake counts ten little mice into a jar as he anticipates his dinner. But the clever mice outwit the snake as they count down from ten until they've all gotten away."	Walsh, Ellen Stoll
Fiction GRL-J	Scaredy Squirrel Scaredy Squirrel has a wonderful, safe life in his tree away from poison ivy, Martians, and spiders. When his emergency kit falls out of the tree, Scaredy Squirrel tries to catch the kit and discovers that the unknown below is not so scary after all.	Watt, Melanie
Author GRL-P	Pigeon Books In wonderfully expressive pictures and text, the pigeon begs to do all kinds of things that he shouldn't do . Very, very fun to read together.	Willems, Mo
Author GRL-P	Elephant and Piggy Books Great books to read together about the special relationship between friends elephant and piggy.	Willems, Mo
Fiction GRL-P	Owl Moon A young girl and her father take a nighttime stroll near the farm where they live to look for owls. It is a beautiful night, a moonlit winter night. Bundled tightly against the cold, they trudge through the pristine snow,	Yolen, Jane