

Summer Reading Selections for Grades K-3

This is a list of titles from which you may choose your summer reading. These books should be easily available at the public library or in local bookstores.

Grades K-1

BLACKALL, SOPHIA. *Hello Lighthouse*. Award-winning picture book describing the fictional life of a lighthouse keeper and his family. Fantastic illustrations and heartwarming stories that offer more rewards and nuances with each reading.

BOURGEOIS, PAULETTE: Easy to read stories about a turtle named Franklin and his adventures with his many animal friends. Titles include - *Franklin in the Dark; Franklin Goes to School; Franklin's Neighborhood*.

BRETT, JAN: Beautifully illustrated folk and fairy tales. Some titles include - *The Mitten, Goldilocks and the Three Bears; The Gingerbread Man*.

BRIDWELL, NORMAN: Adventures of *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*.

BROWN, MARC: Arthur and friends deal with the problems and joys of childhood in a series of fast-moving stories. Titles include - *Arthur's Reading Race; Arthur's Computer Disaster; Arthur's Chicken Pox*.

CAPUCILLI, ALYSSA This playful series follows the adventures of Biscuit the puppy. Titles include - *Biscuit Flies a Kite; Biscuit Goes Camping*

CARLE, ERIC: Series of very colorful picture books that are excellent for young children. Titles include - *Very Busy Spider; Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

CRONIN, DOREEN: Series of very funny farmyard stories. Titles include - *Click Clack Moo; Giggle Giggle Quack; Dooby Dooby Moo*.

DANIEL TIGER READY TO READ! READY TO GO! SERIES (VARIOUS AUTHORS): Excellent Pre-K/K book for early readers that are arranged by levels to accommodate reading ability. Sight words and basic lessons in the beginning of the books. Follow up questions at the end of books. Simple sentences and graphics that don't intimidate early readers. Titles include: *Trolley Ride!*, *We Can Ride Down the Slide*, *Daniel Can Dance*, among others.

FAN, ERIC AND TERRY. Great picture books by relatively new authors/illustrators The Fan Brothers. Beautiful illustrations and deep stories that entrance children and adults alike. Titles include: *The Night Gardener* and *The Barnabus Project*, among others.

FLEMING, DENISE: Children will love the predictable text pattern of the chicks who go looking for their mother in *The Cow Who Clucked*. Other titles include - *Alphabet Under Construction* and *Barnyard Banter*.

HENKES, KEVIN: Wonderful stories about childhood using animal characters. Some titles include - *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*; *A Good Day*; *Kitten's First Full Moon*; *Sheila Rae, the Brave*.

LOBEL, ARNOLD: Insightful characterizations are the hallmark of this author. Titles include - *Frog and Toad* stories; *The Bears of the Air*.

MANTCHEV, LISA: *Strictly No Elephants*

When the local Pet Club won't admit a boy's tiny pet elephant, he finds a solution—one that involves all kinds of unusual animals.

O'CONNOR, JANE: *Fancy Nancy Series*. Nancy believes that more is better when it comes to being fancy

PARISI, *Marty Pants* series. A humorous series that bridges picture books and early chapter books with doodles, labels and a sense of humor kids love.

PRELUTSKY, JACK: Explores poetry through many situations. Some titles include - *The New Kid on the Block; Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast*.

REY, R.H.: The adventures of *Curious George*.

SANTAT, DAN: *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*. Born on an island for imaginary friends, Beekle waits to be "imagined by a real child."

SHANNON, DAVID: Follow the adventures of the incorrigible David. *No David; David Goes to School*. Other books include *A Bad Case of the Stripes* and *Good Boy, Fergus*.

SEUSS, DR.: Wonderful series of mostly rhyming stories. Titles include - *The Cat in the Hat; Yertle the Turtle; The Lorax*.

VAN LEEUWEN, JEAN: Stories about *Amanda the Pig* and her brother, Oliver.

WILLEMS, MO: Several terrific award winning picture books - Titles include - *The Pigeon Drives the Bus; Elephant and Piggie; Knuffle Bunny*.

NON-FICTION

ASTON, DIANA: *An Egg is Quiet; A Seed is Sleepy; A Butterfly is Patient*. Beautifully illustrated books that explore nature in a gentle way.

BISHOP, NIC: *Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths; Nic Bishop Frogs; Nic Bishop Spiders*, etc. Beautifully photographed nature books.

JENKINS, STEVE: *Dogs and Cats* interesting facts about dogs and cats with beautiful illustrations. In *Living Color* he explores the animal kingdom sorted by color. *Actual Size* has beautiful illustrations of animals and portions of animals in their actual sizes.

KIPP, STEVEN: Full-color photographs from NASA allow students to experience the beauty of each planet.

MITCHELL, BARBARA: Subjects of her biographies come alive with feelings. Some titles include - *Shoes for Everyone; We'll Race You Henry*.

SIMON, SEYMOUR: Books about outer space. Some titles include - *Mars; The Moon; Galaxies*.

Grades 2-3

ADLER, DAVID: Easy mystery and detective stories. Some titles - *Cam Jansen Adventure Series*.

ARNOLD, TEDD Has written over 50 books including very popular **Fly Guy** books

BERENSTAIN, STAN and JAN: Chapter books about the *Berenstain Bears*.

BROWN, MARC: Chapter books about *Arthur* the aardvark and his friends.

BLUME, JUDY: Funny novels about children. Titles include - *Freckle Juice; The One in the Middle is a Kangaroo*.

CLEARY, BEVERLY: Characters include *Ramona Quimby* and *Henry Huggins* who deal with everyday problems in a delightful way.

CLEMENTS, ANDREW. *Frindle*. Fictional school hijinks that third graders love to read about.

CUMMINGS, TROY: *Notebook of Doom* Series. Alexander Bopp and the Super Secret Monster Patrol battle the monsters from their monster notebook in this popular series.

DADEY, DEBBIE: Adventures of the Bailey School Kids including *Angels Don't Know Karate* and *Mermaids Don't Run Track*.

DE LA PENA, MATT: *Last Stop on Market Street*. During CJ's journey on the bus with his grandmother, she helps him become a better witness to what is beautiful.

DEPAOLA, TOMIE: His many folk characters provide laughter and enjoyment for young readers. Titles include - *Strega Nona; Nana Upstairs; Big Anthony and the Magic Ring.*

DICAMILLO, KATE: The Mercy Watson series follows the misadventures of an adorable little pig and her family. Titles include - *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride; Mercy Watson to the Rescue; Mercy Watson Fights Crime.*

ELLIOTT, REBECCA: *The Owl Diaries.* Eva Wingdale, the main owl character, learns valuable lessons during her adventures. Vibrant colored pictures, small format and reading comprehension questions at the end of the book make this an ideal beginning chapter book for grades 1-3.

FLOCA, BRIAN: *Locomotive.* In 1869, not long after the golden spike is driven into the rails at Promontory Summit, a mother and her two children climb aboard the Transcontinental Railroad, leaving behind their old life in Omaha for a new one in California, where Papa awaits.

GIFF, PATRICIA REILLY: Casey Valentine and Tracy in funny stories of friendship. Titles include - *Casey Valentine* series; *Rat Teeth; Gift of the Pirate Queen.*

GUTMAN, DAN: *The Weird School Series.* Read about A.J. and his friends and their hijinks at Ella Mentry School.

HENKES, KEVIN: *The Year of Billy Miller.* Billy starts second grade with lots of problems and worries.

HOWE, JAMES: Stories from the animals' point of view. Titles include - *Bunnicula; Howliday Inn; The Celery Stalks at Midnight.* KLEIN, SUSIE: The *Horrible Harry and Song Lee* series follow the antics of their fellow second grade classmates.

LIN, GRACE - *The Year of the Dog* is a story of a Taiwanese American girl growing up in a New York town.

MARSHALL, JAMES: Funny fairy tale retellings include - *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Three Little Pigs*.

MCDERMOTT, GERALD: Retells and illustrates many folktales from around the world such as *Anansi, the Spider; Arrow to the Sun; The Knight and the Lion*.

MCDONALD, MEGAN: *Judy Moody Series*. There are 6 books in the series of funny adventures.

OSBORNE, MARY POPE: Climb the ladder to adventure by reading the *Magic Tree House* series.

PARK, BARBARA: The hysterically funny *Junie B. Jones* series.

PENNYPACKER, SARA: In *Clementine* and *The Talented Clementine* the author creates a new hilarious heroine.

PETERSON, JOHN: Stories of a group of tiny creatures called the Littles. Titles include - *The Littles Take a Trip; The Littles and the Trash Tinies*.

POLACCO, PATRICIA: The author draws on her childhood memories and stories her grandparents told her in many semi-autobiographical stories including *Thank You, Mr. Falker; Thunder Cake; and Chicken Sunday*.

PRELUTSKY, JACK: Explores poetry through many situations. Some titles include - *The New Kid on the Block; Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast*.

RYLANT, CYNTHIA: Stories about *Henry and Mudge* that show the special friendship between a boy and his dog.

SHARMAT, MARJORIE: Numerous stories that will hold the interest of young children. Some titles include the *Nate the Great* series.

SILVERSTEIN, SHEL: Explores life through poems and illustrations. Titles include - *A Light in the Attic; Where the Sidewalk Ends; Falling Up*.

SOBOL, DONALD: Match wits with *Encyclopedia Brown* who can solve cases that stump his father, the police chief.

STEPTOE, JOHN: Retells African folktales such as *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*.

STILTON, GERONIMO: Engaging series about a mouse publisher who often finds himself in the middle of an adventure, includes titles such as *The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid, Attack of the bandit cats, Geronimo and the gold medal mystery*.

WEATHERFORD, CAROLE BOSTON. *Freedom in Congo Square*. As they work throughout the week, slaves look forward to their afternoon of music, hope, and community in Congo Square, New Orleans.

NON-FICTION

COLE, JOANNA: The science adventures of Miss Frizzle on the *Magic School Bus*.

GIBLIN, JAMES CROSS: *The Many Rides of Paul Revere*. Get to know the man behind the legend.

Kamkwamba, William. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*. Picture book version. Amazing true story about William Kamkwamba, a boy in a Malawi village who, after reading a 5th grade science textbook "Using Energy" in the local library, builds a windmill out of junkyard scraps to pump water to the crops in his

drought-ridden town. Also comes in a chapter book version for older readers. Kamkwamba's story is the subject of a documentary film and a feature film on Netflix. Students interested in STEM will especially want to check out William's story!

PATTERSON, FRANCINE: Adventures of a gorilla named Koko. Titles include *Koko's Story* and *Koko's Kitten*.

RAY, DEBORAH KOGAN: *Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-Armed Explorer*. An exciting true story of Powell's life and explorations.

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