

GRADES K-2 Summer Reading List

Students **must** read at least four books in order to qualify for the summer reading t-shirts.
Please choose books that you **have not read before**.

A Chair For My Mother	Vera Williams	3.4
A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire		
A River of Words	Jen Bryant	4.6
This picture book biography of William Carlos Williams traces childhood events that led him to become a doctor and a poet.		
Amelia Bedelia (any book in series)	Peggy Parish	varies
Wacky misadventures as that hapless maid Amelia Bedelia interprets her instructions very literally.		
Anansi books (any book in series)	Eric Kimmel	varies
Author: A True Story	Helen Lester	3.8
Children's author Helen Lester describes her life from age three to adulthood.		
Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares	Frank Murphy	3.6
This story shows how Benjamin Franklin, inventor, writer, and scientist, created a puzzle called the magic square to keep from being bored while serving as a clerk for the Pennsylvania Assembly.		
Blaze and the Gray Spotted Pony	C.W. Anderson	varies
Billy and Blaze help Tommy to make his dream come true by getting his own pony.		
Boxcar Children, The (any title in series)	Gertrude Warner	varies
Chalk Box Kid, The	Clyde Bulla	2.7
Nine-year-old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, so he creates one in a surprising place.		
Clementine and the Family Meeting	Sara Pennypacker	3.9
Third-grader Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister. Book #5		
Elephant and Piggy Book (any book in series)	Mo Willems	varies
Frances Collection (any title in series)	Russell Hoban	varies
Frog and Toad (any title in series)	Arnold Lobel	varies
Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs	Mo Willems	4.2
This spin on the traditional tale has dinosaurs who visit Norway as the main characters.		
Grace's Letter to Lincoln	Connie Roop	3.7
On the eve of the 1860 presidential election, as war clouds gather and the South threatens to secede, eleven-year-old Grace decides to help Abraham Lincoln get elected by writing and advising him to grow a beard. The coauthor is Peter Roop		

Hero of Third Grade, The	Aloce DeLaCroix	3.6
When Randall changes to a new school, he pretends to be an anonymous hero until, when his third grade class plans a fundraiser, he finds that being himself is good enough.		
I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato	Lauren Child	2.7
Charlie has to feed his fussy sister, Lola.		
Joseph Had A Little Overcoat	Simms Taback	1.7
A very old overcoat is recycled numerous times into a variety of garments.		
Just a Dream	Chris Van Allsburg	3.6
When he has a dream about a future Earth devastated by pollution, Walter begins to understand the importance of taking care of the environment.		
Lucky Ducklings	Eva Moore	2.1
While following their mother through town, five little ducklings fall into a storm drain.		
Man Who Walked Between the Towers, The	Mordicai Gerstein	3.7
This book is about Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers.		
Max Malone and the Great Cereal Rip-Off	Charlotte Herman	3.7
Tired of being cheated by the cereal companies, Max decides to fight back after not receiving a free glow-in-the-dark sticker in his box of Choco-Fish.		
Miss Child Has Gone Wild	Dan Gutman	3.6
A.J. and his fellow third-graders from Ella Mentry School, including new student, Alexia, go on a field trip to the zoo, where they meet a very strange zookeeper.		
Miss Hunnicutt's Hat	Jeff Brumbeau	4.2
Miss Hunnicutt is determined to wear her new hat adorned with a live chicken for the Queen's visit despite the disapproval of the other townspeople.		
Mokie and Bik Go to Sea	Wendy Orr	4.3
With their father home from the sea, the rambunctious twins Mokie and Bik make "Bullfrog" shipshape for a voyage out to sea, where they make friends with a scaredy seal, save a runaway boat, and keep track of Waggles.		
Mr. Harrison is Embarrassin'	Dan Gutman	3.5
When the power goes out in the school, everyone panics in the dark, and only nerdy Mr. Harrison, who can fix and build anything, can save the day.		
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	John Steptoe	4.3
Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a bride.		
Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed	Mo Willems	2.8
Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement.		
One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo, The	Judy Blume	2.5
Freddy hates being the middle one in the family until he gets a part in the school play.		

Pirates Eat Porridge	Christopher Morgan	3.1
While Mom and Dad are away, a pirate takes Billy and his sister, Heidi, on a wild adventure, sailing their "fish-stick finger" house to Itchy Ear Island and telling them quirky facts about pirates, parrots, and cabbages.		
Poppleton (any book in series)	Cynthia Rylant	varies
Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors	Joyce Sidman	3.2
Nature displays different colors to announce the seasons of the year.		
Ricky Vargas: The Funniest Kid in the World	Alan Katz	2.7
Second-grader Ricky excels at making people laugh but learns that being funny at school is not always a good idea.		
Rosa	Nikki Giovanni	4.9
This picture book is an account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, and the subsequent bus boycott by the black community.		
Runaway Radish	Janice Levy	3.5
It is the Night of the Radishes, and don Pedro wants to carve the best radish in town, but one radish won't cooperate.		
Say What?	Margaret Haddix	4.2
When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukie and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases.		
Seven Treasure Hunts, The	Betsy Byars	2.7
Two boys make up a series of treasure hunts for each other, with disastrous and hilarious results.		
Snowed in with Grandmother Silk	Carol Fenner	4.2
Ruddy is disappointed when his parents go on a cruise and he must stay with his fussy grandmother for ten days, but an unexpected snowstorm reveals a surprising side of Grandmother Silk.		
Strega Nona (any book in series)	Tomie De Paola	varies
Sword in the Tree	Clyde Bulla	3.2
After his father is reported dead and his wicked uncle takes over the castle, Shan hides his father's precious sword and, after escaping with his mother, makes his way to King Arthur's court to seek help in winning back his inheritance.		
Three Little Robbers	Christine Graham	2.0
When Jo, Flo, and Mo try to rob the old lady who lives on the hill, they find she has nothing at all, so they come up with a plan to help her without stealing a single thing.		
Trouble With Chickens, The	Doreen Cronin	3.8
A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case.		
Velveteen Rabbit, The	Margery Williams	4.9
By the time the velveteen rabbit is dirty and worn out, he almost gives up the hope of ever finding the magic called Real.		