



Summer Reading 2018

For years, educators have known that students lose reading skills during the summer if they do not continue reading. They call this loss the “summer slide.”

- K. Alexander, D. Entwisle, and L. Olson’s 2007 longitudinal study of Baltimore students over 15 years found that by the end of fifth grade, students who did not read during the summer measured two years behind their classmates who did. They concluded that 2/3 of the reading difference in ninth graders can be attributed to reading or not during summer school breaks.

To help counteract the “summer slide,” here are the required and recommended readings.

Many of the books on this list are available as a free e-book and audiobook download from the Gutenberg Project at www.gutenberg.org, as a free audiobook from LibriVox, and as an audiobook on YouTube.

One approach we encourage with your child is to read aloud. Here are two entertaining talks about the value of reading aloud with children:

“Why We Should All Be Reading Aloud to Children” by Rebecca Bellingham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBuT2wdYtpM>

Read Aloud Revival #49: “Why We Should All Be Reading Aloud to Children”
<https://amongstlovelythings.com/49-2/>

For more resources and podcasts on reading aloud with children, visit [Read Aloud Revival’s website](#) or [our school’s additional reading lists and resources](#).

For more on the power of stories and how they form your child’s moral imagination, see our [Moral Imagination page](#).

Happy Reading!

“That is what a book does. It introduces us to people and places we wouldn’t ordinarily know. A good book is a magic gateway into a wider world of wonder, beauty, delight, and adventure. Books are experiences that make us grow, that add something to our inner stature.”

— Gladys M. Hunt

Kindergarten

Read aloud is an important experience for children. Students should have some of the following or similar books read to them:

<i>The Complete Tales</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>Mother Goose's Nursery Rhymes</i>	Robert Frederick
<i>The Complete Tales of Winnie-the-Pooh</i>	A.A. Milne
<i>The Cat in the Hat</i> Beginner Reader books	Dr. Seuss
<i>Billy and Blaze</i> books	C.W. Anderson
<i>Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Tim All Alone</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Tim to the Rescue</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Tim's Friend Towser</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
Magic Tree House books	Mary Pope Osborne

First Grade

Students need to read or have read to them at least ten books. Please bring a favorite book to class the first two weeks of school. Here are some great stories; many are available at the library.

Any of the <i>Tales</i> of Beatrix Potter such as <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>Make Way for Ducklings</i>	Beatrix Potter
<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>Tomie De Paola's Mother Goose</i>	Watty Piper
<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Tomie De Paola
<i>The Story of Ferdinand</i>	Dr. Seuss
<i>Frog and Toad</i>	Munro Leaf
<i>Frog and Toad Are Friends</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Billy and Blaze</i> books	Arnold Lobel
<i>Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain</i>	C.W. Anderson
<i>Tim All Alone</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Tim to the Rescue</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Tim's Friend Towser</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Curious George</i>	Edward Ardizzone & Stephen Fry
<i>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</i>	H. A. Rey
<i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i>	William Steig
<i>The Biggest Bear</i>	Judith Viorst
<i>The Ugly Duckling</i>	Lynn Ward
<i>The Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i>	Hans Christian Anderson
<i>Anno's Counting Book</i>	Jack Prelutsky (selector)
<i>Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel</i>	Mitsumasa Anno
<i>Pecos Bill</i>	Virginia Lee Burton
<i>Blueberries for Sal</i>	Ariane Dewy
<i>One Morning in May</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>Time of Wonder</i>	Robert McCloskey
<i>The Little Island</i>	Robert McCloskey
	Margaret Wise Brown & Leonard Weisgard
<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar</i>	Eric Carle

The Napping House
Watch Out For Chicken Feet in Your Soup
The Great Big Enormous Turnip
Mercy Watson series
Henry and Mudge series
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
Penny and Her Song
Nate the Great
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie and others in this series
Madeline (series)
Arthur's Loose Tooth
Little Rabbit's Loose Tooth
Corduroy
Pascual and the Kitchen Angels
A Sick Day for Amos McGee
Little Bear series
Mouse Tales
Last Stop on Market Street

Audrey Wood
Tomie De Paola
Helen Oxenburg
Kate Di'Camillo
Cynthia Rylant
Kevin Henkes
Kevin Henkes
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
Laura Numeroff
Ludwig Bemelmans
Marc Brown
Lucy Bate
Don Freeman
Tomie dePaola
Phillip Stead
Else Holmelund Minarik
Arnold Lobel
Matt de la Pena

Second Grade

Required:

Pick two of the following books and read by yourself or read aloud with a parent/guardian:

American Tall Tales
Aesop's Fables
Cam Jansen Mysteries (any book in series)
Frog and Toad books (your choice)
A Child's Garden of Verses
Sarah, Plain and Tall
The Courage of Sarah Noble
Hank the Cowdog books

Mary Pope Osborne
Aesop
David A. Adler
Arnold Lobel
Robert Louis Stevenson
Patricia MacLachlan
Alice Dalgliesh
John R. Erickson

Recommended:

Vacation under the Volcano
The Great Kapok Tree

Mary Pope Osborne
Lynne Cherry

Third Grade

Required:

*Ben and Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin
by His Good Mouse Amos*
ISBN # 978-0316517300

Robert Lawson

Any *Who Was ... ?* book published by Penguin Workshops.
Series of biographies of famous people written for children.

For example:

Who Was Mother Teresa?
ISBN # 978-0448482996

Jim Gigliotti

Recommended:

The Railway Children
All-of-a-Kind Family
The Boxcar Children
Homer Price
Mr. Popper's Penguins
Hank the Cowdog books
The Green Ember series
The Cricket in Times Square
Sarah, Plain and Tall
The Courage of Sarah Noble
St. Benedict: Story of the Father of the Western Monks

E. Nesbit
Sydney Taylor
Gertrude Warner
Robert McCloskey
Richard and Florence Atwater
John R. Erickson
S. D. Smith
George Selden
Patricia MacLachlan
Alice Dalgliesh
Mary Fabyan Windeatt

Fourth Grade

Required:

Shiloh
ISBN # 978-0689835827

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Recommended:

Five Children and It
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
By the Shores of Silver Lake
Farmer Boy
The Cricket in Times Square
Mary Poppins
Nancy Drew Mystery Stories (original series)
The Green Ember series

E. Nesbit
Lewis Carroll
Laura Ingalls Wilder
Laura Ingalls Wilder
George Selden
P.L. Travers
Carolyn Keene
S. D. Smith

Fifth Grade

Required:

Island of the Blue Dolphins
ISBN # 978-0547328614

Scott O'Dell

Recommended:

Where the Red Fern Grows
Farmer Boy
The Princess and the Goblin
Tuck Everlasting
A Wrinkle in Time
The Jungle Book
The Indian in the Cupboard
Heidi
Swiss Family Robinson
The Wizard of Oz
The Wind in the Willows

Wilson Rawls
Laura Ingalls Wilder
George MacDonald
Natalie Babbit
Madeleine L'Engle
Rudyard Kipling
Lynne Reid Banks
Johanna Spyri
Johann Wyss
L. Frank Baum
Kenneth Grahame

Sixth Grade

Required

The Magician's Nephew
ISBN # 978-0064405058 (other unabridged editions are ok)

C. S. Lewis

Recommended:

Herodotus and the Road to History
Archimedes and the Door to Science
My Side of the Mountain
The Princess and the Goblin
Summer of the Monkeys
The Indian in the Cupboard
The Secret Garden
Robin Hood
Robin Hood
The Wizard of Oz
The Jungle Book
Heidi
Swiss Family Robinson
King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table

Jeanne Bendic
Jeanne Bendic
Jean Craighead George
George MacDonald
Wilson Rawls
Lynne Reid Banks
Frances Hodgson Burnett
Howard Pyle
Roger Lancelyn Green
L. Frank Baum
Rudyard Kipling
Johanna Spyri
Johann Wyss
Roger Lancelyn Green

Seventh Grade

Required:

The Horse and His Boy
ISBN # 978-0064471060 (other unabridged editions are ok)

C.S. Lewis

Recommended:

The Hobbit
The Cay
Journey to the Center of the Earth
The Call of the Wild
Captains Courageous
The Westing Game
The Lions of Little Rock
Fever 1793
The Book Thief
Treasure Island
The Door in the Wall
The Shadow of His Wings

J.R.R. Tolkien
Theodore Taylor
Jules Verne
Jack London
Rudyard Kipling
Ellen Raskin
Kristin Levine
Laurie Halse Anderson
Markus Zusack
Robert Louis Stevenson
Marguerite de Angeli
Fr. Gereon Goldmann, OFM

Recommended for Science:

Jurassic Park
*The World in Your Lunchbox: The wacky history and
weird science of every day foods*
Fever 1793
The Story of Science: Aristotle Leads the Way
The Story of Science: Newton at the Center
The Mystery of the Periodic Table

Michael Crichton
Claire Eamer

Laurie Halse Anderson
Joy Hakim
Joy Hakim
Benjamin D. Wiker

Eighth Grade

Required:

The Devil's Arithmetic
ISBN # 978-0590965781

Jane Yolen

Choose one other book from the list below:

The Shadow of His Wings
The View from Saturday
The Hound of the Baskervilles
The Red Pony
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Mockingbird
Freak the Mighty
Okay for Now
Moon Over Manifest
Escape Under the Forever Sky
Counting by 7s
The False Prince
Listening for Lions

Fr. Gereon Goldmann, OFM
E.L. Konigsburg
Arthur Conan Doyle
John Steinbeck
Jules Verne
Katherine Erskine
Rodman Philbrick
Gary Schmidt
Clare Vanderpool
Eve Yohalem
Holly Sloan
Jennifer Nielsen
Gloria Whelan

The Lions of Little Rock
The Thief
Out of My Mind
The Rise and Fall of Mount Majestic
Mockingbird
Echo
Moon over Manifest
Walk Two Moons
Fever 1793
Irena's Children (Young Readers Edition)
Tuesdays at the Castle
The Golden Princess and the Moon

Recommended for Science:

The Children's Blizzard
Isaac's Storm
Longitude
*Gone at 3:17: The untold story of the worst school disaster
in American History*
The Golden Ratio: The story of PHI
The Story of Science: Einstein Adds a New Dimension
The Mystery of the Periodic Table

Kristen Levine
Megan Whalen Turner
Sharon Draper
Jennifer Trafton
Kathryn Erskine
Pam Munoz Ryan
Clare Vanderpool
Sharon Creech
Laurie Halse Anderson
Mary Cronk Farrell
Jessica Day George
Anna Maria Mendell

David Laskin
Eric Larson
Dava Sobel
David M. Brown and
Michael Wereshagin
Mario Livio
Joy Hakim
Benjamin D. Wiker