



## **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](http://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  
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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  
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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