

Grades 3-5

Suggested Summer Reading List

This list has been compiled from several sources including the American Library Association and the International Reading Association.

Fiction

- Freddie Ramos Takes Off- Jacqueline Jules,
- Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade-Melissa Sweet
- Tales for Very Picky Eaters- Josh Schneider
- E-mergency!- Tom Lichtenheld
- Toys Come Home: Being the Early Experiences of an Intelligent Stingray, a Brave Buffalo, and a Brand-New Someone Called Plastic- Emily Jenkins
- No Ordinary Day- Deborah Ellis
- Because of Winn Dixie – Kate DiCamillo
- Frindle – Andrew Clements
- A Week in the Woods – Andrew Clements
- A Dog Called Kitty – Bill Wallace
- Big Red – Jim Kjelgaard
- Ramona (Series) – Beverly Cleary
- Judy Moody (series) – Megan McDonald
- Maniac Magee – Jerry Spinelli
- Everywhere – Bruce Brooks
- Fly Away Home – Eve Bunting
- Keeper of the Doves – Betsy Byars
- Wait Till Helen Comes: A Ghost Story – Mary Downing Hahn
- The Foxman – Gary Paulsen
- The Stories Huey Tells and The Stories Julian Tells (series) – Ann Cameron
- The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates – Susan Shreve
- Freckle Juice – Judy Blume
- Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing – Judy Blume
- Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner
- The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson
- Misty of Chincoteague – Marguerite Henry
- The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- Goosebumps (series) – R.L. Stine
- In The Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson – Bette Boa Lord
- The Silver Coach – Carole Adler
- The Children of Green Knowe (series)- Lucy Boston
- Old Yeller – Fred Gipson
- The Higher Power of Lucky – Susan Patron
- Joey Pigza Loses Control – Jack Gantos
- The Nancy Drew Series – Carolyn G. Keene
- Chocolate Fever – Robert Kimmel Smith
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
- Rules – Cynthia Lord
- The Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth George Speare

Fantasy/Folklore

- Space Race – Sylvia Waugh
- The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse – Bruce Hale
- The Case of the Raging Rottweiler – John R. Erickson
- The Great Good Thing – Roderick Townley
- The Doll People – Ann M. Martin
- I, Houdini – Lynne Reid Banks
- The Indian in the Cupboard – Lynne Reid Banks
- Poppy – Avi
- Mean Margaret – Tor Seidler
- The Moorchild – Eloise McGraw
- The Secret of Platform 13 – Eva Ibbotson
- Abel’s Island – William Steig
- James and the Giant Peach – Roald Dahl
- The BFG – Roald Dahl
- The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C.S. Lewis
- Charlotte’s Web – E.B. White
- Castle in the Attic – Elizabeth Winthrop
- Magic Tree House (series) – Mary Pope Osborne
- Going Through The Gate – Janet S. Anderson
- The Sea Egg – L.M. Boston
- The Talking Parcel – Gerald Durrell
- Mick Harte Was Here – Barbara Park
- Cricket in Times Square – George Selden
- The Wizard of Oz – Frank L. Baum
- Whittington – by Alan Armstrong
- Under the Bridge – Ellen Kindt McKenzie
- Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Historical Fiction

- Breaking Stalin's Nose- Eugene Yelchin
- Inside Out and Back Again - Thanhha Lai
- Soldier Bear- Bibi Dumon Tak
- Linnea in Monet’s Garden – Cristina Bjork
- Meet Kit: An American Girl – 1934 – Valerie Tripp
- Love From Your Friend, Hannah – Mindy Warshaw Skolsky
- Sarah, Plain and Tall – Patricia MacLachlan
- Little House on the Prairie (series) – Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes – Eleanor Coerr
- Understood Betsy – Dorothy Canfield Fisher
- King of the Wind: The Story of the Godolphin Arabian – Marguerite Henry
- The Birchback House – Louise Erdrich
- The Night Journey – Kathryn Lasky
- Grasshopper Summer – Ann Turner
- The Midwife’s Apprentice – Karen Cushman
- The Borning Room – Paul Fleischman
- Jacob, Have I Loved – Katherine Patterson
- Boxcar Children – Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Pink and Say – Patricia Polacco
- The Perilous Road – William Steele

- Boston Jane: An Adventure – Jennifer L. Holm
- Our Only May Amelia – Jennifer L. Holm
- Follow the Drinking Gourd – Jeanette Winter
- Hattie Big Sky – Kirby Larson
- Show Way – Jacqueline Woodson

Science Fiction

- I'm Out Of My Body – Leave Me A Message – Dan Greenburg
- Heartlight - T.A. Baron
- Space Garbage – Isaac Asimov
- The Dog That Pitched A No Hitter – Matt Christopher
- The Package in Hyperspace – Janet Asimov and John Gampert
- The Computer Nut – Betsy Byars
- Frankenbug – Steven Cousins
- The Classroom at the End of the Hall – Douglas Evans
- My Life Among Aliens – Gail Gauthier
- Nose Pickers from Outer Space – Gordan Korman
- The Time Warp Trio – Jon Scieszka
- Carrot Holes and Frisbee Trees – N. Bodecker
- Shadows in the Water – Kathryn Lasky
- The Sword of Aradel – Alexander Key
- The Moorchild – Eloise McGraw
- Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery – Deborah and James Howe

Poetry

- Lemonade, and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word- Bob Raczka
- Where The Sidewalk Ends – Shel Silverstein
- Bird Watch: A Book of Poetry – Jane Yolen
- From Sea To Shining Sea – Amy T. Cohn
- In A River Valley – Josette Frank
- Hand in Hand: An American History Through Poetry – Lee Bennett Hopkins
- Bringing Me News – Mary O'Neill
- The New Kid On The Block – Jack Prelutsky
- Something Big Has Been Here – Jack Prelutsky
- Pierre – Maurice Sendak
- Heartsongs (series) – Mattie J.T. Stepanek
- Spin a Soft Black Song – Nikki Giovanni

Non-Fiction

- The Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and
- Brand-New Colors- Chris Barton

- America is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell- Don Brown
- The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle – Dan Wulffson
- Lives of Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (And What The Neighbors Thought) – Kathleen Krull
- A River Run Wild – Lynne Cherry
- Look To The North: A Wolf Pup Diary – Jean Craighead George
- The Man Who Walked Between The Towers – Mordacai Gerstein
- Pink and Say – Patricia Polacco
- Dateline:Troy – Paul Fleischman
- Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? – Jean Fritz
- Six Minute Nature Mysteries – Faith Brynie
- The Truth About Great White Sharks – Mary M. Cerullo
- Through My Eyes – Ruby Bridges
- The Story of Baseball – Lawrence Ritter
- Girls Think of Everything – Catherine Thimmeah
- Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader for Kids Only! – the Bathroom Readers Institute
- Meet Me in St. Louis: A Trip to the 1904 World’s Fair – Robert Jackson
- Just Peace: A Message of Hope – Mattie J.T. Stepanek with Jimmy Carter