Kindergarten Summer Reading List 2019-2020

These are some suggested books to read to your child before starting kindergarten:

- ABC books
- Nursery Rhymes
- Books about numbers, colors, or shapes
- Books about school
- Books about seasons
- Rhyming books
- Picture books with few words on a page
- Books with repetition
- Classic fairy tales (3 little Pigs, 3 Billy Goats, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, Jack and the Beanstalk, etc.)
- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom!
- If You Give a Mouse a Cookie
- The Night Before Kindergarten
First grade readers have varied interests and abilities. Below is a suggested list of authors along with some chapter book suggestions that might peak your child’s interest over the summer. Feel free to explore the library or bookstore to find additional authors and books that your child might enjoy. Most importantly, make reading fun!

**Suggested Authors**
*Eric Carle*
*Dr. Seuss*
*Kevin Henkes*
*Marc Brown*
*Laura Numeroff*
*Lois Ehlert*
*Gail Gibbons*
*Mo Willems*
*Eric Litwin*
*Arnold Lobel*
*Cynthia Rylant*

**Suggested Series/Chapter Books**
*Ready-to-Read Books (such as Henry and Mudge or Pete the Cat)*
*I Can Read! (such as the Biscuit books)*
*National Geographic Kids Leveled Readers*
*Young Cam Jansen by David Adler*
*Iris and Walter by Elissa Haden Guest*
*Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat*
*Froggy by Jonathan London*
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Second Grade Summer Reading List

If you like funny books, you’ll love:
- *The Bad Guys #1* by Aaron Blabey
- *Bad Kitty* by Nick Bruel
- *Bird and Squirrel on Ice* by James Burks
- *Captain Underpants* by Dav Pilkey
- *Mercy Watson* by Kate DiCamillo

If you like mythical creatures, you’ll love:
- *Dragons and Marshmallows: Zoey and Sassafras* by Asia Citro
- *Rise of the Earth Dragons* by Tracey. West
- *Magical Animal Adoption Agency* by Kallie George
- *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* by Mo O’Hara**
- *Dragon Slayer’s Academy* by Kate McMullan
- *Rainbow Magic Fairies* by Daisy Meadows

If you like adventure stories, you’ll love:
- *Zita the Spacegirl* by Ben Hatke
- *Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Galaxy Zack* by Ray O’Ryan
- *The Notebook of Doom* by Troy Cummings
- *Rescue on the Oregon Trail* by Kate Messner

If you love realistic stories, you’ll like:
- *Heartwood Hotel* by Kallie George
- *Pug Pals Two’s a Crowd* by Flora Ahn
- *Stink* by Megan McDonald
- *Noodle: The Puppy Place* by Ellen Miles
- *Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door* by Hilary McKay

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2019-2020 Recommended Summer Reading for Grade 3 Students

Please make sure that all book choices are JUST RIGHT for you as a reader!

Suggested Titles:

- Horrible Harry, by Suzy Kline
- Chocolate Fever, by Robert Kimmel Smith
- Shiloh, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Invisible Lines, by Mary Amato
- Because of Mr. Terupt, by Rob Buyea
- A Week in the Woods, by Andrew Clements
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, by Grace Lin
- The Candy Shop War, by Brandon Mull
- Magic Tree House series, by Mary Pope Osborne
- A to Z Mysteries series, by Ron Roy
- The Time Warp Trio series, Jon Scieszka

Suggested Authors:

- Judy Blume
- Matt Christopher
- Beverly Cleary
- Andrew Clements
- Jean Craighead George
- Roald Dahl
- Kate DiCamillo
- Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Megan McDonald
- James Patterson (for kids)
- Patricia Polacco
- Jon Scieszka
- Jerry Spinelli
- Janet Tashjian
- Raina Telgemeier

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4th Grade Summer Reading List 2019-2020

These are recommended summer reading books for students entering 4th grade. Please make sure that any books that you pick from this list are **JUST RIGHT** for you as a reader.

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| HUMOR | |
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| *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume | |
| *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume | |
| *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman | |
| *The Croc Ate My Homework* by Stephan Pastis (Graphic Novel Series) | |
| *My Fox Ate My Homework* by David Blaze | |
| *Sideways Stories From Wayside School* by Louis Sachar | |

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Choose at least one fiction and one non-fiction book to enjoy this summer. Check to see if the book is at your just right level by using the five finger test. Choose a random full page to read from a book you’re interested in. Begin reading and put one finger up each time you come to a word you do not know. 1-5 Fingers up means it’s just right. Zero means it is too easy, which is fine, but not all the time. More than five missed words is too challenging. The books listed here are just suggestions; choose books that make you happy. Enjoy your summer and see you in September!

If you like fantasy, you’ll love:

- *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy* by Karen Foxlee
- *The Endling* by Katherine Applegate
- *Five Kingdoms* series by Brandon Mull
- *In a Glass Grimmly* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Nightmares!* (series) by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller
- *The Secret Zoo* by Bryan Chick
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L’Engle

If you like animal adventures, you’ll love:

- *The Last Dogs* by Christopher Holt
- *Warriors* by Erin Hunter
- *Mouseheart* by Lisa Fiedler
- *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O’Brien
If you like **adventures**, you’ll love:

- *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
- *Stranded* by Jeff Probst and Chris Tebbetts
- *Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs
- *The Cloak Society* by Jeramey Kraatz
- *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein

If you like **mysteries**, you’ll love:

- *Space Case* by Stuart Gibbs
- *Isabel Feeney, Star Reporter* by Beth Fantaskey
- *Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti
- *Warren the 13th and The All-Seeing Eye* by Tania Del Rio
- *Nooks and Crannies* by Jessica Lawson

If you like **realistic fiction**, try reading:

- *All Four Stars* by Tara Dairman
- *See You in the Cosmos* by Jack Cheng
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell (graphic novel)
- *The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall
- *Science of Breakable Things* by Tae Keller
- *Kristy’s Great Idea Babysitter’s Club* by Ann M. Martin, illustrated by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novel)
- *Smile, Drama, & Sisters* by Raina Telgemeier (graphic novels)
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldeko

If you like **funny**, you’ll laugh your way through these books:

- *Origami Yoda* (series) by Tom Angleberger
- *Unicorn on a Roll* by Dana Simpson (graphic novel)
- *Anyone But Ivy Pocket* by Caleb Krisp
- *Vordak the Incomprehensible* by Vordak T. Incomprehensible
- *Plants vs. Zombies* by Paul Tobin and Ron Chan
- *The Worst Class Trip Ever* by Dave Barry

What about **NONFICTION**? Here are some great choices:

- *Two Truths and a Lie* by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Lisa K. Weber
- *National Geographic Kids Almanac 2018*
- *The Thrifty Guide to Ancient Rome* by Jonathan Stokes
- *Who is? or Who Was?* series for children by various authors
- *Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions* by Don L. Wulffson
Dear Incoming Sixth Graders,

I am super excited that you will be entering the middle school next year. In preparation for an amazing year of reading, writing, learning and growing, I am requiring every student to read two books this summer.

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Every student will read **Holes by Louis Sachar** and a **book of choice**. There are so many high interest, engaging and exciting books to choose from. This summer you get to choose a book that stimulates your curiosity or a book that friends or family members have read or a book that is newly published or a book that is by your favorite author or a book with the genre you would like to learn more about.

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We are teachers - best middle school books
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Family reading -summer reading

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2. In addition, you will each present to the class about your free choice book. We are using the TC Units of Study for our curriculum and we are trying to build a community of readers. You will be given instruction on this presentation when school starts.

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I am looking forward to working with each of you and beginning our journey of reading and writing, while learning and growing, here in the middle school at Garrison. Discovering that special book is a wonderful experience and I can’t wait to share our collective summer reading together.

Happy reading,

Jennifer Kirschenheiter
6, 7, 8 English Teacher at Garrison School
Dear Future 7th graders,

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Dear Future 8th graders,

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