

Summer Reading List

Kindergarten

Bats at the Beach

By Brian Lies

Enchanting art and cheery beachside verse will inspire bedtime imaginations again and again. Come visit a bedazzling world of moonlight, firelight, and bats!

Clifford Goes to Dog School

By Norman Bridwell

The Big Red Dog discovers that it's more important to be yourself than the best.

Countdown to Kindergarten

By Alison McGhee

Calm starting school anxieties with this laugh-out-loud tale about a girl trying to "cram" for kindergarten.

Chrysanthemum

By Kevin Henkes

An unusually named mouse feels she doesn't fit in until a kindly teacher shows her why it's great to be different.

Froggy Goes to School

By Jonathan London

The exuberant amphibian flubs his way through his first day of school – but has a fantastic time!

Good Night, Gorilla

By Peggy Rathmann

An unobservant zookeeper is followed home by all the animals he thinks he has left behind in the zoo.

Gossie

By Dunrea Olivier

Gossie is a gosling who likes to wear bright red boots every day, no matter what she is doing, and so she is heartbroken the day the boots are missing and she can't find them anywhere.

How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?

By Jane Yolen

Short, rhyming text and irresistible, cavorting dinosaurs perfectly convey how dinosaurs could behave in school, large and powerful though they may be. Fans

of the other titles in the series will welcome this new lesson on how to behave properly yet manage to remain a true dinosaur.

I Kissed the Baby!

By Mary Murphy

Various animals tell how they saw, fed, sang to, tickled, and kissed the new duckling.

I Love You All Day Long

By Francesca Rusackas

School is a breeze when a mother's love is there to see you through it.

I See a Leaf

By Grace Maccarone

Laugh at how first-day gifts to the teacher get a little out of control – then try activities that help strengthen school skills.

The Kissing Hand

By Audrey Penn

Chester Raccoon is afraid to attend kindergarten until his mother shows him a special way to take her love along.

Kitten's First Full Moon

By Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry trying to reach it

Maisy Goes Swimming

By Lucy Cousins

The reader helps Maisy the mouse undress and put on her bathing suit for a dip in the pool.

My Friend Rabbit

By Eric Rohmann

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

Naughty Little Monkeys

By Jim Aylesworth

Twenty-six monkeys get into mischief when their parents go out for the evening in this rhyming alphabet book.

Penelope at School

By Anne Gutman

Join Penelope on a wonderful day at school as she paints, plays, and meets

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy

By Mo Willems

He really, really, really wants one. He'll take really good care of it! What's the matter - don't you want him to be happy? The latest book in the best-selling *Pigeon* series is the funniest one yet.

Pinkalicious

By Victoria and Elizabeth Kann

Pinkalicious eats so many pink cupcakes that she wakes up the next morning with pink skin and hair. The color just won't wash off, and the doctor diagnoses her with Pinkitis and tells her to eat green food to get better.

First Grade

All About Frogs

By Jim Arnosky

Dive into the pond for this lively (and factual) look at a favorite amphibian.

Arthur Writes a Story

By Marc Brown

Learn valuable lessons with this aardvark as he goes to school, spends time with his family, and plays outdoors.

Bread and Jam for Frances

By Russell Hoban

Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal--until to her surprise--her parents grant her wish.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Judi H. Barrett

If food dropped like rain from the sky, wouldn't it be marvelous! Or would it? It could, after all, be messy. And you'd have no choice. What if you didn't like what fell? Or what if too much came? Have you ever thought of what it might be like to be squashed flat by a pancake?

Flotsam

By David Wiesner

2007 Caldecott winner tells of a young boy who discovers an old camera and how it can be used to help see the world.

Froggy Gets Dressed

By Jonathan London

Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.

George and Martha

By James Marshall

Relates several episodes in the friendship of two hippopotamuses.

If You Take a Mouse to School

By Laura Joffe Numeroff

See how easily things can get out of hand in this best-selling tale of consequences.

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale

By Mo Willems

A brilliant true to life tale about what happens when Daddy's in charge and things go terribly, hilariously wrong.

Martha Speaks

By Susan Meddaugh

Martha, a mutt, begins to speak after her young owner slips her a bowl of alphabet soup. She speaks, and speaks, and speaks, until Helen tells her, "Sometimes I wish you had never learned to talk." Martha is devastated, and her withdrawal is alleviated only when she has the opportunity to save her family from a robbery

Officer Buckle and Gloria

By Peggy Rathman

Officer Buckle, a mustachioed policeman who wears a crossed-out-banana-peel patch on his sleeve, has a passion for teaching students about safety, but his audiences tend to doze off during his lectures. They awaken, however, when police dog Gloria joins Buckle onstage.

Skippyjon Jones

By Judy Schachner

This Siamese kitten spends his "time out" imagining himself as "El-Skippito" who comes to the rescue of some Chihuahuas.

Wild About Books

By Judy Sierra

A librarian accidentally drives her bookmobile to the zoo and subsequently reads a Dr. Seus book to the animals.

Second Grade

A Bad Case of Stripes

By David Shannon

A girl who is always concerned about what others think wakes up one day to discover she is covered with stripes.

Amelia Bedelia

By Peggy Parish

Few kids can resist the hilarious mishaps of this zany housekeeper.

Frog and Toad stories

By Arnold Lobel

Each of the *Frog and Toad stories* include several short tales about two very good friends.

Henry and Mudge series

By Cynthia Rylant

A young boy named Henry and his dog Mudge share many adventures with Henry's parents and other important people in his life.

Hi! Fly Guy

By Tedd Arnold

A funky fly buzzes his way through pages of nutty adventures, outrageous illustrations, and silly slapstick humor.

Minnie and Moo Go Dancing

By Denys Cazet

Minnie and Moo are two enterprising cows who get into scrapes trying to engage in human activities such as dressing up and dancing at a party and driving a tractor.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane

By Kate DiCamillo

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him.

Nate the Great and the Stolen Base

By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Follow everyone's favorite detective as he effortlessly solves mysteries in his signature hat and trench coat. In this case, second base, a gloopy purple octopus belonging to teammate Oliver is missing – all that can be found are two purple plastic arms in the dirt...

Pinky and Rex and the Just-Right Pet

A beginning chapter book about a family dilemma that will ring true with young grade schooler.

The Shivers in the Fridge

By Fran Manushkin

A family suddenly finds itself in a cold, dark box. What happens when the door opens and the lights come on? A silly, chilly tale.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs

By Jon Scieszka

Laugh out loud at the wolf's account of what really happened.

Zen Shorts

By Jon J. Muth

When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world with new eyes.

Third Grade

Bunnicula

By James Howe and Debra Howe

Keep a close watch on your vegetables when reading these tales of a vampire bunny.

Class Clown

By Johanna Hurwitz

Lucas Cott, the most obstreperous boy in the third grade, finds it very hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become the perfect student.

Clementine

By Sara Pennypacker

Clementine, a not-so-common third grader, knows her way around the principal's office as well as she does the art-supply closet. Daily rituals take on a different view when seen from her eyes. She's constantly being told that she needs to pay attention, but to her mind she is paying attention and making astute observations. Clementine goes to great lengths to be friends with fourth-grade neighbor, Margaret, but more times than not, both girls end up in trouble.

Ghouls Don't Scoop Ice Cream

By Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones

A group of suspicious third graders accuses some very peculiar adults of being monsters in disguise.

Ivy and Bean

By Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall

Bean likes stomping in puddles, climbing fences into neighbors' backyards, and playing tricks on her older sister, Nancy. She wears dresses as seldom as possible and avoids big books. Her new neighbor appears to be a quiet, orderly girl who sits on her front step day after day reading. The two seem to have nothing in common, and Bean is not interested in getting to know Ivy, despite her mother's prodding to make friends with the nice girl next door. Then Bean gets into trouble, and Ivy helps her out. She discovers that Ivy is practicing to be a witch, and when they decide to cast a spell on Nancy, their friendship is sealed.

Jenny Archer

By Ellen Conford

Jenny uses her great imagination in everything she does.

Judy Moody

By Megan McDonald

On the first day of grade school, third grader Judy snaps out of her bad mood when she receives an assignment to create a collage about herself.

Knights of the Kitchen Table

By Jon Scieszka

Experience and entertaining journey through history as you follow three young boys on their time-traveling exploits.

Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye

By Geronimo Stilton.

A homebody mouse can't help but be pulled into adventure after fast-paced adventure by his thrill-seeking family.

Lunch Walks Among Us

By Jim Benton

Delight in the misadventures of pigtailed mad scientist Franny K. Stein.

Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth

By Louis Sachar

Nine-year-old Marvin Redpost is convinced he is Prince Robert, the King of Shampoo's long-lost son currently being sought in a much-publicized campaign. First, Marvin is the only person in his family with red hair and blue eyes. Next, Marvin's teacher says that because he is left-handed he must have royal blood. And finally, Marvin does not remind his grandmother of anyone else in the family. All of this assures Marvin that he must have been kidnapped at birth and accidentally given to Mr. and Mrs. Redpost.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue

By Kate DiCamillo

Cute little pig Mercy is happy until the lights turn off at night, and she decides to join her owners in their bed.

Ruby the Red Fairy

By Daisey Meadows

Enter a magical world of colorful fairies in this popular series.

The School Mouse

By Dick King-Smith

Flora, the world's most educated mouse, saves her family during a crisis.

Fourth Grade

Beauty and the Beast

By Max Eilenberg

Beauty's love overcomes a terrible spell in this elegantly illustrated classic tale.

The Dangerous Snake and Reptile Club

By Robert D. San Souci

Brothers Bobby, Danny, and Mike decide to display the treasures they find on vacation and start a club with their friends.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

By Jeff Kinney

An exciting new series begins. Greg Heffley is thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

Eleven

By Patricia Reilly Giff

Sam finds an old newspaper clipping in the attic showing a picture of him as a small child. He does not know what the article says because he cannot read.

With a new friend to help him, Sam tries to solve the mystery.

Ella Enchanted

By Gail Carson Levine

Try this Newbery-honored Cinderella tale about a feisty young princess fighting to release herself from a curse.

The Guardians of Ga'Hoole: The Capture

By Kathryn Lasky

Soren, a barn owl, is knocked from his nest by his older brother and taken to St. Aggie's, a school for orphaned owls. He befriends Gylfie, an elf owl, and the two set out to save all owls from the perils of school.

Hate that Cat

By Sharon Creech

In the follow-up to *Love that Dog*, Jack, now in fifth grade, expresses through poetry his feelings of loss for his beloved dog and his dislike of a mean, neighborhood cat. As the school year progresses and he longs for another animal to love, Jack is able to make room in his heart for a new pet...a small black and white kitten.

Hoot

By Carl Hiaasen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Inkheart

By Cornelia Funke

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father (Moe) can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler is freed from the novel *Inkheart* and tries to force Moe to release an immortal monster from the story.

Lawn Boy

By Gary Paulsen

This short and hilarious tale pitches an ordinary preteen with an old riding lawn mower into a dizzying ascent up the financial ladder. His sights set no higher than a new inner tube for his bike, the young narrator is thrilled to make \$60 in one day, mowing his neighbors' lawns. Just as demand for his services skyrockets, he meets Arnold, an honest, home-based stockbroker who becomes his business manager . . .

Leon and the Spitting Image

By Allen Kurzweil

Leon is determined to use his own klutzy hands to make a perfect stuffed replica of his overbearing teacher – which gets even cooler when he discovers the doll can control the real Miss Hagemeyer!

No Talking

By Andrew Clements

The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. But the "real" problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. One day Dave Packer, a certified loudmouth, bumps into an idea -- a big one that makes him try to keep quiet for a whole day. But what does Dave hear during lunch? A "girl," Lynsey Burges, jabbering away. So Dave breaks his silence and lobs an insult. And those words spark a contest: Which team can say "the fewest words" during two whole days? And it's the boys against the girls.

Poppy

By Avi

A courageous girl mouse embarks on an exciting journey to save her family and defeat the tyrannical horned owl who rules the forest.

The Princess Academy

By Shannon Hale

While attending a strict academy for potential princesses with other girls from her mountain village, fourteen-year-old Miri discovers unexpected talents and connections to her homeland.

Rules

By Cynthia Lord

Catherine helps her autistic brother David cope by setting some rules, but she also needs to figure out what rules she wants to live by.

Savvy

By Ingrid Law

Mibs Beaumont has been anxiously anticipating her thirteenth birthday, because that is when her savvy, a supernatural ability passed on in her family, will be revealed. After her father is seriously hurt in a car accident, Mibs will do anything to get to the hospital, believing her savvy could save her father's life.

Shredderman: Secret Identity

By Wendelin Van Draanen

Fifth-grader Nolan Byrd has suffered at the hands of school bully Bubba Bixby for too long. Inspired by a class project, Nolan creates a "cyber-superhero" alter ego called Shredderman, and sets out to avenge himself and his fellow Bubba-sufferers.

The Smallest Girl Ever; The Boy Who Could Fly

By Sally Gardner

Charming back-to-back tales of two children who discover they have magical powers and are empowered by their talents to make important changes in their lives. Read one story, then flip the book over to read the other.

Swindle

By Gordan Korman

Griffin Bing finds a Babe Ruth baseball card that is worth millions. When a local collectibles dealer tries to cheat him out his fortune, Griffin concocts a detailed and harrowing scheme to steal back the card.

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread

By Kate DiCamillo

Tale of a tiny mouse with huge ears, a princess he loves, a servant girl who wishes to be a princess and a rat named Roscuro who yearns for soup.

The Truth About Horses, Friends, and My Life as a Coward

By Sarah P. Gibson

Sophie is terrified to ride the three difficult horses her mother brings to their Maine island home. Sophie learns that by being brave, patient, and true to herself, she can successfully ride and have friends, too. This is not your typical, but instead a very funny horse story.

Wizard's Hall

By Jane Yolen

Enroll in a magical school with a misfit who has to learn to believe in himself.