

Summer Reading List

Students in grades 1 through 3 may choose one or more books from the list provided below to complete the summer reading assignment. The reading list is divided into three categories: novice, intermediate, and advanced. Students going into 1st or 2nd grade (Butterfly-1st / Dragonfly-2nd) may either choose a book from their independent reading level to read on their own, or a parent/guardian may choose a book that is at a higher level to read to the student. Students going into the 3rd grade (AZ Wildcats or Roadrunners), should choose a book to read on their own from either the intermediate or advanced list, whichever is at their independent reading level. The most important idea is to select a book that is interesting to the child and to read and enjoy at least one good book over the summer.

Novice Summer Reading List

Detective Dan - by French, Vivian. Billy plays detective to find out who keeps knocking his best friend Dan's lunchbox off the shelf at school and getting Dan into trouble, but it is Dan who finally solves the mystery.

Edgar Badger's Butterfly Day - by Kulling, Monica. Because he's sad and can't face the end of summer, Edgar Badger escapes by going to bed and staying there until his friends come around to cheer him up.

Elvis the Squirrel - by Bradman, Tony. Elvis the Squirrel gathers together the neighborhood birds to help him rescue his friend Chuck from Ronnie the raven.

High Five Hank -by MacDonald, Alan. When the school demands that Hank, the crosswalk guard, stop giving "high fives" to the children, they decide to put into action "Operation High Five."

Silly Sausage and the Spooks - by Morgan, Michaela. When the cats, Fitz and Spatz, call Sausage the dog a coward and tease him into spending the night in a haunted house, they are in for a fright of their own.

Any book in the Silly Sausage series is acceptable.

Tokyo Techno - by Thompson, Lisa. Jason and Anita are recruited by the Secret World Adventure Team (SWAT) to go to Tokyo, Japan, to help Hiroshi debug a new computer game.

Any book in the SWAT series is acceptable. - SWAT calls upon the reader to join the Secret World Adventure Team on their action-packed missions while traveling the world and solving the latest mystery--the reader's help may be critical to the success of the team!

Nightmare on Joe's Street - by Rau, Zachary. - Joe and Sam meet Frankenstein and travel back to the nineteenth century to return the monster to Mary Shelley.

The Seven Blunders of the World - by Rau, Zachary. - Joe, Fred, and Sam follow a time-warping thief back to ancient Babylon in an attempt to recover The Book which allows the trio to travel across all dimensions of time and space.

Intermediate Summer Reading List

Amelia Bedelia, I Can Read Books (By Parish, Peggy / Siebel, Fritz)

Any Amelia Bedelia – I Can Read Book is acceptable.

Amelia Bedelia Amelia Bedelia, the housekeeper with a literal mind, merrily upsets the household when she "dresses" the chicken and "trims" the steak with ribbons and lace.

Bravo, Amelia Bedelia! Amelia Bedelia can't play a musical instrument, but she plays a big part in the school concert. No one can beat her when it comes to making a drum roll, especially when she is inside the drum! Even though Amelia Bedelia can't play a musical instrument, she plays a big part in the school concert. She is just as happy with flattening a bee as with a B flat, and her favorite wind instrument is an electric fan.

Amelia Bedelia Helps Out A neighbor needs Amelia Bedelia's helping hands, so everyone's favorite housekeeper is off to Miss Emma's house for a day of work. It's a good thing Miss Emma likes to laugh, because Amelia Bedelia makes her usual merry mess!

Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping The mixed-up housekeeper goes camping for the very first time, and although she tries her best to do exactly as she's told, she makes this camping trip one hugely entertaining adventure.

Nate the Great Series (By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat)

Any Nate the Great Learn to Read Book is acceptable.

Nate the Great Neighborhood detective Nate investigates the disappearance of his friend Annie's favorite painting.

Nate the Great and the Monster Mess Nate the Great must solve a case for his most important client yet--his mother--when the recipes for her famous Monster Cookies disappear. With his dog, Sludge, Nate gets to work.

Nate the Great Saves the King of Sweden Rosamond is visiting Scandinavia when she loses something. She wants Nate the Great to find it, even though he doesn't know what she lost or what country she lost it in or when she lost it--and he's thousands of miles away. But if Nate doesn't take the case, Rosamond plans to hire the King of Sweden. Nate doesn't want Rosamond to bother the king. And he does want the chance to solve his first international case. Can Nate find whatever Rosamond lost without leaving his neighborhood?

The Dragonling Series (By Jackie French Koller) ***Any books in the series are acceptable.***

The Dragonling Darek can't wait for his first Dragon Quest. Then he can be just like his older brother, Clep, the hero who brought down a Great Blue, the largest and fiercest dragon of all. Darek goes to admire the kill - and finds a dragonling peeking out of the giant dragon's pouch. Scared but curious, he feeds the hungry baby and makes an unlikely friend. To save the dragonling he must venture into the fearsome Valley of the Dragons!

A Dragon in the Family Ever since Darek saved Zantor the dragonling, they've been inseparable. Darek is the only family Zantor has ever known. But now Darek is bringing Zantor home from the Valley of the Dragons. The villagers are up in arms! Darek and his brother Clep are called traitors. Their best friends are turning against them. Even Darek's father has been threatened for allowing the dragon in the village. How can Darek prove that dragons are good when the village has turned against them all?

Dragon Quest Now that the villagers have finally accepted Darek's dragonling, Zantor, they've all fallen in love with him. Especially Rowena, the spoiled daughter of the Chief Elder - so much that she wants a dragon of her very own. But Darek can't give him up, so the Chief Elder orders Darek's father to capture another dragonling, even though such a Dragon Quest could mean death for dragons and villagers alike. Darek can't let that happen. But how can he stop it... unless he joins the Dragon Quest.

Knights of the Kitchen Table (The Time Warp Trio) by Jon Scieszka ***Any book in the series is fine.***

When Joe receives a magic book for his birthday, he and friends Fred and Sam are transported to a time when evil knights, fire-breathing dragons, and vile-smelling giants roamed the lands.

Ramona and Her Mother by Beverly Cleary

This story hits the high and low points of a working mother's life as seen from Ramona's seven-and-a-half-year-old viewpoint. Inevitably domestic tensions, not without their amusing side, occasionally arise. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby sometimes forget who is to do what, as when the Crock-Pot is not plugged in and dinner remains uncooked. Beezus acquires a ludicrous teased hairdo at the student body shop while Ramona gets a becoming pixie haircut. Ramona, who feels unloved, takes to twitching her nose like a rabbit in a cozy picture book until her teacher becomes concerned that something is making her nervous.

OUR STRANGE NEW LAND: Elizabeth's Diary Jamestown, Virginia, 1609 by Patricia Hermes

Elizabeth Barker is only nine years old when she and her parents leave Plymouth, England. They set sail with nine shiploads of other people, headed for a small colony in America --- Jamestown, Virginia. They have high hopes for a wonderful life in this brand new country, where they can own their own land and build their own house. Elizabeth misses her twin brother Caleb, who had to stay in England because of his weak lungs, so she keeps a journal for him, to tell him what their first months are like in this strange, beautiful country.

Jigsaw Jones Series (by James Preller) ***Any book in the series is acceptable.***

Jigsaw Jones #1: The Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster Wingnut's hamster is missing! Jigsaw and his partner, Mila, are on the case. They are searching for clues and piecing together the mystery. This is a job for Jigsaw Jones!

Jigsaw Jones #2: The Case of the Christmas Snowman Lucy is in trouble. She gave her father's rare coin to Bigs Maloney. Now the coin is missing! Jigsaw and Mila are on the hunt for clues. This is a real cool mystery with a few snowy suspects!

Jigsaw Jones #3: The Case of the Secret Valentine Someone is secretly sending Jigsaw Valentines. When Jigsaw thinks about each Valentine as a clue, the case starts to come together. It's a red-hot mystery for Jigsaw and Mila, the best detectives in the second grade.

Jigsaw Jones #4: The Case of the Spooky Sleepover Jigsaw Jones is no fraidy-cat detective. When Ralphie Jordan thinks his house is haunted, Jigsaw takes the case. The only way to trap the ghost is for Jigsaw to spend the night. With Mila's help, the clues are pieced together to tell a story...a spooky ghost story!

THE ADVENTURES OF BENNY AND WATCH Boxcar Children Early Readers by Gertrude Chandler Warner
Any of the books in the series are acceptable.

Meet the Boxcar Children (Book # 1) Benny Alden, his brother Harry, and his sisters Violet and Jessie are orphans. They are supposed to go live with their grandfather, but they heard he was mean, so they run away and look for a new place to live. They find the perfect home in an abandoned boxcar. They even find a dog who needs a home. Will the Boxcar children find out the truth about their grandfather and finally have a real home?

A Present for Grandfather (Book # 2) It's Grandfather's birthday! Benny wants to buy Grandfather a gift, but he only has \$1 to spend. He makes a trip to the gift shop, but everything he likes costs more money than he can spend. Will he find the perfect present?

Benny's New Friend (Book # 3) There's a new girl in the neighborhood and Benny is eager to make friends with her. But Benny feels a little funny when he learns that she can throw a baseball better than he can.

The Magic Mystery Show (Book # 4) Benny and Watch learn some nifty tricks so they can put on a magic show. But then Watch disappears along with the things Benny needs to perform the magic tricks!

The Magic Tree House Series by Osborne, Mary Pope *Any book in the series is acceptable.* With its strong characters, imaginative plots, and just the right dose of history and science, this series is perfect for young readers.

A To Z MYSTERIES by Roy, Ron – *Any of the books in the series is acceptable.*

JUNIE B. JONES by Park, Barbara – Junie B. Jones is a young girl who relates the stories of her life from her perspective. Each book tells about Junie's different adventures. *Any of the books in the series is acceptable*

Advanced Summer Reading List

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan Based on a true story, Sarah, Plain and Tall begins a beautiful series. It is the story of a family living on the vast prairie in the early years of the 20th century. The story begins when Anna and Caleb, missing their mother who died, wish for another woman to make their father laugh again. And into their lives comes Sarah, with her own needful loneliness and searching, to help them create a whole family. But life on the endless prairie can be hard and unforgiving, sucking out all a person's strength and courage just to survive. And the prairie can hold your secrets for years and years, then toss them back at you without any warning. At such times, family can be all a person has to hold onto.

Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan The sequel to *Sarah Plain and Tall* has enough dramatic tension and character development to satisfy devoted fans of the first book. Sarah goes back east with children Anna and Caleb, leaving husband Jacob, whose name is "written in the land," to deal with their drought-ridden farm. Sarah's home in Maine makes a favorable impression on the children, but they miss their father and fear they will never return to the prairie.

Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald, illustrated by Peter Reynolds *Any Judy Moody book is acceptable.*
Judy Moody When school starts, Judy Moody is not all that excited. In fact, she's in a bad mood just thinking about it. But when her teacher assigns each of the students to make a collage about themselves, she thinks this could be pretty interesting. She starts gathering pictures and things that she can use to show what she wants to be (a doctor) and her favorite hobby (collecting all kinds of things). The project is going pretty well, until she has to come up with "a favorite pet," and "a club you belong to." Next thing you know, Judy Moody is the proud owner of a Venus Flytrap and a member of the T. P. Club (and you'll never guess what the T.P. stands for!)

Judy Moody Gets Famous! When Jessica Finch wins the North Virginia Spelling Bee and gets her picture on the front page of the newspaper, Judy Moody is jealous! And to make things worse, it seems everyone she knows has had a moment of fame for something. Her jealous mood really hits rock bottom when her little brother, Stink, decorates their refrigerator with the Moody Hall of Fame and Judy can't find anything about herself to contribute. Of course, Judy Moody is very imaginative and soon she's coming up with any number of schemes to make herself famous, including entering Mouse, their cat, in a Fur and Fangs Famous Pet Contest. When none of her ideas work out quite the way she planned, she thinks that all is lost. But Judy Moody is about to discover something wonderful about herself that will make having a picture in the paper seem very unimportant.

Judy Moody, M.D.: The Doctor Is In It's no secret that Judy Moody wants to be like Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman doctor, when she grows up. So when Class 3T starts to study the Amazing Human Body, Judy can hardly wait to begin her third-grade projects: show-and-tell with something much rarer than a scab, a real-live ooey-goey operation, and a cloning experiment that may create double trouble for Judy and her friends.

THE AMERICAN GIRLS Collections by Ann L. Brunson The collection is actually several series put together about girls who live in America; but whose lives and circumstances are as different as the times they inhabit.

KAYA, 1764 An adventurous Nez Perce girl whose love for horses and respect for nature nourish her spirit. In 1764, the Pacific Northwest is home to the Nez Perce people. Kaya and her family raise horses, fish and hunt, and build their teepees near the rivers. Kaya, her sisters, Brown Deer and Speaking Rain, and her twin brothers, Wing Feather and Sparrow love traveling to the valley every year to join the other families in harvesting the salmon, and the elders make sure the children learn about the old ways of the Nez Perce so their traditions won't be forgotten. Enjoy these stories about the first American Girl and her Appaloosa mare. And be sure to read the "Looking Back" section at the end of every book for many interesting facts about the Nez Perce, then and today.

FELICITY, 1774 A spunky, spritely colonial girl, full of energy and independence. Nine-year-old Felicity Merriman lives in Williamsburg, Virginia with her parents, her younger brother William, younger sister Nan and her father's apprentice, Ben. Her father owns one of the largest stores in the city, and people shop there for all kinds of wonderful things from exotic places. The year 1774, just before the American Revolution, is an exciting and confusing time for Felicity and her family. Her father is a patriot --- someone who wants the colonies to be independent from England, and her grandfather is a loyalist, someone who is still loyal to England's king. This often causes tension in the family. Felicity also has her own responsibilities. She tries hard to concentrate on all the things she must learn to be a proper lady, but she also loves to be outdoors and working with Penny, her adopted horse. Sharing her "ladylike" lessons with her good friend, Elizabeth makes the time fly, and Felicity still finds plenty of time to go exploring.

KIRSTEN, 1854 A pioneer girl of strength and spirit who settles on the frontier. In 1854, nine-year-old Kirsten Larsen and her family (Mama, Papa and brothers Lars and Peter) left their small village in Sweden to sail across the sea and start a new life in America. Can you believe that they brought only two big trunks with them as luggage? Such a big change isn't easy to make, especially since everything in America --- the language, the clothes people wear --- is very different from what Kirsten is used to. But the Larsens are lucky --- they have relatives who already live in America, and when they finally arrive at Uncle Olav's farm in Minnesota, the future looks bright.

Andrew Lost Series by J. C. Greenburg *Any book in the series is acceptable.*

Book 1: Andrew Lost: On the Dog Andrew Dubble's science teacher wants his class to do a report on ants. Andrew thinks he can better understand ants and do a great job on the assignment if he can actually get inside an anthill. So he and his little silver robot Thudd create the Atom Sucker, a machine that can shrink people and things down to any size. It sounds like a wonderful idea, but something goes terribly wrong. Andrew accidentally shrinks himself, his cousin Judy and Thudd to microscopic levels! Much to their surprise, they find themselves lost on Harley, their neighbor's basset hound. First they get lost in Harley's nose, which is no fun for them because they become soaked in disgusting nose goo. But an explosion sends Andrew and Judy blasting through the air --- Harley sneezes them out. They hike to the top of Harley's head, where they are lost in thousands of dog hairs. To make matters worse, they become immersed in a deep oil pit, encounter a bunch of slithering snake-like eyelash mites and must escape the pointy hairs and prickly snout of a gigantic flea. If they can't find a way to get back to the Atom Sucker by 8:01 pm, the Atom Sucker may explode and Andrew, Judy and Thudd will be microscopic forever!

Book 2: Andrew Lost: In the Bathroom Andrew, Judy and Thudd are clinging for dear life to a hair on Harley's ear, but their troubles will soon become bigger --- and wetter! You see, Harley has had a great time rolling in a bag filled with smelly garbage. Now it is time for Mrs. Scuttle to give her dirty dog a bath. Microscopic Andrew, Judy and Thudd find themselves washed off the dog and lost in the bathroom! Andrew is able to prevent himself and Thudd from being

washed down the drain thanks to one of his inventions, the Umbubble. But Andrew realizes that Thudd has gotten wet --- the buttons on his chest are blinking purple, he is starting to tell jokes and he is sleeping. Andrew knows this is not the way Thudd is supposed to act and he becomes worried. Meanwhile, he, Judy and Thudd must survive scary encounters with mold and mildew, a huge black ant, and Slime City, where they see all the things that get washed away in bathtubs -- - it is not a pretty sight.

Book 5: Andrew Lost: Under Water Despite getting caught in Harley's nose, flushed down a toilet, carried off by a cockroach and dragged down into an anthill, Andrew and Judy got the rest and relaxation they needed on a fun trip to Hawaii. Before leaving, Andrew shows Judy Uncle Al's latest invention: the Water Bug, Uncle Al's submarine. But when Andrew tries to make a few improvements, he ends up trapping himself, Judy and Thudd inside! Now the Water Bug is stuck on autopilot and headed for the deepest part of the ocean.

BOXCAR MYSTERIES by Gertrude Chandler Warner *Any book in the series is acceptable.*

#1 The Boxcar Children Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny Alden are orphans. Determined to stay together after the death of their parents, the children set off on their own. When they discover an old, abandoned railroad car, they take shelter inside and soon make it into a cozy place to live. But eventually the children are discovered by their wealthy grandfather, who takes the kids --- along with their old, red boxcar --- into his heart and his home. Together with Grandfather, the Boxcar Children lead an exciting life, traveling to new places, meeting interesting people, and getting caught up in any number of fascinating adventures. Ghosts, disappearances, and weird spooky happenings are all part of the fun in the Boxcar Children series. Of course, there's always a mystery afoot for the Boxcar Children to solve --- and just in the nick of time, too!

#2 Surprise Island Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny Alden no longer have to live in an abandoned boxcar. They've found a new home with their grandfather. And when school's out for summer, the kids get to spend vacation on their grandfather's private island. Guess who they find there? It's a surprise . . .

#3 The Yellow House Mystery The Alden kids explore a mysterious old yellow house on their grandfather's property. People say a man disappeared from there years ago. What will the Aldens discover?

#4 Mystery Ranch Yippee! The Aldens head out West to visit Aunt Jane, their grandfather's sister. Jane has a beautiful ranch, but she's very unhappy. In fact, she hasn't even spoken to the kids' grandfather and years. So, all summer Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny try to find the secret behind Aunt Jane's sadness.

#5 Mike's Mystery

The Aldens are once again spending the summer on Mystery Ranch, this time with their grandfather. While they're out West, they meet up with their old friend Mike and the real fun begins. But when Mike is blamed for starting a fire, the kids put their heads together to prove Mike's innocence.

#6 Blue Bay Mystery

The Alden kids take a tropical vacation in the South Seas with their grandfather. They arrive on an island that's supposed to be uninhabited. But soon they discover Peter, a boy who has been shipwrecked there. Can the Alden's help Peter find his family?

#7 The Woodshed Mystery

Summer's here again and Henry, Violet, Jessie and Benny are spending vacation time in an old New England farm house that belongs to a family friend. But, of course, there's never a dull moment as the kids find clues in the woodshed to a mystery that dates back to the Revolutionary War.

The Bravest Blacksmith by Owens, Tom

In 1781, thirteen-year-old Owen Scott warns rebel officer Jack Jouett that the British are headed towards Charlottesville, Virginia, where colonial leaders are meeting.

THE BFG by Dahl, Roald

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling "canybull" giants.

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory by Dahl, Roald

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way