

Summer Reading Lists 2022-2023

Preschool

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2. **My Awesome Summer by P. Mantis.** Instead of a kid writing an essay, this book tells the story of a wonderful summer from the perspective of a garden bug: a praying mantis!
3. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar's First Summer by Eric Carle.** Children can explore the sounds, sights and smells of summer along with the famous caterpillar.
4. **Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses by Kimberly and James Dean.** A story about the power of changing your attitude, with the help of some magic sunglasses!
5. **The Very Impatient Caterpillar by Ross Burach.** A laugh out loud picture book about a caterpillar who just cannot wait to become a beautiful butterfly.

Kindergarten

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3. **Pete the Cat: Scuba Cat: by Kimberly and James Dean.** An under the sea easy reader adventure, where Pete learns all about scuba diving and makes new friends with ocean animals.
4. **Can Clutz the Cat Keep Trying? by Misty Black.** A story about falling down, getting back up, and the power of the word "yet."
5. **The Recess Queen by Alexis O'Neill.** The story of how Mean Jean the Recess Queen changes her tune. A story about conflict resolution and kindness.

First Grade

1. **The Fly Guy series by Ted Arnold.** A fun, easy reader series about a very smart fly and his best friend, Buzz.
2. **Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald.** For fans of *Junie B. Jones*, this series follows the story of Judy Moody, her friends and her brother Stink, as she navigates friendship, homework and more in third grade.
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4. **Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty.** A story about the power of asking questions, learning new things and following your heart. The book also inspired a children's series on Netflix.

5. **Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre by Anika Aldamuy Denise.** The real life story of Pura Belpre, the first Puerto Rican librarian in New York City, who focused on bilingual stories and education for children.

Second Grade

1. **Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever by Henry Winkler.** The story of Hank, a dyslexic child and the way he overcomes his challenges.
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4. **Sadie Sprocket Builds a Rocket by Sue Fleiss.** Sadie has a big goal: to go to Mars. In this book for science fans, she works on building a rocket.
5. **Arnie the Doughnut by Laurie Keller.** The first in a series of five books chronicling the hilarious tale of a doughnut who doesn't want to be eaten: and how he becomes a pet instead!

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Fourth Grade

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2. **Sofia Perez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty.** A fun rhyming story that shows how just one person can make a difference. A great choice for fourth graders to read aloud to younger siblings and then discuss.

3. Hidden Figures by Margo Lee Shetterly. The true story of African American female mathematicians who helped the United States of America land a man on the moon and win the Space Race. There are picture books and chapter book versions of this story.

4. Stay Curious and Keep Exploring by Emily Calandrielli. A book full of family friendly science experiments from MIT engineer and NASA scientist Emily Calandrielli. This book will provide hours of summer fun and learning for the whole family!

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4. Hamster Princess series by Ursula Vernon. Laugh out loud funny retellings of famous fairy tales, like Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel, with Harriet, a hamster, as the main character.

5. The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by L. Pinchon. The first in a series about class clown Tom Gates who has constant hilarious excuses and winding tales for his missed homework.

Sixth Grade

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2. Courageous History Makers: 11 Women from Latin America Who Changed the World by Naibe Renoso. This book includes stories of famous Latin American women, including artist Frida Kahlo and pilot Hermelinda Urvina.

3. The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen: A moving historical fiction novel about a young woman who time travels to 1940s Poland during the Holocaust.

4. The Tapper Twins by Geoff Rodkey. A very funny story about two twins, Claudia and Reese, who constantly play tricks on each other. The books also include texts, social media posts and more, perfect for students who are glued to their phones outside of school hours. 😊

5. Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan. A story about a young girl's family having to flee their home – and wealthy, pampered life in Mexico following her father's murder. The family relocates to a farm labor camp in California during the Great Depression.

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3. Almost American Girl by Robin Ha. A coming of age graphic novel that focuses on the author's true story of immigrating from Seoul, Korea to Huntsville, Alabama and all of the challenges she faced.

4. I Am Not a Label: 34 disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists from past and present by Cerrie Burnell. A beautiful book full of biographies of some of the world's most famous faces with disabilities, and some you may not know, like scientist Steven Hawking, singer Stevie Wonder and Paralympian Trischa Zorn.

5. A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park. The striking story of two Sudanese children told from two different perspectives: Nya, a girl who walks two hours each way to get water for her family in 2008; and Salva, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan, a group of child refugees during the Sudanese Civil War in 1985. The story is based on the real person Salva Dut, who was really one of the Lost Boys. After a decade as a refugee, Dut moved to New York. As an adult, he created Water for South Sudan, an organization that works to bring clean water to the people of his home country.