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# Summer Reading Check List



WRITE THE TITLE AND AUTHOR

☐ PICTURE BOOK

☐ AWARD WINNER

☐ BOOK ABOUT A REAL PERSON

☐ FUNNY BOOK

☐ BOOK ABOUT A SUPERHERO

☐ READ TO SOMEONE ELSE (ANIMALS COUNT)



# Summer Reading Challenge and Recommendations

Students entering 1st or 2nd Grade Fall 2023

**Goal:** To encourage student reading over the summer AND BEYOND! Books can be added to this checklist if they are read by the student, read to the student, or listened to as an audiobook. Include both title and author in the square. Turn into the library in August to be featured on the Summer Reading wall.

## Early Fiction, Early Readers, and Early Non-Fiction:

We have three sections in the Good Shepherd Library that contain titles for those kids who are wanting to read something that is just a little bit more than a picture book: early fiction, early readers, and early non-fiction. These books are for the kids who are dying to read chapter books but may still benefit from picture cues. The books have limited text with lots of space, and lots of pictures. The early reader section is perfect for kids just beginning to read, and the early fiction section contains short chapter books under 200 pages.

Anne Marie Anderson: *Magic School Bus Rides Again* series

Jack Chabert : *Eerie Elementary* series

Troy Cummings : *Notebook of Doom* series

Kate DiCamillo : *Missy Elliot* series

Rebecca Elliot : *Owl Diaries* series & *Unicorn Diaries* series

Thomas Flintham : *Press Start!* series

Shannon Hale : *Princess in Black* series

Noah Z. Jones : *Princess Pink and the Land of Fake Believe* series

Andrew Joyner : *Boris* series

David Lubar : *Looniverse* series

Cyndi Marko : *Kung Pow Chicken* series

Wendy Mass : *Time Jumpers* series

Kyla May : *Diary of a Pug* series

Megan McDonald : *Stink* series

Susan Nees : *Missy's Super Duper Royal Deluxe* series

Jordan Quinn : *Kingdom of Wrenly* series

Cynthia Rylant : *Poppleton* series, *Henry and Mudge* series, *Mr. Putter and Tabby*

Tracy West : *Dragon Masters* series

Jessica Young : *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* series

## Great Books and Authors for 1st and 2nd graders:

Reading for 1st and 2nd graders should be enjoyable and full of choice. The size of the book matters less than the student's enjoyment while reading.

David Adler : *Young Cam Jensen* AND *Cam Jensen* series

Tedd Arnold : *Fly Guy* series

Jeff Brown : *Flat Stanley* series

Nick Bruehl : *Bad Kitty* series

Betsy Byars : *The Golly Sisters* series

Alyssa Satin Capucilli : *Biscuit* series

Doreen Cronin : *The Chicken Squad* series

Kate DiCamillo : *Mercy Watson* series

Jack Gantos : *Rotten Ralph* series

Dan Gutman : *My Weird School* series

Anne Klein : *Ready, Freddy!* series

Suzy Kline : *Horrible Harry* series

Alfred Lobel : *Frog and Toad* series

Kate McMullan : *Fluffy* series

Daisy Meadows : *Rainbow Fairies* series

Mary Pope Osborne : *Magic Treehouse* series

John Peterson : *The Littles* series

Cynthia Rylant : *Henry and Mudge, Mr. Putter & Tabby, Poppleton*

Marjorie Sharmat : *Nate the Great* series

Mo Willems : *Elephant and Piggie* series

### **Slightly Larger Chapter Books for 1st and 2nd graders:**

Betty G. Birney - *Humphrey* series

Jeff Brown - *Flat Stanley* series

Beverly Cleary - many titles

Franklin W. Dixon - *Hardy Boys and the Secret Files* series

John R. Erickson - *Hank the Cowdog* series

Dan Gutman - *My Weird School* series

Carolyn Keene - *Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew* series

Ellen Miles - *Puppy Place* series

Jane O'Connor - *Nancy Clancy* mystery series

*Who Was* biography series (many authors), also *What Was* and *Where Was*

Herman Parish - *Amelia Bedelia* chapter books

Ron Roy - *A to Z Mysteries, Capitol Mysteries, Calendar Mysteries*

Donald J. Sobol - *Encyclopedia Brown* series

Geronimo and Thea Stilton -

*Geronimo Stilton and Thea*

*Stilton* series

### **Graphic Novels:**

The images in graphic novels reinforce the story. The student needs to study the pictures in order to fully understand the text, and can make inferences about the story based on both the pictures and the dialogue. Brigid Alverson writes in *School Library Journal* that "Educators agree that graphic novels are useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills." Students also gain confidence in their reading skills by being able to decipher what is going on in the story before they have learned how to read every word.

"For weak language learners and readers, graphic novels' concise text paired with detailed images helps [them] decode and comprehend the text," says Meryl Jaffe, an

instructor at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, Online Division, and the author of several books on using comics in the classroom. "Reading is less daunting, with less text to decode. While vocabulary is often advanced, the concise verbiage highlights effective language usage," adds Jaffe.

Paige Braddock: *Stinky Cecil*

James Burks: *Bird & Squirrel* series

Frank Cammuso: *Otto's Backwards Day*

Jack Chabert: *Poptropica* series

Philippe Coudray: *Benjamin Bear in Fuzzy Thinking*

Eleanor Davis: *Stinky* series AND *Flop to the Top*

Charise Mericle Harper: *Bean Dog and Nugget* series

Victoria Jamieson: *Pets on the Loose* series

LEGO Friends: *A Puppy Tale* AND *Andrea Takes the Stage* AND *Double Trouble*

Scott McCormick: *Mr. Pants* series

### **Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children:**

It is wonderful to read picture books aloud to your children as long as you can, no child is too old for a picture book! However, it is also beneficial to read longer books aloud to your children that take a few sittings to finish. Reading 20 minutes before bedtime is a great way to spend time with your kids, and also share stories they will always remember. Here are some chapter books that kids enjoy during their elementary years. The content can sometimes be heavier however, so make sure and preview a book if it seems scary or too much for your child.

Betty G. Birney : *Humphrey* series

Michael Bond : *A Bear Called Paddington*

Beverly Cleary : *Ralph, Socks, Ramona, Henry*

Roald Dahl : *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach*

Deborah and James Howe : *Bunnicula*

Ann M. Martin : *The Doll People*

A.A. Milne : *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh*

Mary Pope Osborne : *Magic Treehouse* series

John Peterson : *The Littles* series

Louis Sachar : *Wayside School* series

George Selden : *The Cricket in Times Square*

Brian Selznick : *Invention of Hugo Cabret*

E.B. White : *Stuart Little, Trumpet of the Swan, Charlotte's Web*

Short Story Collection : William J. Bennett *A Children's Book of Virtues*