

Suggestions
for
Summer Reading for Lower School

Research has shown that children are more likely to finish books they choose and that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps to prevent “summer slide”.

Students in the same grade have many different reading levels. The list below provides a few suggestions to match levels of reading and interests. **(See explanation at the bottom of the page.)** More recommendations can be found at the public library, the Association for Library Service to Children www.ala.org/alsc , the Texas Library Association www.txla.org/reading-lists, and Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme .



Title	Author	Reading Level or Interest Level
The Invisible Web		
Madame Badobedah	Sophie Dahl	K – 3 rd
Pirate Queen: A Story of Zheng Yi Sao	Helaine Becker	1 st – 3 rd
Summer Song	Kevin Henkes	EC – 2 nd
Rosie: Stronger than Steel	Lindsay Ward	2 nd – 4 th
I Am Brown	Ashok Banker	EC – 1 st
Why Do We Cry	Fran Pintadera	EC – 2 nd

**Alice Across America:
The Story of the First Women’s**

Cross-Country Road Trip	Sarah Green Marsh	K – 2 nd
Benny & Penny	Geoffry Hayes	0.9
Word Play	Ivan Brunetti	1.4
A Greyhound, A Groundhog	Emily Jenkins	1.4
Be A Star Wonder Woman	Michael Dahl	1.5
Colette’s Lost Pet	Isabelle Arsenault	1.5
Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths	Annable Graham	1.6
Don’t Throw It To Mo!	David Adler	1.9
After the Fall:		
How Humpty Dumpty Got Back-Up	Dan Santat	K-3
Just One Bite	Lola Schaefer	PreS-2
Hello Hot Dog	Lily Murray	PreS-1
Bear’s Scare	Jacob Grant	PreS-1
I Got It	David Wiesner	Gr. 1 - 3
Dude	Aaron Reynolds	Gr. 1 - 3
A Stone for Sascha	Aaron Becker	Gr. K - 3
Square	Mac Barnett	Gr. K - 3
George and Martha, Two Great Friends	James Marshal	2.0
Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel	2.1
Owl Diaries, Eva Sees a Ghost	Rebecca Elliott	2.3
All That Trash	Meghan McCarthy	2.4
The Haunted Library (series)	Dori Hillestad Butler	2.5
Mr. Cornell’s Dream Boxes	Jeanette Winter	2.8
Power Forward	Hena Khan	Gr. 1 – 4
Box Car Children (series)	Gertrude Chandler Warner	2.1 +
Mercy Watson (series)	Kate DiCamillo	2.6
Mother Bruce	Ryan T. Higgins	2.7
Boxcar Children (graphic series)	Joeming Dunn	2.8
Marvin Redpost (series)	Louis Sachar	3.1
Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne	3.1
Lola Levine is Not Mean	Monica Brown	3.3
The Chicken Squad		
The First Misadventure	Doreen Cronin	3.3
Owl Diaries. Eva’s Treetop Festival	Rebecca Elliott	3.3
Narwhal Peanut Butter and Jelly	Ben Clanton	3.4
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	3.5

The Infamous Ratso	Kara Lareau	3.5
Captain Pug: The Dog That Sailed	Laura James	3.5
Stubby the War Dog	Ann Bausum	3.6
Small Things	Mel Tregonning	3.6
Alvin Ho	Lenore Look	3.8
Stanley and the Magic Lamp	Jeff Brown	3.8
Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?	Kate Dicamillo	3.9
Grandma and the Great Gourd	Chitra Banerjee & Diva Karuni	3.9
I Survived (series)	Laurin Tarshis	4.1
Bad Kitty (series)	Nick Bruel	4.3
Astronaut, Aquanaut	Jennifer Swanson	4.3
26 Fairmount Avenue	Tomie DePaola	4.4
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors	Drew Daywalt	4.4
43 Old Cemetery Road (series)	Kate Klise	4.4
A Prickly Problem	Jacqueline Kelly	4.5
Wedgie & Gizmo	Suzanne Selfors	4.9
Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible	Ursula Vernon	4.9
Older Than Dirt: A Wild But True History of Earth	Dan Brown & Mike Perfit	5.4
I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups	Chris Harris	Gr. 3 – 6

Reading Levels are determined by educational publishers and can vary. In some cases, when a reading level is not provided, the grade level or interest level is chosen as an indicator. Each child has different reading abilities and interests. Use the website:

**www.readinrockets.org/article/selection-books-your-child-finding-right-books
to determine what the best reading material for your child.**

**Remember: Reading is the foundation to all other academic areas.
Have fun -- discover new friends.**