

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020

For Students Entering Fourth Grade

The goal of summer reading is to read for enjoyment. The following suggested titles contain exquisite picture books from leading authors as well as beloved series (marked with an asterisk). In addition to the titles on this list, please also check-out additional books by these authors.

In order to gauge if a book is “just right” for your child to read independently, we recommend the “five finger test.” If your child has difficulty decoding five or more words on a page and it affects his/her comprehension, the book is probably too difficult for your child to read independently at this time. Enjoy reading these types of texts with your child!

Happy reading!

The Can Man (Laura E. Williams)

Out of My Mind (Sharon M. Draper)

Wonder (R.J. Palacio)

Starry River of the Sky (Grace Lin)

Hiroshima (Lawrence Yep)

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson (Bette Bao Lord)

*Hank Zipzer (Henry Winkler)

The Wild Robot (Peter Brown)

Rad American Women A - Z (Miriam Klein Stahl)

The Tale of Despereaux (Kate DiCamillo)

The Boy Who Painted Dragons (Demi)

James and the Giant Peach (Roald Dahl)

Holes (Louis Sachar)

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (Eleanor Coerr)

The Trumpet of the Swan (E.B. White)

Junkyard Wonders (Patricial Polacco)

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu (Wendy Wan-Long Shang)

School Trouble for Andy Russell (David Adler)

*Encyclopedia Brown (Donald J. Sobol)

Tornado (Betsy Byars)

Gloria's Way (Ann Cameron)

Henry Huggins (Beverly Cleary)

The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Beverly Cleary)

*My Weird School (Dan Gutman)

The Mystery of Mr. Nice: A Chet Gecko Mystery (Bruce Hale)

Baseball Fever (Johanna Hurwitz)

Balto and the Great Race (Elizabeth Cody Kimmel)

Lady Lollipop (Dick King-Smith)

Pippi Longstocking (Ingrid Lindgren)

The Kid in the Red Jacket (Barbara Park)

Clementine (Sara Pennypacker)

Gooseberry Park (Cynthia Rylant)

Chocolate Fever (Robert Kimmel Smith)

Goosed! (Bill Wallace)