

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](http://www.ala.org/alsc) , the Texas Library Association [www.txla.org/reading-lists](http://www.txla.org/reading-lists), and Reading Rockets [www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme](http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme) .



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

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

<b>Cross-Country Road Trip</b>	Sarah Green Marsh	K – 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Benny &amp; Penny</b>	Geoffry Hayes	0.9
<b>Word Play</b>	Ivan Brunetti	1.4
<b>A Greyhound, A Groundhog</b>	Emily Jenkins	1.4
<b>Be A Star Wonder Woman</b>	Michael Dahl	1.5
<b>Colette’s Lost Pet</b>	Isabelle Arsenault	1.5
<b>Peter and Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths</b>	Annable Graham	1.6
<b>Don’t Throw It To Mo!</b>	David Adler	1.9
<b>After the Fall:</b>		
<b>How Humpty Dumpty Got Back-Up</b>	Dan Santat	K-3
<b>Just One Bite</b>	Lola Schaefer	PreS-2
<b>Hello Hot Dog</b>	Lily Murray	PreS-1
<b>Bear’s Scare</b>	Jacob Grant	PreS-1
<b>I Got It</b>	David Wiesner	Gr. 1 - 3
<b>Dude</b>	Aaron Reynolds	Gr. 1 - 3
<b>A Stone for Sascha</b>	Aaron Becker	Gr. K - 3
<b>Square</b>	Mac Barnett	Gr. K - 3
<b>George and Martha, Two Great Friends</b>	James Marshal	2.0
<b>Frog and Toad</b>	Arnold Lobel	2.1
<b>Owl Diaries, Eva Sees a Ghost</b>	Rebecca Elliott	2.3
<b>All That Trash</b>	Meghan McCarthy	2.4
<b>The Haunted Library (series)</b>	Dori Hillestad Butler	2.5
<b>Mr. Cornell’s Dream Boxes</b>	Jeanette Winter	2.8
<b>Power Forward</b>	Hena Khan	Gr. 1 – 4
<b>Box Car Children (series)</b>	Gertrude Chandler Warner	2.1 +
<b>Mercy Watson (series)</b>	Kate DiCamillo	2.6
<b>Mother Bruce</b>	Ryan T. Higgins	2.7
<b>Boxcar Children (graphic series)</b>	Joeming Dunn	2.8
<b>Marvin Redpost (series)</b>	Louis Sachar	3.1
<b>Magic Tree House (series)</b>	Mary Pope Osborne	3.1
<b>Lola Levine is Not Mean</b>	Monica Brown	3.3
<b>The Chicken Squad</b>		
<b>The First Misadventure</b>	Doreen Cronin	3.3
<b>Owl Diaries. Eva’s Treetop Festival</b>	Rebecca Elliott	3.3
<b>Narwhal Peanut Butter and Jelly</b>	Ben Clanton	3.4
<b>Flat Stanley</b>	Jeff Brown	3.5
<b>The Infamous Ratso</b>	Kara Lareau	3.5
<b>Captain Pug: The Dog That Sailed</b>	Laura James	3.5
<b>Stubby the War Dog</b>	Ann Bausum	3.6

<b>Small Things</b>	Mel Tregonning	3.6
<b>Alvin Ho</b>	Lenore Look	3.8
<b>Stanley and the Magic Lamp</b>	Jeff Brown	3.8
<b>Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?</b>	Kate Dicamillo	3.9
<b>Grandma and the Great Gourd</b>	Chitra Banerjee & Diva Karuni	3.9
<b>I Survived (series)</b>	Laurin Tarshis	4.1
<b>Bad Kitty (series)</b>	Nick Bruel	4.3
<b>Astronaut, Aquanaut</b>	Jennifer Swanson	4.3
<b>26 Fairmount Avenue</b>	Tomie DePaola	4.4
<b>The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors</b>	Drew Daywalt	4.4
<b>43 Old Cemetery Road (series)</b>	Kate Klise	4.4
<b>A Prickly Problem</b>	Jacqueline Kelly	4.5
<b>Wedgie &amp; Gizmo</b>	Suzanne Selfors	4.9
<b>Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible</b>	Ursula Vernon	4.9
<b>Older Than Dirt: A Wild But True History of Earth</b>	Dan Brown & Mike Perfit	5.4
<b>I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-ups</b>	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](http://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.**

