

## Recommended Elementary Reading List

This is not a required reading list. It has been compiled based on recommendations submitted by our elementary staff. Recommendations are made for students entering the following grade levels; however, appropriate books would also depend upon each child's independent reading and maturity level.

### Redbirds

*Cookie's Week* by Cindy Ward & Tomie DePaola

*The Puppy Who Lost His Bark* by Nancy Mays

*Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer

*Brownie* by Karen Hooker

*Knuffle Bunny* by Mo Willems

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt* By Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury

*Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown

### Kindergarten

*If You Give a \_\_\_\_\_* books by Laura Numeroff

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do You Hear?* by Bill Martin, Jr.

*Mr. Brown Can Moo* by Dr. Seuss

*The Footbook* by Dr. Suess

*Hooway For Wodney Wat* by Helen Lester

*Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.

Any Dr. Suess books

*Corduroy* books by Don Freeman

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

*Clark the Shark* books by Bruce Hale

*Splat the Cat* books by Rob Scotton

*Little Quack* books by Lauren Thompson

*Bugs, Bugs, Bugs* by Mary Reid

*The Bike* by Diana Roll

*Animal Moves* by Nic Bishop

*Hands* by Rita Ramstad

*1, 2, 3, to the Zoo* by Eric Carle

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* By Bill Martin, Jr.

*Ten, Nine, Eight* by Molly Bang

*Goodnight, Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown

*In the Small, Small Pond* by Denise Fleming

*I Went Walking* by Sue Williams

*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw  
Any Dr. Seuss books  
Any Eric Carle books  
Any Jan Brett books

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

*Penguins* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld  
*Surprise* by Elizabeth Butler  
*Bubbles For Lunch* by Christina Wilsdon  
*The Doorbell Rang* by Pat Hutchins  
*Corduroy* by Don Freeman  
*Jamberry* by Bruce Degan  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle  
*The Wheels on the Bus* by Maryann Koralski  
*Who Took the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?* by Bonnie Lass  
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (and others) by Laura Numeroff  
*Amelia Bedelia* books by Peggy Parish  
*Henry and Mudge* books by Cynthia Rylant  
*Frog and Toad* books by Arnold Lobel  
*Cam Jansen* books by David Adler  
*Junie B. Jones* books by Barbara Park  
*Berenstain Bears* books by Stan & Jan Berenstain  
*Magic Tree House* books by Mary Pope Osbourne  
Flat Stanley books by Jeff Brown (& others)  
*Geronimo Stilton* books by Elisabetta Dami  
*The \_\_\_\_\_ From the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler (chapter books)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

*Cam Jansen* books by David Adler  
*Magic Tree House* books by Mary Pope Osbourne  
*Andy Shane* books by Jennifer Richardson Jacobson  
*The \_\_\_\_\_ From the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler (chapter books)  
*Ready, Freddy!* Books by Abby Klein  
*Amelia Bedelia* books by Peggy Parish  
*Magic School Bus* books by Joanna Cole & Bruce Degan  
*Magic Tree House Research Guides* by Mary Pope Osbourne & Natalie Pope Boyce  
*Jigsaw Jones* books by James Preller  
*Geronimo Stilton* books by Elisabetta Dami  
*Judy Moody* books by Megan McDonald  
*Ramona* (and other) books by Beverly Cleary  
*Boxcar Children* series by Gertrude Warner  
*A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy  
American Girls books  
Fly Guy Presents books by Tedd Arnold  
My Weird School books by Dan Gutman  
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot books by Dav Pilkey

Who Would Win? books by Jerry Pallotta

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Beezus & Ramona* by Beverly Cleary  
*The Mouse and the Motorcycle* books by Beverly Cleary  
*There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar  
*The Babysitters' Club* Mysteries by Ann Martin  
*The Bailey School Kids* books by Debbie Dadey & Marcia Jones  
*Boxcar Children* series by Gertrude Warner  
*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* series by Judy Blume  
*Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* series by Patricia MacLachlan  
*Encyclopedia Brown* books by Donald J Sobol  
*Starring Grace* by Mary Hoffman  
Any Beverly Cleary books  
Any Roald Dahl books  
Any Andrew Clements books

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Among the Hidden* by Margaret Haddix  
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
*Satch and Me* and other Baseball Card Adventures series by Dan Gutman  
*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate Dicamillo  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Curtis  
Gordon Korman mini-series (*The Island, Dive, Everest, Titanic, etc.*)  
*Hatchet* series by Gary Paulson  
*Joey Pigza Loses Control* by Jack Gantos  
*Lunch Money* by Andrew Clements  
*Dear America* books by various authors  
*My America* books by various authors  
*My Name is America* books by various authors  
*Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries from Perilous Places*  
by Donna M. Jackson  
*Washington at Valley Forge* by Russell Freedman

#### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

*Secrets of the Sphinx* by Steve Tomecek  
*What a Great Idea!: Inventions that Changed the World* by Steve Tomecek  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*My Side of the Mountain* series by Jean Craighead George  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien  
Any Mike Lupica books

*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell  
*Brian's Return* by Gary Paulsen  
*Brian's Winter* by Gary Paulsen  
*Hoot, Flush, and Scat* by Carl Hiaasen

## **Website List for Students and Parents**

### **Education Sites for Parents**

[www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com)  
[www.eduhound.com](http://www.eduhound.com)  
[www.eduplace.com/parents](http://www.eduplace.com/parents)  
[www.familyeducation.com/parents](http://www.familyeducation.com/parents)  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
[www.pbs.org/parents](http://www.pbs.org/parents)  
[www.puzzlemaker.com](http://www.puzzlemaker.com)  
[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  
[www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org) (parents and public tab)  
[www.stopbullying.gov](http://www.stopbullying.gov)  
[www.familyeducation.com](http://www.familyeducation.com)  
[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)  
[www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com) (Explains how to do math problems)  
[www.superteacherworksheets.com](http://www.superteacherworksheets.com)  
<http://www.jumpstart.com/free-online-game.aspx?pid=bing&cid+websites%20for%20kids>  
[enchantedlylearning.com](http://enchantedlylearning.com)  
[edhelper.com](http://edhelper.com)  
[mrsjones.org](http://mrsjones.org)

### **Department of Education Sites**

[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov) (US Department of Education)  
[www.pde.state.pa.us](http://www.pde.state.pa.us) (Pennsylvania Department of Education)

### **General Education Sites for Students**

[mobymax.com](http://mobymax.com)  
[fun4thebrain.com](http://fun4thebrain.com)  
[fuelthebrain.com](http://fuelthebrain.com)  
[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)  
[www.funschool.com](http://www.funschool.com)  
[www.gamequarium.com](http://www.gamequarium.com)  
[www.iknowthat.com](http://www.iknowthat.com)  
[www.kidport.com](http://www.kidport.com)  
[www.pbskids.org](http://www.pbskids.org)  
[www.primarygames.com](http://www.primarygames.com)  
[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)  
[www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  
[www.sheppardsoftware.com](http://www.sheppardsoftware.com)  
[www.abcteach.com](http://www.abcteach.com) (grades K-3)  
[www.dltk\\_kids.com](http://www.dltk_kids.com)  
[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)  
[kindersite.com](http://kindersite.com)  
[kidspiration.com](http://kidspiration.com)  
[abc.net](http://abc.net)  
[smarttechnique.com](http://smarttechnique.com)  
<http://library.thinkquest.org>  
[fuelthebrain.com](http://fuelthebrain.com)

### **Reading/Language Arts Websites for Students**

[www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  
[www.janbrett.com](http://www.janbrett.com)  
[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)  
[www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com)  
[www.bookadventures.com](http://www.bookadventures.com)

### **Math Websites for Students**

[Sumdog.com](http://Sumdog.com)  
[www.rainforestmaths.com](http://www.rainforestmaths.com)  
<http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/interactive.htm>  
<http://mathplayground.com>  
<http://www.visualfractions.com/>  
<http://www.coolmath.com>  
<http://www.time-for-time.com>

[www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com)  
[www.purplemath.com](http://www.purplemath.com)  
[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com)  
[www.everydaymath.com](http://www.everydaymath.com)  
[www.mathwire.com](http://www.mathwire.com)  
[sumdog.com](http://sumdog.com)

### **Social Studies/Science Websites for Students**

[www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu) (Smithsonian Institute)  
[www.scilinks.org/Harcourt/Default.aspx](http://www.scilinks.org/Harcourt/Default.aspx)  
[www.explorepahistory.org](http://www.explorepahistory.org)  
[www.carnegiemnh.org](http://www.carnegiemnh.org) (Carnegie Museum)  
[www.worldalmanacforkids.com](http://www.worldalmanacforkids.com)  
<http://education.jlab.org>  
<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids.kidsclub/flash/index.html>  
(NASA kid site)  
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/> (National Geographic for Kids)  
<http://www.historyforkids.org/> (Kidipede- better for Intermediate students and research)  
[www.usmint.gov/kids/](http://www.usmint.gov/kids/) (United States Mint for Kids)

### **Art/Music Websites for Students**

<http://www.metmuseum.org/explore.WhatsNew.asp>  
(Metropolitan Museum of Art for Children)  
<http://www.sfkids.org/templates/home.asp?pageid=1> (SFS Kids: Fun with Music site)

### **Ways to get to safe sites (known as Directories)- Good sites for Intermediate students or experienced Internet searchers**

[www.google.com/landing/familysafety/](http://www.google.com/landing/familysafety/) (Tips for Internet safety for your children)  
[http://www.lures.info/childrens\\_search/gogooligans.html](http://www.lures.info/childrens_search/gogooligans.html)  
(Gogooligans)  
<http://kids.yahoo.com> (Yahoo Kids)  
<http://www.fidsclick.org> (Kids Click)

These websites were current at the time of recommendation.