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Hello LFS Families,

The following is a list of recommended and required summer reading books for students in each class. Reading levels and genres vary within the class list. Books in a series as well as other books by an author are often suggested. Winners of the Newbery/Caldecott medals and graphic novels are noted. All books are available in the public library. E-books and audiobooks are often available if preferred. Please record your books on the reading log available [here](#).

Happy Reading!

PreK-K-Grade 1 Recommended Reading

Picture Books

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole (other titles) – Mac Barnett
Just Because - Mac Barnett
Madeline's Rescue (Caldecott) (series) – Ludwig Bemelmans
Hello Lighthouse (Caldecott) – Sophie Blackall
If You Come to Earth - Sophie Blackall
The Airport Book – Lisa Brown
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (other titles) – Virginia Lee Burton
Maybe Something Beautiful – Isabel Campoy
Jubari Jumps (sequel) - Gaia Cornwall
Diary of a Worm (other titles) – Doreen Cronin
The Day the Crayons Quit (sequel) – Drew Daywalt
Last Stop on Market Street (Caldecott) (Newbery) – Matt de la Pena
Strega Nona (series)(other titles) – Tomie dePaola
Gaston (sequel) – Kelly DiPucchio
Du Iz Tak? (Caldecott) – Carson Ellis
Mother Bruce (series) - Ryan Higgins
We Don't Eat Our Classmates (sequel) – Ryan Higgins
A Big Mooncake for Little Star (Caldecott)(sequel) – Grace Lin
Waiting (Caldecott) (other titles) – Kevin Henkes
Goodnight, Already! (other titles) – Jory John
This Is Not My Hat (Caldecott)(other titles) - Jon Klassen
The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf
Warning: Do Not Open This Book! (sequel) - Adam Lehrhaupt
The Camping Trip - Jennifer Mann
Bear Came Along - Richard Morris
Agent Lion (sequel) – David Soman

Alma and How She Got Her Name (Caldecott) – Juana Martinez-Neal
Make Way for Ducklings (Caldecott) – Robert McCloskey
Mango, Abuela, and Me - Meg Medina
Thank You, Omu (Caldecott) – Oge Mora
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (series) – Laura Numeroff
Good Night Owl (other titles) – Greg Pizzoli
A Sick Day for Amos McGee (Caldecott) - Philip & Erin Stead
Interrupting Chicken (sequel) – David Ezra Stein
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat (Caldecott) - Simms Taback
Jumanji (Caldecott) (other titles) - Chris Van Allsburg
They All Saw a Cat (Caldecott) – Brian Wenzel
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (series) – Mo Willems
Knuffle Bunny (Caldecott)(series) – Mo Willems
Hello (sequel) – Fiona Woodcock

Nonfiction

A Nest is Noisy – Diana Aston
River - Elisha Cooper
Locomotive (Caldecott) - Brian Floca
Boat Book (other titles) - Gail Gibbons
Plants Can't Sit Still – Rebecca Hirsch
Creature Features (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
This Is How We Do It - Matt Lamothe
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick
Me... Jane (Caldecott) – Patrick McDonnell
Who Would Win? (series) – Jerry Pallotta
Book of Trucks (other titles) - Seymour Simon
Can I Eat That? (other titles) – Joshua Stein
Hello Hello – Brian Wenzel

Beginning Reading/Early Chapter Books

Don't Throw It To Mo! (series) – David Adler
Fly Guy (series) – Tedd Arnold
Jack Book series - Mac Barnett
Paddington (I Can Read series) – Michael Bond
Biscuit (I Can Read series) – Alyssa Capucilli
Pete the Cat (series) – James Dean
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer
Andy and Sandy (series) – Tomie dePaola
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes
What About Worms - Ryan Higgins

Pinkalicious (I Can Read series) – Victoria Kann
Snail and Worm (sequel) – Tina Kugler
Ling and Ting (series) – Grace Lin
Little Bear (series) – Else Minarik
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen
Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read series) – Herman Parish
Henry and Mudge (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Splat the Cat (series) – Rob Scotton
Charlie and Mouse (series) – Laurel Snyder
A Pig in a Wig (series) – Emma Virjan
Elephant and Piggie (series) – Mo Willems
Duck, Duck, Porcupine! (series) – Salina Yoon

For the first week of school, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First students are asked to: Come to school ready to tell us all about your favorite books!

GRADE 2 Recommended Reading

Fiction

Young Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler
Anna Hibiscus (other titles) – Atinuke
Triangle (series) – Mac Barnett
Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows
Ada Twist, Scientist (other titles) – Andrea Beaty
The Berenstain Bears Series – Mike Berenstain
If You Come to Earth - Sophie Blackall
Flat Stanley (series) – Jeff Brown
King and Kayla (series) – Dori Butler
Spunky Tells All - Ann Cameron
The Catcher's Mask: A Peach Street Mudders Story (series) - Matt Christopher
Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea (series)(graphic) – Ben Clanton
The Chicken Squad (series) – Doreen Cronin
Diary of a Worm (series) – Doreen Cronin
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors – Drew Daywalt
Stanley and Me (series) – Christine Dencer
Mercy Watson (series) - Kate DiCamillo
Owl Diaries (series)(graphic) – Rebecca Elliott
Bramble and Maggie (series) – Jesse Haas
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale
Dory Fantasmagory (series) – Abby Hanlon
Benny and Penny (series) - Geoffrey Hayes
Penny and Her Song (series) – Kevin Henkes

Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny (series) – John Himmelman
Andy Shane (series) - Jennifer Jacobson
The Rock from the Sky - Jon Klassen
Horrible Harry (series) - Suzy Kline
Ling and Ting (series) - Grace Lin
Frog and Toad (series) - Arnold Lobel
Sarah, Plain and Tall (series) - Patricia MacLachlan
Battle for St. Michaels - Emily Arnold McCully
Triple Pet Trouble (series) – Megan McDonald
Backyard Camp-Out (series) – Jerdine Nolen
Magic Tree House (series) - Mary Pope Osborne
Amelia Bedelia Series – Herman Parish
Baloney and Friends (sequel) - Greg Pizzoli
Piper Green (series) – Ellen Potter
Fox and Chick: The Party (series) – Sergio Ruzzier
Henry and Mudge (series) - Cynthia Rylant
Mister Putter and Tabby (series) – Cynthia Rylant
Baby Monkey, Private Eye – Brian Selznick
Pizza and Taco (sequel)(graphic) - Stephen
Shaskan Lulu and the Brontosaurus (series) –
Judith Viorst
Dragon Masters - (series) - Tracey West
Elephant and Piggie series – Mo Willems
Unlimited Squirrels series - Mo Willems

Nonfiction

Queen of the Falls – Chris van Allsburg
Trombone Shorty (Caldecott)(sequel) – Troy Andrews
Sharks (Fly Guy Presents) -Tedd Arnold
My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay – Cari Best
Snakes (other titles)- Nic Bishop
Magic School Bus (series) - Joanna Cole
Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas – Lynne Cox
I (Don't) Like Snakes – Nicola Davies
Giant Squid – Candace Fleming
Locomotive (Caldecott) – Brian Floca
Never Smile at a Monkey (other titles) – Steve
Jenkins This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe
Snowflake Bentley (Caldecott) - Jacqueline Martin
Finding Winnie (Caldecott) - Lindsay Mattick
Who Would Win? (series) – Jerry Pallotta
Cats (other titles) – Seymour Simon

My First Book of Football (series) – Sports Illustrated

Folk Tales/ Fairy Tales

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears (Caldecott) - Verna Aardema

Once a Mouse (Caldecott) - Marcia Brown

Bloom – Doreen Cronin

In a Small Kingdom – Tomie dePaola

The Gingerbread Boy - Paul Galdone

Anansi the Spider (Caldecott) - Gerald McDermott

Jabuti the Tortoise - Gerald McDermott

After the Fall – Dan Santat

The Stinky Cheese Man (Caldecott) – Jon Scieszka

Poetry

Tomie dePaola's Book of Poems – Tomie dePaola

Shiver Me Timbers (other titles) – Douglas Florian

When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano

Firefly July – Paul Janeczko

When We Were Young (other titles) – A. A. Milne

The Frog Wore Red Suspenders (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky

Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein

Runny Babbit: a Silly Book (sequel)(other titles) - Shel Silverstein

For the first week of school, Second Graders are asked to:

Have read at least **ten** books. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

GRADE 3 Recommended Reading

Fiction

Cam Jansen (series) - David Adler

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series) – Tom Angleberger

Mr. Popper's Penguins - Richard Atwater

Mac B Kid Spy - Mac Barnett

Ivy and Bean (series) - Annie Barrows

The Best of Iggy (series) - Annie Barrows

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (series) – Andrea
Beaty The Fox Ate My Homework - David Blaze
Jedi Academy (series) – Jeffrey Brown
Tornado - Betsy Byars
The Year of the Book (series) – Andrea Cheng
Narwhal: Unicorn of the sea (series)(graphic) – Ben Clanton
Henry Huggins (or any Henry or Ramona book) - Beverly
Cleary Bink and Gollie (series) – Kate DiCamillo
Mercy Watson (series) – Kate DiCamillo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo
Fairy Tale Comics (graphic) - Chris Duffy
My Father’s Dragon (series) – Ruth Stiles Gannett
Chet Gecko, Private Eye (series) - Bruce Hale
The Princess in Black (series) – Shannon Hale
Dory Fantasmagory (series) – Abby Hanlon
Piper Reed: Navy Brat (series) - Kimberly Willis Holt
Traitor in Williamsburg (American Girl Mysteries) - Elizabeth McDavid Jones
My Happy Life (series) – Rose Lagercrantz
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud hart Lovelace
Gooney Bird (series) – Lois Lowry
Judy Moody and Stink (series) – Megan McDonald
The First Case (series) – Ulf Nilsson
Magic Tree House (series) – Mary Pope Osborne
Amelia Bedelia Goes Wild (series) – Herman Parish
Clementine (series) - Sara Pennypacker
Bug Blonsky and His Very Long List of Don'ts - E.S. Redmond
Cobble Street Cousins (series) – Cynthia Rylant
The Cricket in Times Square - George Selden
Nate the Great (series) – Marjorie Sharmat
Akimbo (series) - Alexander McCall Smith
Mr. Wolf's Class (series)(graphic) - Aron Steinke
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye (series)(also in graphic novel) - Geronimo
Stilton All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor
Tiger Vs. Nightmare (graphic) – Emily Tetri
Bake Sale (graphic) – Sara Varon
Stuart Little – E.B. White
The Story of Diva and Flea – Mo Willems

Nonfiction

Whoosh – Chris Barton
Lizards (other titles) – Nic Bishop
Aaron and Alexander: te Most Famous Duel - Don Brown

Grand canyon - Jason Chin
26 Fairmont Avenue (series) – Tomie DePaola
Fairy Tale Comics (graphic) – Chris Duffy
Giant Pandas (other titles) - Gail Gibbons
Who Is - Who Was - What Was . . . Biography series - Grosset & Dunlap
How the Sphinx Got to the Museum – Jessie Hartland
A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider: The Story of E.B. White – Barbara Herkert
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors
Eye to Eye (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
This Is How We Do It – Matt Lamothe
I Dissent – Debbie Levy
Ordinary People Change the World (series) – Brad Meltzer
Magic Tree House Research Guides - Mary Pope Osborne
Otis and Will Discover the Deep – Barb Rosenstock
Neighborhood Sharks (other titles) – Katherine Roy
Emmanuel’s Dream – Laurie Thompson
Malala’s Magic Pencil – Malala Yousafzai

Poetry

Insectlopedia (other titles) - Douglas Florian
When Green Becomes Tomatoes – Julie Fogliano
Firefly July (other titles) - Paul Janeczko
Now We Are Six (other titles) – A. A. Milne
Ride a Purple Pelican (other titles) - Jack Prelutsky
Swirl by Swirl (other titles) - Joyce Sidman
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst

Folk Tales/Myth

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - Verna Aardema
Brave Red, Smart Frog – Emily Jenkins
Paul Bunyan (other titles) - Steven Kellogg
Fables - Arnold Lobel
The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great (Knights’ Tales series) - Gerald Morris
Tales from the Odyssey (series) - Mary Pope Osborne
Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night (Newbery) (other titles) – Joyce Sidman
Squids Will Be Squids - Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith

For the first week of school, Third Graders are asked to:

Have read at least **five** of the recommended books from the list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

GRADE 4 Recommended Reading

Realistic Fiction

The Terrible Two (series) - Mac Barnett
The Best of Iggy (series) - Annie Barrows
El Deafo (Newbery)(graphic) – CeCe Bell
The Penderwicks (series) – Jane Birdsall
The Great Quarterback Switch (series) - Matt Christopher
Friendship War (other titles) – Andrew Clements
The Lemonade War (series) - Jacqueline Davies
Because of Winn-Dixie (Newbery)(other titles) - Kate DiCamillo
Mandy – Julie Edwards
The Saturdays (series)- Elizabeth Enright
The Year of Billy Miller (sequel) – Kevin Henkes
Saucy - Cynthia Kadohata
Pippi Longstocking (series) – Astrid Lindgren
Allergic (graphic) - Megan Lloyd
Betsy-Tacy (series) – Maud Hart Lovelace
Comeback Kids (series) - Mike Lupica
Juana and Lucas (series!) – Juana Medina
Adventures with Waffles – Maria Parr
Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea – Lynne Rae Perkins
Hoe to Eat Fired Worms - Thomas Rockwell
Ballet Shoes (series) – Noel Streatfield
All of a Kind Family (series) - Sidney Taylor
The Trouble with Tuck (sequel) – Theodore Taylor
Stargazing (graphic) - Jen Wang

Historical Fiction

I Survived the Titanic (series)(graphic) - Georgia Ball
The Whipping Boy (Newbery)– Sid Fleischman
Houdini and Me (series) - Dan Gutman
Ben and Me - Robert Lawson
The Doll Shop Downstairs (sequel) - Yona Zeldis McDonough Hannah’s
Journal: the Story of an Immigrant Girl (series) - Marissa Moss Max and
the Midknights – Lincoln Peirce

Dear America Series (any title) - Scholastic Books
I Survived (series) – Lauren Tarshis
Little House in the Big Woods (series) – Laura Ingalls Wilder

Fantasy/Mystery

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series) - Tom Angleberger
Poppy (series) - Avi
Indian in the Cupboard (series) - Lynn Reid Banks
Brixton Brothers: The Case of the Mistaken Identity (series) - Mac Barnett
Masterpiece - Elise Broach
Jedi Academy (series) – Jeffrey Brown
The Wild Robot (sequel) - Peter Brown
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley
The Tale of Despereaux (Newbery) – Kate DiCamillo
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series) - Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black
Half Magic (series)- Edward Eager
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy – Karen Foxlee
The 13-Story Treehouse (series) – Andy Griffiths
The Silver Arrow - Lev Grossman
The Lion of Mars - Jennifer Holm
The Secret of the Old Clock (Nancy Drew Mystery Series) – Carolyn Keene
Princess Sonora and the Long Sleep (The Princess Tales series) - Gail Carson Levine
Nathaniel Fludd Beastologist (series) - R. L. LaFevers
The People in Pineapple Place (series) - Anne Lindbergh
The Doll People (series) - Ann Martin
Bob – Wendy Mass
Toto: the Dog-gone Amazing Story of the Wizard of Oz – Michael Morpurgo
Knights Vs. Dinosaurs – Matt Phelan
Nuts to You – Lynne Rae Perkins
Rowan of Rin (series) - Emily Rodda

Nonfiction

The Journey That Saved Curious George - Louise Borden
Grand Canyon (Caldecott) – Jason Chin
Who Is –Who Was – What Was... Biography Series – Grosset & Dunlap
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors
Animals by the Numbers (other titles) – Steve Jenkins
Swimming with Hammerhead Sharks (other titles) - Kenneth Mallory
Encounter the Saints (series) - Pauline Books and Media

Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower – Greg Pizzoli
Saturn (other titles) - Seymour Simon
Joan of Arc - Diane Stanley
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet

Myths/Fairy Tales/Poetry

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
The Death of the Hat (other titles) - Paul Janeczko
Brave Red, Smart Frog – Emily Jenkins
The McElderry Book of Greek Myths - Eric Kimmel
Pinocchio: In His Own Words – Michael Morpurgo
American Tall Tales - Mary Pope Osborne
A Pizza the Size of the Sun – Jack Prelutsky
Where the Sidewalk Ends (other titles) - Shel Silverstein
Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible verse (other titles) – Marilyn Singer
What Are You Glad About? What Are You Mad About? – Judith Viorst
Gone Fishing (sequel) – Jamara Wissinger
The Fabled Life of Aesop - Lendler Zagarenski

For the first week of school, Fourth Graders are asked to:

Have read at least **four** of the recommended books from the list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection. Substitutions may be made with parental permission.

GRADE 5 Summer Reading

Recommended Reading

Realistic Fiction

Lions and Liars - Kate Beasley
El Deafo (graphic novel)(Newbery) - Cece Bell
The Penderwicks (series) - Jeanne Birdsall
The Secret Garden – Francis Hodgson Burnett

The Incredible Journey - Sheila Burnford
Dear Mr. Henshaw (Newbery)(sequel) - Beverly Cleary
No Talking (other titles) - Andrew Clements
Saving Winslow – Sharon Creech
The Tiger Rising - Kate DiCamillo
The Goat – Anne Fleming
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series) - Chris Grabenstein
Real Friends (graphic) – Shannon Hale
Wink - Rob Harrell
When Stars Are Scattered (graphic) - Victoria Jamieson
Hello, Universe (Newbery) – Erin Kelly
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler (Newbery) - E.L.
Kingsburg Unplugged (other titles) - Gordon Korman
The Year of the Dog (series) - Grace Lin
Touch Blue (other titles) - Cynthia Lord
Comeback Kids (series) – Mike Lupica
The Candymakers (sequel) - Wendy Mass
Binny for Short (series) - Hilary McKay
Shiloh (Newbery)(series) - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
The Turtles of Oman - Naomi Nye
Wild River - P.J. Peterson
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
Ghosts (graphic) – Raina Telgemeier
The Bridge Home - Padma Venkatraman
Stargazing - Jen Wang
The Incurable Children of Ashton Place (series) - Maryrose Wood

Historical Fiction

The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech
The Door in the Wall (Newbery) - Marguerite DeAngeli
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (graphic)(series) - Nathan
Hale Titanic (and other series) - Gordon Korman
Inside Out and Back Again (Newbery) - Thanhha Lai
Waiting for Anya - Michael Morpurgo
Washington City is Burning - Harriette Robinet
May B - Caroline Rose
Esperanza Rising - Pam M. Ryan
My Name is America (series) - Scholastic Books
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Caldecott) - Brian Selznick
The Sign of the Beaver (Newbery) - Elizabeth George Speare
I Survived (series) - Lauren Tarshis

Fantasy/Mystery/Myth

The One and Only Ivan (sequel) - Katherine Applegate
Finding Serendipity (series) – Angelica Banks
The 100-year-old Secret (Sherlock Files series) - Tracy Barrett
The Wild Robot (sequel) – Peter Brown
The Sisters Grimm (series) - Michael Buckley
A Flicker of Courage - Deb Caletti
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths - Ingri & Edgar Parin
D'Aulaire Flora & Ulysses (Newbery) - Kate DeCamillo
The 13-Story Treehouse (series) – Andy Griffiths
Babe and Me (Baseball Card Adventure series) - Dan Gutman
The Song from Somewhere Else – A.F. Harrold
The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom (series) - Christopher Healy
Emily Windsnap (series) - Liz Kessler
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (Newbery)(series) - Grace Lin
Bliss (series) - Kathryn Littlewood
Gifts from the Gods - Lise Lunge-Larsen
Rapunzel, the One with All the Hair (series)- Wendy Mass
Candymakers (sequel) – Wendy Mass
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH (Newbery)(series) - Robert O'Brien
The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root - Christopher Pennell
Harry Potter (series) - J.K. Rowling
The Ickabog - J.K. Rowling
The Mysterious Benedict Society (series) - Trenton Lee Stewart
Unsolved Case Files: Escape at 10,000 Feet - Tom Sullivan
The Thickety (series) - J.A. White

Autobiography/Biography/Nonfiction

Amelia Lost: the Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart - Candace Fleming
Lincoln (Newbery) - Russell Freedman
Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt - Jean Fritz
Science Comics (series)(graphic) – Andy Hirsch and various authors
Heroes of Baseball - Robert Lipsyte
Cathedral - David Macaulay
Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous photograph – Roxane Orgill
Around the World (graphic) - Matt Phelan
Hidden Figures (picture book) – Margot Shetterly
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White – Melissa Sweet
Camp Panda – Catherine Thimmesh
Gorilla Doctors (Any of the Scientists in the Field series) - Pamela S.

Turner

For the first week of school, Fifth Graders are asked to:

1. Have read at least **three** books of choice from the recommended reading list. Books listed represent different reading levels, some more challenging than others. Many books are available in audiobook and e-book if preferred.
2. Write a letter to the author of your favorite book to give to your teacher on the first day of school. Tell the author about yourself. Explain your feelings and questions about the book. Be specific and give details to support your reaction. The letter should be one page in length.
3. Make a cover for your letter which includes a scene from the book.
4. Turn in a list of summer reading with parental signature, including the title and author of each selection.