



SUGGESTED SUMMER READING BY GRADE LEVEL **(These lists are not comprehensive)**

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

Take a look at the lists for your child's current grade level and their upcoming grade level.

Titles curated by our community, for our community.

KINDERGARTEN READING LISTS

WESLEY TEACHER/LIBRARIAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Picture Books:

- Creepy Carrots, Creepy Crayon, Creepy Pair of Underwear by Aaron Reynolds
- KINDERGARTEN: Where Kindness Matters Every Day by Very Ahiyya
- “Food Group” Series by Jory John
- The Crayons’ Book of Colors, The Day the Crayons Quit, The Day the Crayons Came Home, The Crayons’ Book of Feelings, The Crayons Go Back To School, The Crayons’ Book of Numbers, and The Crayons’ Love Our Planet by Drew Daywalt
- The Peace Book, Love the World, The Thankful Book by Todd Parr
- “Grumpy Monkey” Series by Suzanne Lang
- Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

Chapter Book Series:

- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott
- Meet Yasmin! by Saadia Faruqi, Hatem Aly
- “Acorn Books” by various authors (published by Scholastic)
- King and Kayla by Dori Hillestad Butler
- Chi Chi and Pey Pey by Jennifer Fosberry (graphic novels)

NOTABLE CHILDREN’S PICTURE BOOKS [^] Younger Readers | Pre-K - Grade 2 | Ages 4-7

- Chooch Helped by Andrea L. Rogers (2025 Caldecott Medal Winner)
- Aloha Everything by Kaylin Melia George (2025 Asian/Pacific American Award Picture Book)
- Home in a Lunchbox by Cherry Mo (2025 Caldecott Honor Book)
- My Daddy is a Cowboy by Stephanie Seales (2025 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award)
- The Dream Catcher by Marcelo Verdad (2025 Pura Belpré Illustrator Award)
- Fox versus Fox by Corey R. Tabor (2025 Geisel Honor Book)
- Noodles on a Bicycle by Kyo Maclear (2025 Caldecott Honor Book)

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1ST GRADE READING LISTS

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Picture Books:

- Scranimals by Jack Prelutsky
- “Food Group” Series by Jory John
- What Do You Do With An Idea? by Kobi Yamada
- Eyes that Weave the World’s Wonders by Joanna Ho and Liz Kleinrock
- “Penelope Rex” Series by Ryan T. Higgins
- The Magical Yet, The Curious Why by Angela Diterlizzi

Chapter Book Series:

- Katie Fry Private Eye by Katherine Fox
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Mercy Watson by Kate DiCamillo
- Mia Mayhem by Kara West
- Scaredy’s Nutty Adventures by Melanie Watt
- Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro
- “Branches Books” by various authors (published by Scholastic)
- Princess in Black by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale
- Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo
- Sydney & Taylor by Jacqueline Davies

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2ND GRADE READING LISTS

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Chapter Book Series:

- Alvin Ho by Lenore Look
- Ellray Jakes by Sally Warner
- George Brown Class Clown by Nancy Krulik
- Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin
- The Magnificent Makers by Theanne Griffith
- The Secret Explorers by SJ King
- 'The Questioners' by Andrea Beaty
- "Branches Books" by various authors (published by Scholastic)
- Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol by Andres Miedoso
- Orris and Timble: The Beginning by Kate DiCamillo
- Wallace and Grace by Heather Alexander
- Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes
- Mac B. Kid Spy by Mac Barnett
- Two Dogs in a Trench Coat by Julie Falatko
- Jasmine Toguchi by Debbi Michiko Florence

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3RD GRADE READING LISTS

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- 26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie de Paola
- “Tales from Deckawoo Drive” Series by Kate DiCamillo
- “Mercy Watson” Series by Kate DiCamillo
- “Mindy Kim” Series by Lyla Lee
- The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- The Story of...(biography series) by various authors
- History Smashers: Earth Day and the Environment by Kate Messner
- “The First Cat in Space” Series by Mac Barnett (graphic novels)
- “Just Harriet” Series by Elena K. Arnold
- “Hilo” Series by Judd Winick (graphic novels)
- “InvestiGATORS” Series by John Patrick Green (graphic novels)
- “The Cardboard Kingdom” Series by Chad Sell (graphic novels)
- “The Terrible Two” Series by Mac Barnett and Jory John
- “A Boy Called Bat” Series by Elena K. Arnold

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Middle Readers | Grades 3-5 | Ages 8-10

- Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All by Chanel Miller (2025 Newbery Honor Book)
 - One Big Open Sky by Lesa Cline-Ransome (2025 Newbery Honor Book, 2025 Coretta Scott King Author Honor Book)
 - Continental Drifter by Kathy MacLeod (2025 Asian/Pacific American Award Winner)
 - Lola by Karla Arenas Valenti (2025 Pura Belpré Author Award)
 - Black Star by Kwame Alexander (2025 Coretta Scott King Honor Book)
 - The First State of Being by Erin Entrada Kelly (2025 Newbery Medal Winner)
 - The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II by Candace Fleming (2025 Sibert Honor Book)
 - Popcorn by Rob Harrell (2025 Schneider Family Middle Grade Award)
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4TH GRADE READING LISTS

WESLEY TEACHER/LIBRARIAN RECOMMENDATIONS

- A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga
- Wish by Barbara O' Connor
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- "The Lemonade War" Series by Jacqueline Davies
- "The Magic Misfits" Series by Neil Patrick Harris
- Any book/series by Kelly Yang
- The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass
- Ferris by Kate DiCamillo
- A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall by Jasmine Warga
- The Everybody Experiment by Lisa Moore Ramee
- The Night Librarian by Christopher Lincoln
- El Deafo by Cece Bell (graphic novel)
- The Vanquishers by Kalynn Bayron
- Odder by Katherine Applegate
- Roswell Johnson Saves the World by Chris Colfer

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5TH GRADE READING LISTS

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- “Track” Series by Jason Reynolds
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- Greenglass House by Kate Milford
- Fish in a Tree by Linda Mullaly Hunt
- Starfish by Lisa Fipps
- Max in the House of Spies: A Tale of World War II by Adam Gidwitz
- “The Misfits” Series by Dan Santat
- Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas (graphic novel)
- “Hazardous Tales” Series by Nathan Hale (historical graphic novels)
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson (graphic novel)
- Last Gate of the Emperor by Kwame Mbalia
- The Sherlock Society by James Ponti
- “Charlie Thorne” Series by Stuart Gibbs
- We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly
- The Lost Girl by Anne Ursu

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