



Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 1

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Summer Reading Guidelines

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the next grade is to keep reading over the summer. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year.

This list is designed to give you some ideas of books that librarians across the district and state have found appealing to students at this age. Students can even vote for their favorite Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice Award book next spring if they have read at least three of the nominees.

Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. Some students might know their Fountas and Pinnell level which is stated in parentheses after the book title if it is available. For other books or students who are not aware of their level, we encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Our students have grown so much in the past school year. Let's make sure that they keep growing and learning over the summer!

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Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards-Grades K-3

Sun in my Tummy by Laura Alary and Andrea Blinick
The Yawns are Coming by Christopher Eliopoulos
It Fell from the Sky by Terry and Eric Fan
Berry Song by Michaela Goade
Meet the Super Duper Seven by Yim Hamilton
A Peek at Beaks: Tools Birds Use by Sara Levine and Kate Slater
Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill by Matt Lilly and Dan Tavis
Friends are Friends, Forever by Dane Liu and Lynn Scurfield
Bug Scouts: Out in the Wild! by Mike, Lowery
Althea Gibson: The Story of Tennis' Fleet-of-Foot Girl by Megan Reid and Laura Freedman
The Chicken Who Couldn't by Jan Thomas
Write! Write! Write! by Amy Ludwig VanDerwater and Ryan O'Rourke
Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long
My Kingdom of Darkness (Pets Rule #1) by Susan Tan
Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World by Jacqueline Davies

Nonfiction

ABC Zooborns by Andrew Bleiman
The Airport Book by Lisa Brown
Bugs Hide and Seek (DK Readers Level 1) by Laura Buller
Day and Night (National Geographic Readers Level1) by Shira Evans
The Doctor's Office by Blake A. Hoena
Chicks! by Sandra Horning
My First Day by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page
Water is Water : a Book about the Water Cycle by Miranda Paul
Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents by Lita Judge
Hey, Water! By Antoinette Portis
Me I Am! by Jack Prelutsky
Community Helpers at the Hospital (Community Helpers On the Scene) by Mari Schuh
Where in the Wild? by David Schwartz
First Big Book Of Why (Little Kids First Big Book Nat Geo) by Amy Shields
Ruby's Birds by Mya Thompson

Fiction

The Sandwich Swap by Her Majesty Queen Rania al Abdullah
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie
Camp Tiger by Susan Choi
Nighttime Ninja by Barbara DaCosta
Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman
Don't Hug Doug : (He Doesn't Like It) by Carrie Finison
Duck, Duck, Dinosaur by K George
We Don't Eat Our Classmates! by Ryan T Higgins
The Evil Princess vs. the Brave Knight take turns (Step into Reading-Step 1) by Jennifer L Holm
Mighty, Mighty Construction Site by Tom Lichtenheld
Zip, zoom! (Ty's Travels) by Kelly Starling Lyons
Pedro, First-Grade Hero by Fran Manushkin
Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora
The Field by Baptiste Paul
Bear and Bunny by Daniel Pinkwater
Vamos! Let's Go to the Market by Raul the Third
Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Series

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
Sports Illustrated Kids: Bedtime Books by Michael Dahl and Christianne C Jones
Monkey and Cake by Drew Daywalt
Yoomi, Friends, and Family by Aram Kim
Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin
Ty's Travels by Kelly Starling Lyons
Mother Goose Bruce by Ryan Higgins
Barnyard Rescue by John Himmelman
Our Universe by Stacy McAnulty
Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton
Ballet Cat by Bob Shea
Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt
Cat the Cat, Who is That? and Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems