

Middle Elementary Summer Reading



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Upper Elementary **SUMMER READING**

Please click on the tab to the left to find book suggestions for each incoming grade!

TOO EASY	JUST RIGHT!	TOO DIFFICULT
<p>If you read the first few pages of a book and don't come across any words that you are unfamiliar with, it may be too easy for you.</p> <p>If books on this list are feeling "Too Easy", check out our Middle Elementary Reading Choices!</p>	<p>If you read 1-3 words that you are unfamiliar with, that book may be considered "just right" for you.</p>	<p>If you come across 4 or more words that you are unfamiliar with, it may be too difficult for you.</p>

Third Grade

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Chapter Book Suggestions

	Book / Series	Author	Description
	The Magic Tree House Series	Mary Pope Osborne	Siblings Jack and Annie travel through time and space on thrilling adventures in this educational and exciting series.
	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White	A touching tale of friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a wise spider named Charlotte, teaching life lessons about loyalty and love.
	The Boxcar Children Series	Gertrude Chandler Warner	Four orphaned children create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar and solve mysteries together.
	Ivy + Bean	Annie Barrows	Ivy and Bean are two unlikely best friends who discover how fun it is to have adventures and solve problems together.
	The Tales of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	A courageous mouse embarks on a quest to save a princess in this heartwarming and whimsical story.
	The Princess in Black Series	Shannon Hale & Dean Hale	Princess Magnolia is secretly the Princess in Black, fighting monsters and saving the day in this action-packed, funny early chapter book series.
	Junie B. Jones Series	Barbara Park	Junie B. Jones is a spunky and humorous 1st grader who finds herself in all sorts of funny situations as she navigates school and life.

	Flat Stanley Series	Jeff Brown	After being flattened by a bulletin board, Stanley becomes a unique hero who embarks on amazing adventures all over the world.
	The Fudge Series	Judy Blume	The funny and relatable stories of Peter and his mischievous younger brother Fudge, exploring sibling dynamics, family life, and friendship.
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Third Grade Picture Book Suggestions

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	Stellaluna	Janell Cannon	A baby fruit bat raised by birds learns about identity and acceptance in this beautifully illustrated story.
	The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	A Korean girl grapples with fitting in and choosing whether to keep her real name, celebrating culture and self-acceptance.
	The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein	A poignant and sometimes controversial tale of selfless love and the relationship between a boy and a tree over time.
	The Lorax (and other Dr. Seuss books)	Dr. Seuss	A rhyming fable about environmentalism and activism, filled with Seuss's trademark wit, rhythm, and imaginative language.
	Kitten's First Full Moon	Kevin Henkes	A charming story about a curious kitten who mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, with simple text and warm black-and-white illustrations.

	Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey	A mother duck leads her ducklings through the busy streets of Boston in this Caldecott-winning classic full of gentle adventure and city life.
	Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans	The brave and bold Madeline lives in a Paris boarding school and charms readers with her courage and spirit in this rhyming classic.
	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Jon Scieszka	A hilarious retelling of the classic fairy tale from the wolf's perspective, challenging assumptions and adding a dose of humor.
	The Lion and the Mouse	Jerry Pinkney	A wordless, gorgeously illustrated version of Aesop's fable that shows how kindness—no matter how small—can make a big impact.

Fourth Grade

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	Book / Series	Author	Description
	Wonder	R.J. Palacio	Auggie Pullman, a boy with facial differences, navigates school for the first time in this moving story about kindness, acceptance, and courage.
	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Percy discovers he's a demigod and embarks on a thrilling quest involving Greek gods, monsters, and a battle to save the world.
	The Phantom Tollbooth	Norton Juster	A bored boy named Milo journeys through a whimsical world of wordplay, logic, and imagination in this classic literary adventure.
	The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	A brave little mouse with big ears sets off on a quest to save a princess and prove that courage comes in all sizes.
	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	In a magical Chinese folklore-inspired world, Minli sets off on a journey to change her family's fortune and discover her own destiny.
	Holes	Louis Sachar	At Camp Green Lake, boys dig holes for mysterious reasons—until one boy uncovers a long-buried family curse and the truth behind it.
	I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912	Lauren Tarshis	This gripping historical fiction series places young characters at the heart of real disasters—in this case, the Titanic's tragic voyage.
	Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	A lonely girl's life changes when she adopts a mischievous dog and builds

			unexpected friendships in her new town.
	El Deafo	Cece Bell	A funny, honest graphic memoir about growing up with a hearing aid and learning to embrace what makes you different.
	The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	Siblings Evan and Jessie compete to sell the most lemonade—and learn lessons about business, fairness, and family along the way.
	My Weird School Series	Dan Gutman	In this fast-paced, funny series, A.J. and his classmates deal with the wackiest teachers ever, from a principal who kisses pigs to a techie librarian.
	The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	A robot stranded on a remote island learns to survive and build unlikely friendships in this imaginative adventure.
	Charlotte's Web	E.B. White	A classic story of a pig, a spider, and the beauty of friendship and sacrifice.
	Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	A girl and a scruffy dog change a community, helping her find belonging and healing.
	Judy Moody Series	Megan McDonald	Spirited and curious Judy navigates school, friendships, and her many moods in this funny, realistic series.
	The Boxcar Children Series	Gertrude Chandler Warner	Orphaned siblings solve mysteries and live independently in a boxcar-turned-home.

	Geronimo Stilton Series	Geronimo Stilton	Follow the adventures of a timid mouse journalist and his friends—text is creatively formatted and packed with fun facts.
	Wayside School Series	Louis Sachar	Tall tales from an absurd 30-story school, full of quirky students and hilarious surprises.
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	The Wild Robot	Peter Brown	A robot shipwrecked on a remote island must learn to live among animals in this thoughtful blend of nature and technology.
	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	A fast-paced, mythological adventure as Percy discovers he's a demigod and embarks on a heroic quest.
	The Tale of Despereaux	Kate DiCamillo	A brave mouse, a princess, and a dark dungeon intertwine in this beautiful tale of light, darkness, and courage.
	Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	A lonely girl finds friends and healing after adopting a scruffy dog in her new town.
	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin	A visually rich and lyrical story inspired by Chinese folklore about a girl's journey to change her family's fortune.
	The Lemonade War	Jacqueline Davies	Sibling rivalry turns entrepreneurial in this fun and clever story about business, math, and problem-solving.
	Holes	Louis Sachar	A boy sent to a mysterious detention camp uncovers a long-buried family curse and a history of injustice.
	The Penderwicks	Jeanne Birdsall	Four sisters share a magical summer full of adventure, imagination, and heartwarming moments.

	El Deafo (<i>Graphic Novel</i>)	Cece Bell	A funny, honest memoir about growing up with a hearing aid and discovering your own superpowers.
	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	A classic sci-fi adventure about time travel, love, and the battle between good and evil.
	The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	Inspired by a true story, this novel follows a gentle gorilla who lives in captivity and dreams of a better life.
	Frindle	Andrew Clements	A clever and funny story about a boy who invents a new word and challenges the authority of language itself.
	The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	A warm and funny family road trip turns serious in this historical novel that gently introduces themes of civil rights and social change.
	I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912	Lauren Tarshis	A gripping, historical page-turner told from the point of view of a young boy aboard the Titanic.
	The Unicorn Rescue Society Series	Adam Gidwitz	Diverse kids travel the globe to rescue mythical creatures while learning about cultures, myths, and environmental protection.
	My Life as a Book	Janet Tashjian	A humorous and relatable illustrated novel about a reluctant reader who discovers the power of storytelling.
	The War That Saved My Life	Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	A powerful historical novel about a girl escaping her abusive home during WWII and learning what love and family truly mean.

	When You Reach Me	Rebecca Stead	A mind-bending mystery with elements of time travel, friendship, and growing up, set in 1970s New York City.
	Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	A deeply moving story about friendship, imagination, and loss that resonates long after the final page.
	The Mysterious Benedict Society	Trenton Lee Stewart	A group of gifted children is recruited for a secret mission requiring brains, bravery, and teamwork in this intellectually rich adventure.
	The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Kelly Barnhill	A lyrical fantasy about a girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a tiny dragon—and the magic that surrounds her mysterious origin.
	The Invention of Hugo Cabret	Brian Selznick	A novel told through both words and stunning illustrations, following an orphan boy living in a Paris train station with a mysterious purpose.
	A Night Divided	Jennifer A. Nielsen	A tense historical novel set during the Cold War, where a girl's family is divided by the Berlin Wall, and she must risk everything for freedom.
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