

GIDEON HAUSNER SUMMER READING 2024-2025

Graduating TK & Kindergarten

It's fun to read new books *and* reread favorites. Here are titles to visit and revisit all summer long.

FICTION

A Mouthful of Minnows	I'm Sorry You Got Mad	The Man Who Didn't Like Animals
ARTificial Intelligence	Knight Owl	
Baby Monkey, Private Eye	Mina	The Night Market
Being Home	Our Table	The Very Impatient Caterpillar
Buffalo Fluffalo	Shoshi's Shabbat	The Yellow Bus
Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)	Spider in the Well	Tove and the Island With No Address
Every Wrinkle Has a Story	Stop and Smell the Cookies	Two Together
Hello Lighthouse	Thank You, Omu	We Are Definitely Human
Hot Dog	That's Life!	
	The Last Zookeeper	

NON-FICTION

Actual Size (Steve Jenkins)	Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum
Boats on the Bay	The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)
Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator	
Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube	The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale
How to Be an Elephant	Whose Egg?
I Am the Tree of Life: My Jewish Yoga Book	



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Graduating 1st Grade

The following books and authors are recommended for a wide range of interests and reading levels.
Please use this list as a starting point for title ideas. Any reading is good reading!

PICTURE BOOKS

A Mouthful of Minnows	Spider in the Well
A Penny's Worth	Stop and Smell the Cookies
ARTificial Intelligence	Thank You, Omu
Being Home	The Last Zookeeper
Buffalo Fluffalo	The Man Who Didn't Like Animals
Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)	The Night Market
Every Wrinkle Has a Story	The North Wind & the Sun
Friends Beyond Measure	The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish
Hello Lighthouse	The Skull
I'm Sorry You Got Mad	The Yellow Bus
Mina	Tove and the Island With No Address
Mixed: A Colorful Story	Two Together
Our Table	We Are Definitely Human
Shoshi's Shabbat	Zhen Yu and the Snake

BEGINNING READERS & SERIES

Baby Monkey, Private Eye (funny)	Monkey Me (funny, fantasy/scifi)
Boris on the Move (friendship)	Piper Green & the Fairy Tree (friendship)
Dory Fantasmagory (funny, family)	Project Droid (funny, scifi)
Dragon Masters (fantasy)	Smell My Foot (funny)
Elephant & Piggie (friendship)	The Book No One Wants to Read (funny)
Hi Jack (funny)	Yasmin (school, family)
Humphrey's Tiny Tales (friendship)	
Mo Jackson (sports)	
Moby Shinobi (funny, rhyming)	

NON-FICTION & INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

Abzuglutely: Battling, Bellowing Bella Abzug

All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything

Astro the Steller Sea Lion

Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator

Counting Birds: The Idea that Helped Save Our Feathered Friends

Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots

How to Eat in Space

How to Solve a Problem : the rise (and falls) of a rock-climbing champion

I Am the Tree of Life: My Jewish Yoga Book

Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum

The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)

The Day the River Caught Fire

The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale

Wants vs. Needs vs. Robots



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Graduating 2nd Grade

The following books and authors are recommended for a wide range of interests and reading levels.
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FAIRY TALES, FOLK TALES, POETRY

Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems	Orangutan Tongs: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue
Dogku by Andrew Clements	The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney
Hi, Koo by Jon Muth	The Singing Rock & Other Brand-New Fairy Tales (<i>graphic novel</i>)
Mirror, Mirror by Marilyn Singer	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe	Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
My Thoughts are Clouds: Poems for Mindfulness	

SERIES BOOKS

Ada Lace (mystery)	Inspector Flytrap (funny, mystery, scifi)
American Girls (history)	Ivy & Bean (realistic)
Ballpark Mysteries (sports, mystery)	Judy Moody (realistic)
Boris on the Move (friendship)	Katie Woo (realistic)
Boxcar Children (mystery)	Lola Levine (realistic)
Captain Awesome (funny)	Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (realistic)
Classic Starts series (various)	Magic on the Map (adventure, fantasy)
Clementine (realistic)	Mercy Watson (funny)
Critter Club (friendship)	Monkey Me (funny, fantasy/scifi)
Dory Fantasmagory (funny)	My Weird School (funny)
Eerie Elementary (adventure, scary-ish)	MVP (sports)
Ellray Jake (school, friends)	Nancy Drew & the Clue Crew (mystery)
Flat Stanley (funny, adventure)	Notebook of Doom (funny scary-ish)
Frankly, Frannie (friendship)	Owl Diaries (friendship)
Franny K. Stein (funny, scifi)	Phoebe G. Green (friendship)
Galaxy Jack (funny, scifi)	Piper Green & the Fairy Tree (friendship)
Geronimo Stilton (adventure)	Press Start (funny, action)
Heidi Hecklebeck (friendship, school)	Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe (fairy tales, funny)
Humphrey's Tiny Tales (friendship)	

Project Droid (funny, scifi)
Roscoe Riley (funny)
Secret Agent Jack Stalwart (action)
Secrets of Droon (fantasy)
Shark School (school, science)
Shelter Pet Squad (animals)
Sofia Martinez (school)
Space Taxi (funny, scifi)
Stink (funny)
Time Warp Trio (fantasy, history)

TOPPS League (sports)
The Bad Guys (funny)
The Fix-It Friends (friendship)
The Haunted Library (mystery)
The Kingdom of Wrenly (fantasy)
The Magic Finger (funny, fantasy)
The Princess in Black (funny, fantasy)
The Wish Library (fantasy)
The World According to Humphrey (animal)

NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHIES

Abzuglutely: Battling, Bellowing Bella Abzug
All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for
Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything
Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube
Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots
Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall
Gorilla
Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved
Reptiles
Little People, Big Dreams (series, any title)
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of

California's Farallon Islands
The Polio Pioneer: Dr. Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine
Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle
Capital of the World
Who Was / Who Is / What is (any title)
Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of
Inventions by Chris Barton
The Day the River Caught Fire
The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale



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Graduating 3rd Grade

The following books and authors are recommended for a wide range of interests and reading levels.

Series books are quicker paperback reads that are great for building confidence and enjoyment.

Longer **chapter books** (often called '**middle grade**') tend to have more complex plots and deeper themes, ideal for readers ready for more of a challenge. Please use this list as a starting point for title ideas. Any reading is good reading!

SERIES & BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

The Bad Guys (funny)	I Survived (historical, adventure)
Ballpark Mysteries (sports, mystery)	Ivy & Bean (realistic)
The Boxcar Children (mystery)	Mercy Watson (funny, animal)
Classic Starts series (various genres)	My Weird School (funny)
Dog Diaries (animal)	Piper Green & the Fairy Tree (friendship)
Dory Fantasmagory (funny)	Ranger in Time (history)
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective (mystery)	Sideway Stories from Wayside School (funny)
Geronimo Stilton (adventure)	Time Warp Trio (fantasy, history)
Humphrey (animal, school)	TOPPS League (sports)

LONGER CHAPTER BOOKS (MIDDLE GRADE)

Baseball Card Adventures (sports, history)	Pippi Longstocking (funny)
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom (funny)	Roll with It (realistic)
Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (mystery)	Savvy (fantasy)
Dear America series (historical)	Spy School (adventure)
Dear Sister/Brother (realistic, <i>graphic novel</i>)	The BFG (fantasy)
Dealing with Dragons (fantasy)	The Invention of Hugo Cabret (historical, <i>illustrated novel</i>)
Eleven Birthdays (fantasy)	The One and Only Ivan (animal)
How to Draw A Secret (realistic, <i>graphic novel</i>)	The Phantom Tollbooth (fantasy)
Land of Stories (fantasy)	The Singing Rock & Other Brand-New Fairy Tales (<i>graphic novel</i>)
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (realistic)	The Rebel Librarian (realistic, funny)
Mac B, Kid Spy (funny, adventure)	The Wild Robot (science fiction)
Moo (realistic, animal)	Treasure Hunters (adventure)
Pax (animal)	

NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHIES

Abzuglutely: Battling, Bellowing Bella Abzug

All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything

As Good As Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. & Abraham Heschel's March toward Freedom

Doctor Esperanto & the Language of Hope

El Deafo

Erno Rubik and His Magic Cube

Exploring the White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home

Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots

I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story

I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark

Irving Berlin: The Immigrant Boy Who Made America Sing

Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles

Kid Athletes / Kid Scientists / Kid Inventors

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11

Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands

The Polio Pioneer: Dr. Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine

Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle Capital of the World

Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship

Who Was / Who Is / What is (any title)

Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton

The Day the River Caught Fire

The Skydiving Beavers: A True Tale



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Graduating 4th Grade

These **middle grade** books (aimed at ages 8–12) are organized by genre and offer a wide range of interests and reading levels. With more complex plots and deeper themes, they're great for readers ready to explore longer stories. Use this list as a starting point—any reading is good reading!

ADVENTURE & MYSTERY

Across the Desert
Candymakers
City Spies
Click Here to Start
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library
Greetings from Witness Protection
Hatchet
Holes
Shark Summer (*graphic novel*)
The Mysterious Benedict Society
The Name of This Book Is Secret
The Parker Inheritance
The Secret Letters
The Swifts

FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION

Anya and the Dragon
City of Ember
Dealing with Dragons
Endling
Fablehaven
The Inquisitor's Tale
The Fourteenth Goldfish
Savvy
Space Case
Sweep: The Story of a Girl & Her Monster
The Books of Elsewhere
The Secret Library
Wings of Fire

HISTORICAL FICTION

Al Capone Does My Shirts
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel
Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust (*graphic novel*)
How to Find What You're Not Looking For
I Survived (series)
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (*graphic novel*)
The Green Glass Sea
The Invention of Hugo Cabret (*illustrated novel*)
The Length of a String
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle
The War That Saved My Life

NON-FICTION

Abzuglutely: Battling, Bellowing Bella Abzug
All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything
Boy by Roald Dahl
El Deafo (*graphic novel*)
Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini
Exploring the White House: Inside America's Most Famous Home
Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides
Kid Athletes / Kid Scientists / Kid Inventors
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands
When Stars Are Scattered (*graphic novel*)
Who Was / Who Is / What Is (any title)

COMEDY / HUMOR

The 13-Story Treehouse
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom
Calvin & Hobbes (*comics*)
Frank Einstein
Lunch Lady (*graphic novel*)
The Last Kids on Earth
Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life
Phoebe & Her Unicorn (*comics*)
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda
The Terrible Two
Timmy Failure

REALISTIC FICTION

Allergic (*graphic novel*)
A Place At the Table
Count Me In
Family Game Night & Other Catastrophes
Finally Seen
From the Desk of Zoe Washington
How to Draw A Secret (*graphic novel*)
A Mango-Shaped Space
Melissa's Story
Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Parachute Kids (*graphic novel*)
Real Friends (*graphic novel*)
Roll With It
Save Me a Seat
Short
Swim Team (*graphic novel*)
The New Kid (*graphic novel*)
The Wrong Way Home
Twins (*graphic novel*)
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda



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Upper School

The following books and authors are recommended for a wide range of interests and reading levels found in grades fifth through eighth. There is a mix of **middle grade** and **young adult/adult** titles.

Please use this list as a starting point for title ideas. Remember: any reading is good reading!

ADVENTURE & MYSTERY

Across the Desert
City Spies
Greenglass House
Hatchet
H.I.V.E.
Holes
I.Q.
Stormbreaker (Alex Rider)
One Came Home
The Parker Inheritance

FANTASY

All the Impossible Things
Anya and the Dragon
Baba Yaga's Assistant (*graphic novel*)
Cinder
Elsewhere
Graceling
Inkling
Red Queen
The Golden Compass
The Hobbit
The Inquisitor's Tale
The Princess Bride
The Chronicles of Chrestomanci
Throne of Glass
The Young Elites

HISTORICAL FICTION

Boxers & Saints (*graphic novel*)
Broken Strings

Code Talker
How to Find What You're Not Looking For
I Must Betray You
Jefferson's Sons
Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (*graphic novel*)
Not Your All-American Girl
Orphan Train Girl
Red, White and Whole
Show Me A Sign
The Blackbird Girls
The Degenerates
The Lost Year
The Night Diary
Under the Broken Sky
Words on Fire

NON-FICTION

Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed
All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team
Fred Korematsu Speaks Up: Fighting for Justice
Hey, Kiddo (*graphic novel*)
I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives
March (*graphic novel*)
My Family Divided
Positive: Surviving My Bullies, Finding Hope, and Living to Change the World
Ugly (by Robert Hoge)
The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies & Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Spy
They Called Us Enemy (*graphic novel*)

REALISTIC FICTION

A Place at the Table
Count Me In
Dear Martin
Far From the Tree
Finally Seen
Free Period
Hope and Other Punchlines
Nowhere Boy
Pizza Face (*graphic novel*)
Starfish
The Crossover
The Dollar Kids
The Pants Project
The Wrong Way Home
Towers Falling
Turtle Boy
Wink

ROMANCE

Eleanor & Park
Everything, Everything
Flipped
Goodbye Stranger
Hot Dog Girl
If I Stay
Instant Karma
Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World
Stargirl
The Prince and the Dressmaker (*graphic novel*)
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Windfall

SCIENCE FICTION & DYSTOPIAN

Among the Hidden
Ender's Game
Cinder
Divergent
Illuminae
Life As We Knew It
FEED
Replica
Scythe
Uglies
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
The Martian
The Arrival (*graphic novel*)
The Testing

SPOOKY/HORROR

Belzhar
City of Ghosts
I Am Princess X
Mrs. Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
Murder on the Orient Express
Not Quite a Ghost
One of Us is Lying
Scar Island
The Screaming Staircase: Lockwood & Co.
Thornhill
The Night Gardener
Took (Mary Downing Hahn)





SUMMER READING

BINGO



SEE IF YOU CAN HIT **BINGO** BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.
BRING COMPLETED SHEETS TO CRESSIDA FOR A LIBRARY PRIZE!

READ A BOOK WITH A NAME IN THE TITLE TITLE:	READ IN A HOMEMADE FORT	READ A BOOK THAT WAS MADE INTO A MOVIE TITLE:	LEARN A NEW WORD	READ A BOOK THAT INVOLVES WEATHER TITLE:
WHO'S HUNGRY? READ A RECIPE FROM A COOKBOOK	READ A BOOK A FRIEND RECOMMENDS TITLE:	READ A STORY NOT SET IN THE USA	READ A NON-FICTION BOOK TITLE:	READ IN THE BATHROOM
READ TO SOMEONE YOUNGER THAN YOU	READ A BOOK YOUR PARENT READ AS A KID TITLE:	Free Read!	REREAD A FAVORITE BOOK TITLE:	READ WITH A FLASHLIGHT
READ A NEW BOOK TITLE:	READ TO A STUFFED TOY OR PET	MEMORIZE A JOKE	READ FOR 20 MINUTES	READ A NON-ENGLISH BOOK TITLE:
READ A BOOK WRITTEN AFTER YOU WERE BORN TITLE:	READ IN YOUR BED	READ A BOOK WRITTEN BEFORE YOU WERE BORN TITLE:	READ TO SOMEONE OLDER THAN YOU	READ A MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

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