

Reading Recommendations

Find the letter that your child is currently reading at an **independent or “just right” level** for appropriate summer reading recommendations.

As the summer break progresses, feel free to have your child try books at the next level to challenge themselves!

Remember to have your child keep track of their reading in their summer log. Also, make sure they fill in the yellow bookmark at the end of the summer with their favorite book title.

If they bring the bookmark to their teacher at the beginning of next school year, they will be entered in a drawing to win a free book!

Most importantly, encourage your child to find the joy in reading as they embark upon the journey to becoming lifelong readers!

Level G

- *Alligator Shoes -- Arthur Dorros
- The Carrot Seed -- Ruth Krauss
- *The Crazy Quilt -- Kristin Avery
- D.W.'s Perfect Present -- Marc Brown
- The Day I Had to Play with My Sister -- Crosby Bonsall
- *The Gingerbread Boy -- Harriet Ziefert
- *Harry Gets Ready for School -- Harriet Ziefert
- *Harry Takes a Bath -- Harriet Ziefert
- Katie Did It -- Becky Bring McDaniel
- Mine's the Best -- Crosby Bonsall
- *Skimper-Scamper -- Jeff Newell

**Highly recommended*

Level H

- Come Out and Play, Little Mouse -- Robert Kraus
- Count! -- Denise Fleming
- Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp (and others of the Danny and the Dinosaur series) -- Syd Hoff
- George Shrinks -- William Joyce
- Goodnight Moon -- Margaret Wise Brown
- Just Me and My Puppy (and others of the Little Critters series) -- Mercer Mayer
- A Kiss for Little Bear -- Else Holmelund Minarik
- Life in an Ocean -- Carol Lindeen
- Morris the Moose -- Bernard Wiseman
- A Picture for Harold's Room: A Purple Crayon Adventure -- Crockett Johnson
- Sammy the Seal -- Syd Hoff
- The Teeny-Tiny Woman -- Harriet Ziefert
- Whose Mouse Are You? -- Robert Kraus

Level 1

- Arthur Jumps into Fall -- Marc Brown
- Boss for a Day (and others of the Barker Twins series) -- Tomie DePaola
- "Charlie Needs a Cloak" -- Tomie DePaola
- A Color of His Own -- Lio Lionni
- David's Drawings -- Cathryn Falwell
- The Doorbell Rang -- Pat Hutchins
- A Friend for Dragon -- Dav Pilkey
- Hattie and the Fox -- Mem Fox
- Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch -- Cynthia Rylant
- Hi! Fly Guy -- Tedd Arnold
- Leo the Late Bloomer -- Robert Kraus
- The Magic Hat -- Mem Fox
- The Mole Sisters and the Moonlit Night (and others of the Mole Sisters series) -- Roslyn Schwartz

Level J

- The Doorbell Rang -- Pat Hutchins
- Fox and His Friends -- Edward Marshall
- *Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures (and others of the Henry and Mudge series) -- Cynthia Rylant
- The Magic Fish -- Freya Littledale
- Mouse Soup -- Arnold Lobel
- Mr. Putter & Tabby Bake the Cake (and others of the Mr. Putter & Tabby series) -- Cynthia Rylant
- Seasons of the Year -- Margaret Hall
- Someone Used My Toothbrush: and other Bathroom Poems -- Carol Diggory Shields
- Stone Soup -- Ann McGovern
- *Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery (and others of the Young Cam Jansen series) -- David Adler

**Highly recommended*

Level K

- Bread and Jam for Frances (and others of the Frances series) -- Russell Hoban
- Caps for Sale -- Esphyr Slobodkina
- *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash -- Trinka Hakes Noble
- *Frog and Toad Together (and others of the Frog and Toad series) -- Arnold Lobel
- How Big Is a Foot? -- Rolf Myller
- Mercy Watson to the Rescue (and others of the Mercy Watson series) -- Kate DiCamillo
- The Moon -- Martha E. H. Rustad
- *Nate the Great and the Missing Key (and others of the Nate the Great series) -- Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- One Hundred Hungry Ants -- Elinor J. Pinczes
- Strega Nona: Her Story -- Tomie DePaola

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Level 1

- *Amelia Bedelia (and others of the Amelia Bedelia series) -- Peggy Parish
- Big Al -- Andrew Elborn
- Dear Mr. Blueberry -- Simon James
- *George and Martha Encore (and others of the George and Martha series) -- James Marshall
- The Golden Goose -- Dick King-Smith
- *Gregory, the Terrible Eater -- Mitchell Sharmat
- Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion (and others of the Horrible Harry series) -- Suzy Kline
- Hungry, Hungry Sharks -- Joanna Cole
- *Miss Nelson is Missing! (and others of the Miss Nelson series) -- Harry Allard
- The Perfect Pumpkin Pie -- Denys Cazet
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit -- Beatrix Potter
- Tales of Oliver Pig (and others of the Amanda and Oliver Pig series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen
- Tales from the Waterhole -- Bob Graham
- *Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole -- Wong Herbert Yee
- Wemberly Worried -- Kevin Henkes
- *What a Trip, Amber Brown -- Paula Danzinger

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Level M

- *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day -- Judith Viorst
- Boundless Grace -- Mary Hoffman
- Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs -- Judi Barrett
- Clues in the Woods -- Peggy Parish
- *Dinosaurs before Dark (and others of the Magic Tree House series) -- Mary Pope Osborne
- *Elmer and the Dragon -- Ruth Stiles Gannett
- *Freckle Juice -- Judy Blume
- The Gardener -- Sarah Stewart
- The Holly Joliday -- Megan McDonald
- Ivy + Bean (and others of the Ivy + Bean series) -- Annie Barrows
- *Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus (and others of the Junie B. Jones series) -- Barbara Park
- Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express -- Margaret Wetterer
- *The Littles (and others of the Littles series) -- John Lawrence Peterson
- Miss Rumphius -- Barbara Cooney
- *The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo -- Judy Blume
- The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey Snaggle
- Doodles (and others of the Kids of the Polk Street School series) -- Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid (and others of the Stink Moody series) -- Megan McDonald
- Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots (and others of the Adventures of the Bailey School Kids series) -- Debbie Dadey

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Level N

- 26 Fairmont Avenue -- Tomie DePaola
- *The Absent Author (and others of the A to Z Mysteries series) -- Ron Roy
- Andy and Tamika -- David Adler
- Chicken Sunday -- Patricia Polacco
- *The Enormous Crocodile -- Roald Dahl
- The Gadget War -- Betsy Duffy Goldie (and others of the Puppy Place series) -- Ellen Miles
- *Gooney Bird Green -- Lois Lowry
- The Grapes of Math: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles -- Greg Tang
- Hey, Al -- Arthur Yorinks
- *Invisible Stanley (and others of the Stanley Lambchop Adventure (Flat Stanley) series) -- Jeff Brown
- The Magic Finger -- Roald Dahl
- *The Pain and the Great One -- Judy Blume
- The Paperboy -- Dav Pilkey
- Smelly Socks -- Robert Munsch
- Trolls on Vacation -- Alan MacDonald
- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples Ears: A West African Tale -- Verna Aardema
- *Young Martin's Promise -- Walter Dean Myers

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Level

- Back to School Mallory (and others of the Mallory series) -- Laurie B. Friedman
- Beezus and Ramona (and others of the Ramona Quimby series) -- Beverly Cleary
- The Dinosaur Alphabet Book -- Jerry Pallotta
- Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What is an Adjective? -- Brian Cleary
- *The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet (and others of the Secrets of Droon series) -- Tony Abbott
- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle (and others of the Ralph S. Mouse series) -- Beverly Cleary
- The Mystery Bookstore (and others of the Boxcar Children Mysteries series) -- Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Pippi Longstocking (and others of the Pippi Longstocking series) -- Astrid Lindgren
- Rats! -- Jane Cutler
- Utterly Me, Clarice Bean -- Lauren Child

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Level P

- *97 Ways to Train a Dragon (and others of the Dragon Slayers' Academy series) -- Kate McMullan
- 100 Days and 99 Nights: A Novel -- Alan Madison
- 2095 (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
- The Battle for the Castle -- Elizabeth Winthrop
- The Best School Year Ever -- Barbara Robinson
- Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet -- Graham Salisbury
- Confetti Girl -- Diana Lopez
- The Diamond Champs -- Matt Christopher
- Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (and others of the Encyclopedia Brown series) -- Donald J. Sobel
- The Hundred Dresses -- Eleanor Estes
- Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World -- Mildred Pitts
- Walter Sam Samurai (and others of the Time Warp Trio series) -- Jon Scieszka
- The School Mouse -- Dick King-Smith
- Snot Stew -- Bill Wallace
- Stone Fox -- John Reynolds Gardiner
- Thank you, Jackie Robinson -- Barbara Cohen
- Who Stole the Wizard of Oz? -- Avi

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Level Q

- Anastasia at Your Service (and others of the Anastasia Krupnik series) -- Lois Lowry
- *Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery (and others of the Bunnicula series) -- Deborah and James Howe
- The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake (and others of the Cabin Creek Mysteries series) -- Kristiana Gregory
- The Cybil War -- Betsy Byars
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw -- Beverly Cleary
- Fourth-Grade Celebrity -- Patricia Reilly Giff
- The Great Quarterback Switch -- Matt Christopher
- Hannah of Fairfield (and others of the Pioneer Daughters series) -- Jean Van Leeuwen
- Happy Birthday, Samantha! : A Springtime Story (and others of The American Girls Collection series) -- Valerie Tripp
- *Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library -- Eth Clifford
- *James and the Giant Peach: A Children's Story -- Roald Dahl
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins -- Richard Atwater
- The Mystery of Merlin and the Gruesome Ghost (and others of the Humpty Dumpty Jr: Hardboiled Detective series) -- Nate Evans
- *Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street -- Roni Schotter
- Oggie Cooder -- Sarah Weeks
- *Pony on the Porch (and others of the Animal Ark series) -- Ben M. Baglio
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing -- Judy Blume
- *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs -- Jon Scieszka
- You Be the Jury -- Marvin Miller

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Level R

- *The 18th Emergency -- Betsy Cromer Byars
- *Attack of the Tagger -- Wendelin Van Draanen
- *Because of Winn-Dixie -- Kate DiCamillo
- Black Gold -- Marguerite Henry
- Caddie Woodlawn -- Carol Ryrie Brink
- *The Castle in the Attic -- Elizabeth Winthrop
- *The Celery Stalks at Midnight -- James Howe
- The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye (and others of the Chet Gecko Mystery series) -- Bruce Hale
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory -- Roald Dahl
- *Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator -- Roald Dahl
- *Charlotte's Web -- E. B. White
- Danger on Panther Peak -- Bill Wallace
- *Day of the Iguana (and others of the Hank Zipzer, the World's Greatest Underachiever series) -- Henry Winkler
- *Frindle -- Andrew Clements
- *Hatchet -- Gary Paulsen
- *The Homework Machine -- Dan Gutman
- *How to Eat Fried Worms -- Thomas Rockwell
- *The Indian in the Cupboard -- Lynne Reid Banks
- *The Monster's Ring -- Bruce Coville
- *Rules -- Cynthia Lord
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall -- Patricia MacLachlan
- *Shiloh -- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Snow Treasure -- Marie McSwigan
- Snowboard Showdown -- Paul Mantell
- *Strider -- Beverly Cleary
- Sun & Spoon -- Kevin Henkes

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LEVELS

- *A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray -- Ann M. Martin
- *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler -- E.L. Konigsburg
- The Good Dog -- Avi
- *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup -- Sharon Creech
- In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson -- Bette Lord
- Lily's Crossing -- Patricia Reilly
- Giff The Million Dollar Shot -- Dan Gutman
- My Life in Dog Years -- Gary Paulsen
- On My Honor -- Marion Dane Bauer
- Sahara Special -- Esme Raji Codell
- *Taking Sides -- Gary Soto
- Time for Andrew: A Ghost Story -- Mary Downing Hahn
- The Van Gogh Café -- Cynthia Rylant

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Level T

- Agnes Parker... Girl in Progress -- Kathleen O'Dell
- Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy -- Seymour Reit
- *Bud, Not Buddy -- Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Chasing Vermeer -- Blue Balliett
- Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and others of the Joey Pigza series) -- Jack Gantos
- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (and others of the Chronicles of Narnia series) -- C.S. Lewis
- *Love That Dog -- Sharon Creech
- Nory Ryan's Song -- Patricia Reilly Giff
- Notes from a Liar and Her Dog -- Gennifer Choldenko
- *Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief (and others of the Sammy Keyes series) -- Wendelin Van Draanen
- Shoeless Joe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure -- Dan Gutman
- Surviving the Applewhites -- Stephanie S. Tolan
- The Tiger's Apprentice -- Lauren Yep

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Level U

- *The BFG -- Roald Dahl
- Ella Enchanted -- Gail Carson Levine
- The Fledgling -- Jane Langton
- Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad -- Michael Martin
- *If You're Reading This, It's Too Late -- Pseudonymous Bosch
- Julie of the Wolves -- Jean Craighead George
- *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane -- Kate DiCamillo
- The Name of this Book is Secret -- Pseudonymous Bosch
- *Number the Stars -- Lois Lowry
- Ragweed -- Avi
- Report to the Principal's Office -- Jerry Spinelli
- Rosa Parks: My Story -- Rosa Parks
- *The Tale of Despereaux -- Kate DiCamillo
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Wizard of Oz -- Frank L. Baum

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