



Summer Reading List

Reading is one of the most important things learners can do during the summer months. Just a few minutes of reading each day helps strengthen vocabulary, comprehension, writing skills, creativity, and confidence while preparing learners for a successful school year.

The books included on the following pages have been carefully selected for each grade level and include a variety of engaging fiction, nonfiction, graphic novels, chapter books, and award-winning titles. These books were chosen to inspire curiosity, encourage a love of reading, and provide learners with opportunities to explore new ideas, characters, and adventures.

While learners are welcome to read any books that interest them throughout the summer, the Book Report must be completed using one of the books from the required reading list.

The book report may be completed at any point during the summer. This Summer Reading & Reflection Journal along with the assignments listed above should be submitted during the first week of school.

Most importantly, we hope learners discover new favorite books, develop a lifelong love of reading, and create wonderful memories with their families along the way.

Amazon List

Scan the QR code for an Amazon list with all of the books on our summer reading list.



Summer Reading Expectations

Learners should:

- Read throughout the summer.
- Complete their Summer Reading Log.
- Complete at least five Book Reflection Pages.



Parent Note

These grade levels are recommendations only. Learners are encouraged to select books that match their interests and reading abilities. Reading above or below the suggested grade level is perfectly acceptable if the book is a good fit for your learner.

Kindergarten

Be Kind

- by Pat Zietlow Miller

Help! A Story of Friendship

- by Holly Keller

The First Week of School

- by Drew Beckmeyer

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

- Eric Litwin

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

- Eric Carle

What Am I? Where Am I?

- Ted Lewin

First Grade

Frog and Toad Are Friends

- Arnold Lobel

Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin

- Duncan Tonatui

Quest for the Unicorn's Horn

- Elizabeth Pagel-Hogan

Hair Scare!

- John Sazaklis

Megalodon

- Janet Riehecky

Me on the Map

- Joan Sweeney

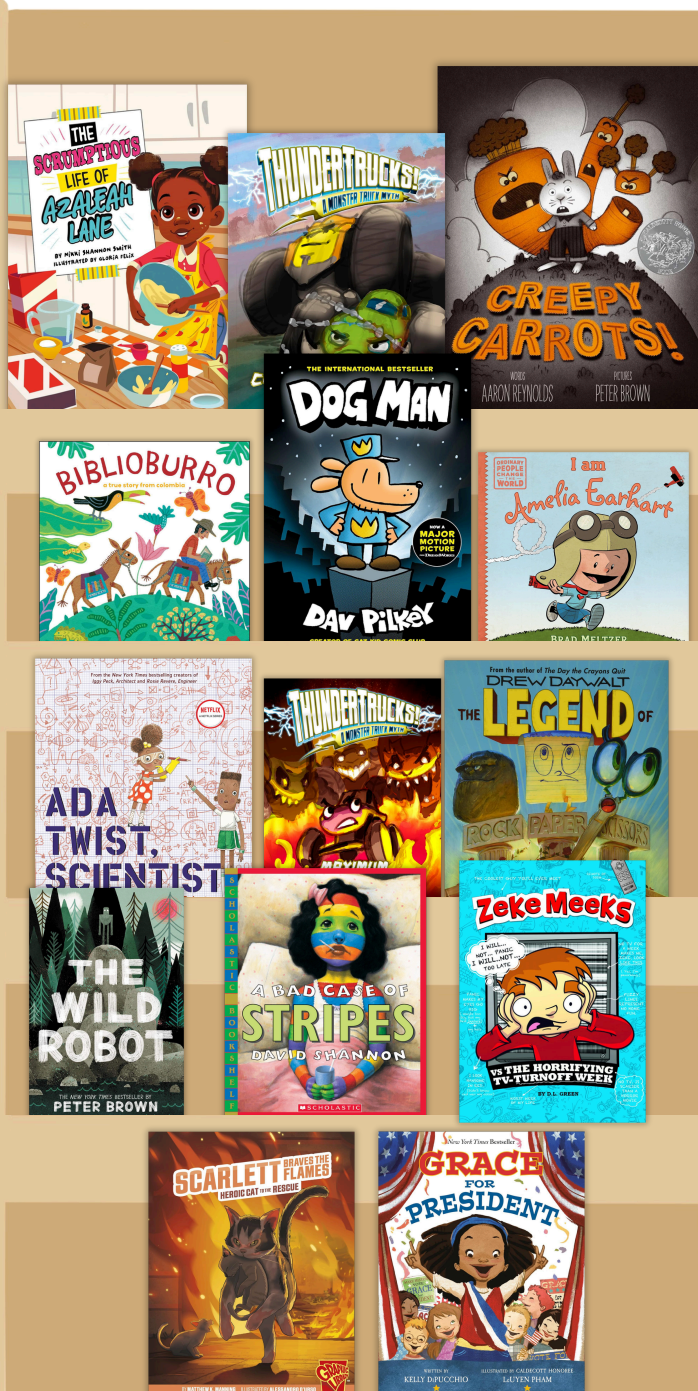
Police Officers

- Cari Meister



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Second Grade

The Scrumptious Life of Azaleah Lane

- Nikki Shannon Smith

Dog Man

- Dav Pilkey

Creepy Carrots!

- Aaron Reynolds

I Am Amelia Earhart

- Brad Meltzer

Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia

- Jeanette Winter

Maximum Horsepower!

- Blake Hoena

Colossal Course!

- Blake Hoena

Third Grade

Ada Twist, Scientist

- Andrea Beaty

Grace for President

- Kelly DiPucchio

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

- Drew Daywalt

The Wild Robot

- Peter Brown

A Bad Case of Stripes

- David Shannon

Zeke Meeks vs. the Horrifying TV-Turnoff Week

- D.L. Green

Scarlett Braves the Flames: Heroic Cat to the Rescue

- Matthew K. Manning



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Fourth Grade

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

- Jeff Kinney

Holes

- Louis Sachar

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

- Judy Blume

Wonder

- R.J. Palacio

Frindle

- Andrew Clements

Trombone Shorty

- Troy Andrews

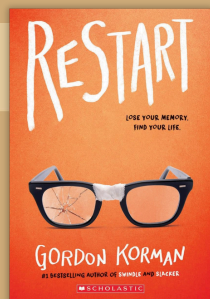
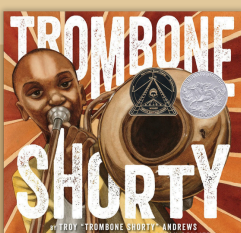
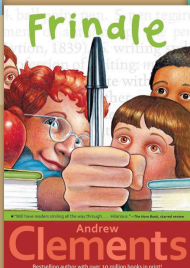
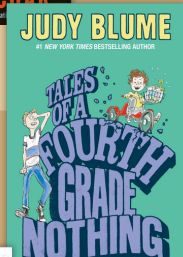
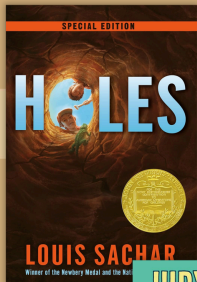
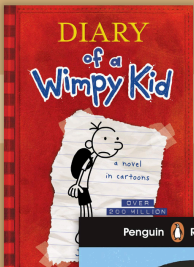
Fifth Grade

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Unabridged)

- C.S. Lewis

Restart

- Gordon Korman





Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

By Litwin, Eric

When Pete the Cat wears his new white shoes while walking down the street, stepping into piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other messes, his shoes change colors.

Frog and Toad Are Friends

By Lobel, Arnold

Follow the friendship of Frog and Toad and their adventures in the woods.

Help! A Story of Friendship

By Keller, Holly

Mouse falls into a hole that neither Hedgehog, Squirrel, nor Rabbit can help him out of.

Megalodon

By Riehecky, Janet

This book uses simple text and illustrations to describe the habitat, features and behavior of megalodon.

Me on the Map

By Sweeney, Joan

A child describes how her room, her house, her town, her state, and her country become part of a map of her world.

Quest for the Unicorn's Horn

By Pagel-Hogan, Elizabeth

A taste for sweets (and for adventure) leads Michael on a fantastic quest to retrieve a unicorn horn.

What Am I? Where Am I?

By Lewin, Ted

This easy reader introduces five animals and their habitats.

Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin

By Tonatiuh, Duncan

Two cousins, one in Mexico and one in New York City, write to each other and learn that even though their daily lives differ, at heart the boys are very similar.

Hair Scare!

By Sazaklis, John

Hattie finds brushing her hair an annoying problem because it gets tangled. When her Hairy Godfather changes her hair, she discovers that some things are much bigger problems than hair tangles.

The First Week of School

By Beckmeyer, Drew

An ensemble cast of characters in one classroom experience the first week of school, including one unexpected visitor.

Be Kind

By Miller, Pat Zietlow

This moving and thoughtful story explores what a child can do to be kind and how each act, big or small, can make a difference.

Police Officers

By Meister, Cari

This photo-illustrated book for early readers gives examples of how police officers fight crime and keep people safe.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

By Carle, Eric

Follow the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a large quantity of food (right through the pages), then wraps a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.



Ada Twist, Scientist

By Beaty, Andrea

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who shows perseverance by asking questions and performing experiments to find things out and to understand the world.

Colossal Course!

By Hoena, Blake

Watch the B-phon monster truck take on his toughest competition--himself. Can this ThunderTruck discover his special skill before he has a nervous breakdown?

The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

By Daywalt, Drew

This story tells how rock, paper, and scissors found each other and formed a battle game.

Grace for President

By DiPucchio, Kelly

Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American electoral system and sets out to be the best person for the job, even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes. Book #1

Maximum Horsepower!

By Hoena, Blake

Follow the legendary Hercules monster truck through the ultimate obstacle course. Will he overcome the twelve tremendous feats, or will they leave him exhausted?

Dog Man

By Pilkey, Dav

When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history and Dog Man is born. With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. Book #1

Creepy Carrots!

By Reynolds, Aaron

The carrots that grow in Crackenhopper Field are the fattest and crispiest around. Jasper Rabbit cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing

By Blume, Judy

Peter Hatcher has a terrible problem--his two-year-old little brother.

I Am Amelia Earhart

By Meltzer, Brad

Amelia Earhart dared to do what no one had ever done before and became the first woman to fly a plane across the Atlantic Ocean. This book follows her from childhood to her first flying lessons and career as a pilot. Text contains gender bias.

The Scrumptious Life of Azaleah Lane

By Smith, Nikki Shannon

Azaleah and her sisters are delighted to spend a weekend at Auntie Sam's while their parents are away, but the cookies Azaleah tries to bake are awful, and she is determined to learn why. Book #3

The Wild Robot

By Brown, Peter

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.



Zeke Meeks vs. the Horrifying TV-Turnoff Week

By Green, D.L.

It is TV-Turnoff Week, and Zeke and his friends are wondering what they will do with their time without their favorite programs and videogames.

Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia

By Winter, Jeanette

Based on a true story, Luis has so many books in his little house in Colombia that he buys two donkeys and travels throughout the land bringing the joy of reading to children.

Holes

By Sachar, Louis

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune, which is attributed to a curse, Stanley is sent to a terrible correctional camp in the Texas desert. Book has violence.

Trombone Shorty

By Andrews, Troy

Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. The coauthor is Bill Taylor.

Scarlett Braves the Flames: Heroic Cat to the Rescue

By Manning, Matthew K.

Scarlett was a young mother and had recently given birth to her litter of kittens. When the fire threatened her babies, she risked her own life to save them.

Wonder

By Palacio, R.J.

Ten-year-old Auggie, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being homeschooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school, where he endures taunts and bullying and struggles to be seen as just another student.

Restart

By Korman, Gordon

Chase Ambrose forgets everything after falling off a roof and losing consciousness. He forgets his name & his parents. He forgets what he was doing on that roof. And he forgets he's the biggest bully at Hiawasse Middle School. Book has violence.

A Bad Case of Stripes

By Shannon, David

Camilla Cream worries so much about what other people think of her that she's about to break out in a bad case of stripes. Text includes bullying.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

By Kinney, Jeff

Greg records his sixth-grade experiences in a school where he and his friend Rowley hope to survive as undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily. When Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take measures to save their friendship. Book #1

Frindle

By Clements, Andrew

When Nick Allen decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, he cleverly invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Unabridged)

By Lewis, C.S.

Four children enter the land of Narnia. There they must help Aslan, the noble lion, free Narnia from the spell of the White Witch. Book #2