



Reading over the summer months is fun and also helps to keep your child ready for school in September. The list of books is only a suggested list to encourage reading throughout the summer. There are no assignments connected to summer reading. Feel free to pick a book from either grade level list based on your child's interest. Also, reading together as a family is a great experience and highly encouraged. All of the local libraries can be a terrific resource.

For an extensive list we recommend this source from the New York Public Library: <https://www.nypl.org/books-more/recommendations/125/kids?f%5B0%5D=terms%3AAges%208-12>

Entering Grade 5 Reading List

Historical Fiction

Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpugo

Adventure

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Realistic Fiction

Crossover by Kwame Alexander

Mystery

Coraline by Neil Gaiman

Al Capone Does My Shirts (series)

Biography

El Deafo by Cici Bell

Who Was/Who Is Series

Many great titles including Jackie Robinson, Benedict Arnold, LEGO, Harriet Tubman

Fantasy

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Entering 6th Grade Reading List

NON-FICTION

Misunderstood: Why the Humble Rat May Be Your Best Pet Ever by Rachel Toor

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

How They Choked: Failures, Flops and Flaws of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg

Kid Artists: True Tales of Childhood from Creative Legends by David Stabler

Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team that Changed a Town by Warren St. John

FICTION

Mayday by Karen Harrington (realistic fiction)

Pax by Sara Pennypacker (realistic fiction)

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown (realistic fiction)

Cloud and Wallfish by Anne Nesbit (historical fiction)

Saving Lucas Biggs by Marisa De Los Santos (fantasy)

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill (fantasy)

The Gallery by Laura Marx Fitzgeralds (mystery)

The Blackthorn Key by Kevin Sands (thriller)

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell (adventure)

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (sports)

The Contract by Derek Jetter (sports)

Hideout by Watt Key (mystery)

Loot by Jude Watson (mystery)

A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen (historical fiction)

Restart by Gordon Korman (historical fiction)