

Summer Reads for **PRIMARY GRADES**

Recommended books for students entering **PreK through second grade**

<i>Books</i>				
Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Lexile/ Reading Level
Goyangi Means Cat	Christine McDonnell	An understanding cat helps a young Korean girl adjust to her new home in America.	2011	AD 520L Ages 5-8
Extra Yarn	Mac Barnett	With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.	2012	AD 620L Ages 5-7
Georgia in Hawaii	Amy Novesky	In 1939, artist Georgia O'Keeffe creates nearly twenty paintings as she tours the Hawaiian islands, but refuses to paint pictures of pineapples the way her sponsors tell her to.	2012	Ages 5-8
Penny and Her Song	Kevin Henkes	Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.	2012	Ages 3-7
A Ball for Daisy	Chris Raschka	A wordless picture book showing the fun a dog has with her ball, and what happens when it is lost.	2011	Ages 3-7
Blackout	John Rocco	When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find they enjoy spending time together and not being too busy for once.	2011	BR Ages 5-8
Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site	Sherri Duskey Rinker	At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.	2011	AD 820L Ages 5-7
The Twins' Blanket	Hyewon Yum	Two twin girls, who have always shared everything, sleep in separate beds with their own blankets for the first time.	2011	AD 330L Ages 5-7
Sneezenesia	Deb Lucke	Young Zack sneezes so hard, over and over, that he sneezes all memories out of his head, leaving everything he once knew standing before him, trying to figure out how to get back inside.	2010	Ages 4-8
Shark vs. Train	Chris Barton	A shark and a train compete in a series of contests on a seesaw, in hot air balloons, bowling, shooting baskets, playing hide-and-seek, and more, as two boys play.	2010	AD 220L Ages 5-8
Cooking with Henry and Elliebelly	Carolyn Parkhurst	Five-year-old Henry, along with his two-year-old sister, pretend to make waffles on a make-believe television show	2010	Ages 4-8



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Title	Author	Summary	Copyright	Lexile/ Reading Level
A Beach Tail	Karen Lynn Williams	When his father tells him not to leave the lion he is drawing on the beach, a little boy starts making a very, very long tail--and a trail to follow back.	2010	AD 470L Ages 5-8
Adventures of an Aluminum Can: A Story about Recycling	Alison Inches	Peek into this diary of an aluminum can as it goes on a journey from the manufacturing line to the store shelf to a little girl's home to a garbage can and finally to a recycling plant, where it emerges into its new life...as a baseball bat!	2009	Ages 5-8
Manana, Iguana	Ann Whitford Paul	Iguana, Conejo, Tortuga, and Culebra are excited about having a spring party, but only Iguana is willing to do any of the work. Includes a glossary of Spanish words used.	2008	AD 370L
Bean Thirteen	Matthew McElligott	Two bugs, Ralph and Flora, try to divide thirteen beans so that the unlucky thirteenth bean disappears, but they soon discover that the math is not so easy.	2007	320 L
When Dinosaurs Came with Everything	Elise Broach	Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.	2007	380L

Popular Series

Title	Author	Summary	Additional Information
<u>Elephant & Piggie</u>	Willems, Mo	Two friends with very distinct personalities entertain young readers and their parents. The award winning series is ideal for beginning readers.	http://cdn.dolimg.com/explore/PM/Pages/DCOM/books/catalog/Printable/Elephant & Piggie TG.pdf
Dog & Bear	Vaccaro Seeger	Dog and Bear are two friends who learn a lot from each other. Children love the illustrations and the colorful characters.	
<u>The Toon Books</u>	Various authors	The toon books are written in comic book form with storylines about friendship, family, and school. The graphic style is popular with children and adults.	http://www.toon-books.com/classroom.php
<u>Bink & Gollie</u>	Kate DiCamillo	Two girls who are very different become friends and have many adventures. They learn their differences are what make them such a good pair.	http://www.binkandgollie.com/images/BinkGollie_guide2.pdf
<u>Bear and Mouse</u>	Bonny Becker	Bear and Mouse drive each other crazy, but always seem to stay friends in the end. These stories are fun to read out loud and children love to predict what Bear and Mouse will do next.	
Dodsworth	Tim Egan	Follow Dodsworth and his duck on their journeys to various cities around the world. These stories are humorous and entertaining while also introducing children to major capitals of the world.	
Mr. Putter and Tabby	Cynthia Rylant	These stories follow a man and his tabby cat on a variety of adventures. The beginning chapter books are perfect for readers who are ready to read on their own.	http://www.theteachersguide.com/booklessons/mrputtera ndtabby/mrputter.htm
<u>Biscuit</u>	Alyssa Satin Capucilli	Children love to read these tales about an adorable puppy.	
<u>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa</u>	Erica Silverman	This series follows the ranch life of Cowgirl Kate and her spunky horse Cocoa. Cocoa is a very spirited horse who has a mind of his own.	



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FAVORITE AUTHORS						
<u>Mo Willems</u>	<u>Eric Carle</u>	<u>Jan Brett</u>	<u>Leo Lionni</u>	<u>Kevin Henkes</u>	<u>John Scieszka</u>	<u>Eric Kimmel</u>
<u>David Shannon</u>	<u>Bill Martin Jr.</u>	<u>Laura Numeroff</u>	<u>Margaret and H.A. Rey</u>	<u>Mac Barnett</u>	<u>Doreen Cronin</u>	<u>Ludwig Bemelmans and John Bemelmans Marciano</u>

FAVORITE WEBSITES	
<u>San Antonio Public Library</u> – the public library hosts events all summer long and has numerous books for children.	http://www.mysapl.org/
<u>Starfall</u> – designed to help children master reading and phonics skills using a variety of interactive games.	http://www.starfall.com/
<u>Harper Collins Children’s Publishers</u> – interactive games, reading guides, activities for kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.	http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/
<u>Penguin Books for Young Readers</u> – games, videos, and reading activities for kids, parents, teachers, and librarians.	http://us.penguin.com/static/pages/youngreaders/children/index.html
<u>Kids@Random</u> – A division of Random House with links to books, games, and activities.	http://www.randomhouse.com/kids/index.pperl
<u>Scholastic</u> – reading activities and links to many resources for children, teachers, parents, and librarians	http://www.scholastic.com/home
<u>Storyline Online</u> – Actors read favorite stories aloud.	http://www.storylineonline.net/