



### Primary Summer Reading Book List

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| Entering Grade | Summer Book List<br>(6/1 - 7/24 = 8 Weeks)  |
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| 1              | <p><a href="#">Abra Cadabra and the Tooth Witch</a> (Week 1): Before the tooth fairy existed, a grumpy old witch had the task of collecting children's teeth. After doing the job well for 600 years, the witch got tired and bored. When she loses a bag of teeth, the witch council decides she needs some help. They enlist a meek, younger witch named Abra Cadabra.</p> <p><a href="#">Bebe Goes Shopping</a> (Week 1): A quick trip to the supermercado? Not with Bebe in the shopping cart. Snatching the grocery list and picking out chocolate-covered pickles, he's not being very helpful.</p> <p><a href="#">Night Boy</a> (Week 2): Night is a boy who knows it's much more fun to play than go to sleep. When the sun sets, he travels through the night sky in a spaceship with his teddy. Night's favorite game is hide-and-go-seek, which he plays each evening with his older sister, Day. But why can't he ever find her?</p> <p><a href="#">Turtle, Turtle, Watch Out!</a> (Week 2): Sea turtles face many dangers as they grow, eat, travel, and breed. In this dramatization of one female turtle's challenges, acclaimed nature writer April Pulley Sayre highlights the role that humans have in helping this endangered species.</p> <p><a href="#">Not 'Til Tomorrow Phoebe</a> (Week 3): Phoebe's day is full of tomorrows: Mama says they can make pancakes, her teacher announces musicians will visit the class, and Phoebe will get ice cream after her haircut—but none of it 'til tomorrow. Phoebe feels frustrated and impatient. Why can't these good things happen right now?</p> <p><a href="#">A Ticket Around the World</a> (Week 3): Join a young boy as he hops around the globe, visiting friends in 13 different countries spanning all 6 populated continents.</p> <p><a href="#">Diary of a Fly</a> (Week 4): This is the diary...of a fly. A fly who, when she's not landing on your head or swimming in your soup, is trying to escape her 327 brothers and sisters who are driving her crazy!</p> <p><a href="#">Home For Pearl Squirrel</a> (Week 4): Pearl learns about the different types of homes and habitats in which her woodland friends live and play. Diversity is explored and championed in this tale of self-appreciation. H</p> <p><a href="#">Let's Do Nothing</a> (Week 5): Frankie and Sal have already played every sport and board game invented, baked and eaten batches of cookies, and painted a zillion pictures. What's left to do? Nothing! Ten seconds of nothing! Can they do it?</p> |

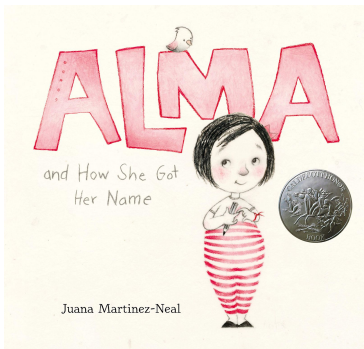
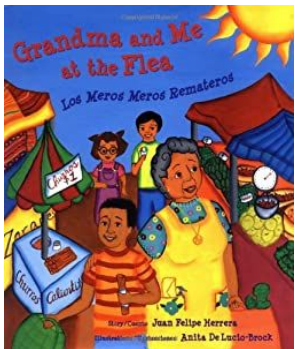
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|   | <p><a href="#">Little Boy</a> (Week 5): The simple playthings, the everyday moments, picking up that hundredth rock -- all of these are brimming with possibility...if you slow down and let the future begin with the small moments of today.</p> <p><a href="#">A Camping Spree With Mr. McGee</a> (Week 6): Mr. Magee and his trusty dog, Dee, are enjoying a peaceful camping trip when all of a sudden they find themselves plunging down a mountain and teetering on the edge of a huge waterfall! How will they find their way out of this slippery situation?</p> <p><a href="#">Snap!</a> (Week 6): Snap! Scritch! Whoosh! There goes another crayon! What could be more perfect than a brand new set of crayons? Evan can't wait to use them, until Snap!, the brown one breaks in two. Evan discovers that even with just a few crayons, he can create new and exciting art—his imagination is the only tool he needs.</p> <p><a href="#">The Man With The Violin</a> (Week 7): "The Man with the Violin" is based on the true story of Joshua Bell, the renowned American violinist who famously took his instrument down into the Washington D.C. subway for a free concert.</p> <p><a href="#">The Best Mariachi in the World</a> (Week 7): Everyone in Gustavo's family is in a mariachi band . . . Everyone except Gustavo, that is. Gustavo would love to join the band, but he can't play any of the instruments.</p> <p><a href="#">Clever Beatrice</a> (Week 8:) What happens when a very little girl makes a bet with a very LARGE giant?</p>  |
| 2 | <p><a href="#">Can Hens Give Milk</a> (Week 1): On Tova's farm, anything might be possible. Tova's farm has hens and even a rooster, but no cow. Her mother, Rivka, wishes they could afford to buy a cow, so they could have fresh milk and butter every day. One night Tova's father has a dream about how to get milk without actually owning a cow. What will happen next?</p> <p><a href="#">Angus All Aglow</a> (Week 1): Angus loves sparkly things, so much so that he can hear them. His unique ability is lost, however, when Angus wears his grandma's beaded necklace to school, and his classmates tease him for his atypical choice. Saddened by their laughter, Angus stops hearing the sparkle.</p> <p><a href="#">From Far Away</a> (Week 2): This story is based on the real-life experience of Saoussan Askar, who emigrated with her family from war-torn Lebanon when she was seven years old.</p> <p><a href="#">The Ghost Catcher</a> (Week 2): This story is a retelling of a traditional Bengali tale in which a kind and generous Indian barber, pressed by his father and then his wife to earn more money, cleverly persuades a ghost to bring him riches.</p> <p><a href="#">Whale's World</a> (Week 3): A Whale's World follows a pod of spy-hopping orcas as they explore the ecosystems of the Great Bear Sea while hunting for their next meal. Past rocky shores and through kelp forests, they observe foraging wolves, hungry grizzly bears, curious black bears, graceful fin whales, splashing porpoises, slippery seals and other members of the Pacific coastal food web.</p> <p><a href="#">Animals in Camouflage</a> (Week 3): Incredible illustrations highlight this striking book introducing animals in camouflage. The lush illustrations alone will enthrall readers, but clues to seven remarkably well-hidden animals will draw them into new worlds.</p> <p><a href="#">Geronimo Stilton, Volume 5: The Great Ice Age</a> (Week 4): When Geronimo's nemeses the Pirate Cats try to travel through time to the year 1889, they accidentally end up in 37993 BC! When the cats meet their Neanderthal ancestors, they hear the</p> |

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|   | <p>legend of a Giant Woolly Mammoth and come up with a plan to capture it and bring it back to the present, making them famous for all time. Geronimo must travel to the Ice Age to stop the cats from changing history forever!</p> <p><a href="#">Castle on Hester Street</a> (Week 5): A flying goat, buttons the size of sleds, and a castle on Hester Street are some of the widely imaginative stories Julie's grandpa tells her about his journey from Russia to New York many years ago. But Grandma's no-nonsense memories are far different from Grandpa's tall tales.</p> <p><a href="#">Pet Peeves</a> (Week 6) :Dennis has a great idea for making money. But it won't work unless he can get his bossy big brother to help out. That's no easy job!</p> <p><a href="#">Siblings</a> (Week 6): Sometimes they make us crazy, but brothers and sisters can be one of the best parts of growing up.</p> <p><a href="#">A Sack Full of Feathers</a> (Week 7): Yankel loves to tell stories, as long as they are someone else's. He does not see the hurt that his stories cause, the way they spread and change. Then the rabbi hands him a bag of feathers and tells him to place one on every doorstep in the village. Yankel is changed by what happens and finds himself with his best story yet, one of his very own.</p> <p><a href="#">Enemy Pie</a> (Week 8): It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie. But part of the secret recipe is spending an entire day playing with the enemy! In this funny yet endearing story, one little boy learns effective recipes for turning your best enemy into your best friend.</p> <p><a href="#">Odd Velvet</a> (Week 8): Velvet is odd. Instead of dolls that talk and cry, Velvet brings a milkweed pod for show and tell. She wins the class art contest using only an eight-pack of crayons. She likes to collect rocks. Even her name is strange—Velvet! But as the school year unfolds, the things Velvet does and the things that Velvet says slowly begin to make sense. And, in the end, Velvet's classmates discover that being different is what makes Velvet so much fun.</p> |
| 3 | <p><a href="#">Lark Holds the Key</a> (2 weeks): It's the third day of summer vacation, and Lark's halmoni—that's Korean for grandmother—has promised to take Lark and her twin brother, Connor, to the library. Only trouble is, they arrive to discover that the town librarian is missing her key to the library. Lucky for her, Lark just happens to be a budding private eye. Can rookie detectives Lark and Connor solve this mystery and recover the lost key?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 1: Chapters 1-8</li> <li>• Week 2: Chapters 9-16</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Something's Fishy</a> (2 Weeks): Jamie loves sharks. He reads about them. He talks about them. Sometimes he even pretends to be a shark. Too bad no one else wants to join his Shark Club. His peers and parents are quickly growing tired of his current obsession. When Jamie's teacher, Mr. Claxton, brings in a new class pet, Jamie is put in charge. But Jamie has an accident while feeding it, and everyone becomes upset with him. He needs to find a way to make things right. In the end, he comes up with a solution that pleases both his teacher and classmates, a solution that also gives Jamie an opportunity to share his</p>  |

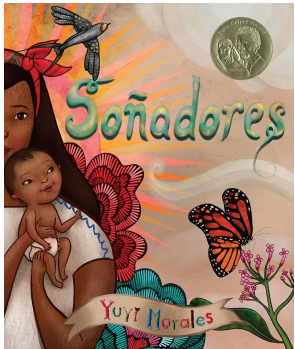
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|   | <p>newest obsession—lizards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 3: Chapters 1-5</li> <li>• Week 4: Chapters 6-10</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">West Meadow Detectives #1: The Case Of The Snack Snatcher</a> (2 weeks): Meet Myron: a third-grade detective who loves logic, facts and solving mysteries. He does not love new things. Unfortunately, everything is new this year: Myron has a new baby sister, his family has moved across town, and now he's starting his first day at a new school. But when the school kitchen is burgled, leaving the morning snacks nowhere to be found, Myron gets his chance to crack the case with help from his classmates from Resource Room 15. Myron's unique perspective from the autism spectrum makes him a top-notch sleuth. Similarly, the other kids in his resource room demonstrate creative problem solving and unique talents that come in handy for the case. Together with his detective partner, the hyper-energetic Hajrah, and tech-savvy Danielle, known as "Glitch," Myron gets to the bottom of the mystery — all while trying to avoid the school bully, Sarah "Smasher" McGuintley, who's intent on sabotaging their efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 5: Chapters 1-6</li> <li>• Week 6: Chapters 7-12</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Wild Cards</a> (2 weeks): Matt loves Monster Zap cards. No, no, Matt LOVES Monster Zap cards. He has Monster Zap toys, reads Monster Zap books and wears Monster Zap underwear. Matt and his friends like to trade the cards at school, as the schoolyard is so empty and dirty, there isn't much else for them to do at recess. But when kids start fighting over Monster Zap and the cards are banned, Matt realizes that the school has big problems, maybe even bigger problems than the fights the cards caused. With the help of their teacher, and a superhero in disguise, Matt and his classmates set out to save Monster Zap and end up doing a lot more than that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 7: Chapters 1-5</li> <li>• Week 8: Chapters 6-10</li> </ul> |
| 4 | <p><a href="#">Clara Humble and the Not-So-Secret-Powers</a> (4 weeks): Clara Humble may seem like your average fourth-grader who doesn't look before she leaps, but she has a secret: she thinks she might have superpowers. Which is convenient, because things aren't going so well for Clara. Students from rival R. R. Reginald are moving into her school for the term, and Clara's favorite neighbor, Momo, is moving to a faraway retirement home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 1: Chapters 1-3</li> <li>• Week 2: Chapters 4-7</li> <li>• Week 3: Chapters 8-10</li> <li>• Week 4: Chapters 11-13</li> </ul>   |

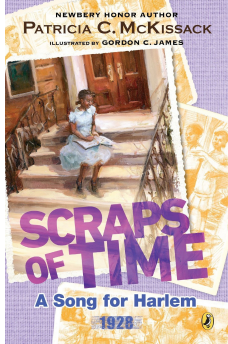

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|   | <p><a href="#">Off Season</a> (4 weeks): Basketball season may be over, but Nick and Kia are about to experience an adventure of a lifetime when they visit Nick's cousin, Ned, during their summer vacation. Though Ned is still more interested in bugs than basketball, his hoop skills are improving since he and his father built a court near their wilderness home. Nick and Kia are just beginning to appreciate the different life that Ned lives when disaster strikes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 5: Chapters 1-3</li> <li>• Week 6: Chapters 4-7</li> <li>• Week 7: Chapters 8-11</li> <li>• Week 8: Chapters 12-14</li> </ul>   |
| 5 | <p><a href="#">Count Me In</a> (4 weeks): Twelve-year-old Tabitha is less than thrilled when her parents send her on a hiking trip with her cousins, Ashley and Cedar, and her Aunt Tess. For one thing, she's not much of a hiker. And she's pretty sure her cousins hate her. But even Ashley can't blame Tabitha for everything that goes wrong: the weather turns ugly, a bear comes into the cabin, Ashley and Tess are injured and Max, the family's beloved dog, disappears. When rescue finally arrives, Tabitha realizes that she is no longer the timid, out-of-shape girl she used to be. She's become strong, resourceful and brave in the face of adversity—no matter what form it takes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 1: Chapters 1-4</li> <li>• Week 2: Chapters 5-9</li> <li>• Week 3: Chapters 10-14</li> <li>• Week 4: Chapters 15-18</li> </ul> <p><a href="#">Clara Humble Quiz Whiz</a> (4 weeks): Clara Humble, the winsome and über-confident fourth-grader who's been described as "Ramona Quimby meets Timmy Failure" is back for a second adventure. When Clara and her best friend, Bradley, discover their favorite game show, Smarty Pants —a mix of trivia and obstacle course stunts — is recruiting in their area, Clara is sure she'll be chosen. Fame and game-show glory will be hers... with Bradley's help, of course. Things get complicated when Bradley also earns a contestant spot on the show, and the friends are pitted against each other. It escalates into an epic schoolyard battle between boys and girls, and not everyone is playing fair. Will Clara and Bradley's friendship survive? Between the tension, sabotage, shenanigans, and Clara's comics featuring her alter ego @Cat, this is a flat-out funny, fast-paced read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week 1: Chapters 1-4</li> <li>• Week 2: Chapters 5-9</li> <li>• Week 3: Chapters 10-14</li> <li>• Week 4: Chapters 15-17</li> </ul> |

### Additional Recommended Books

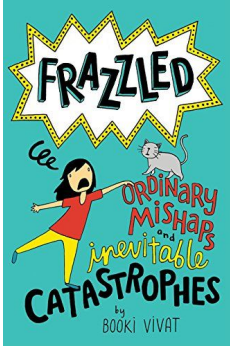
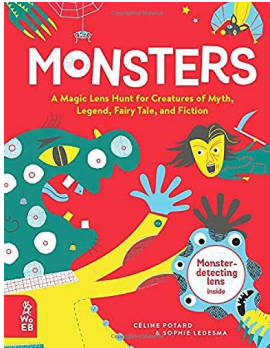
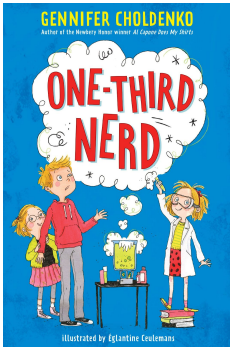
| For Students Entering Grades 1-3   |   |  |
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| Book Information   | Book Cover  | Book Description   |
| <i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i> by Juana Martinez-Neal                        |   | Alma is a little girl with a very big name: Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela. This picture book lovingly brings Alma's family history to life by providing tiny biographies of all the people who contribute to her name. The images are soft, delicate, and full of hidden gems for the reader to discover with multiple reads. |
| <i>Grandma and Me at the Flea/Los Meros Meros Remateros</i> by Juan Felipe Herrera |  | Every Sunday Juanito helps his grandma sell old clothes at el remate, the flea market. Juanito and his friends take part in Grandma's vision of the flea market as a place for helping and sharing as they romp from booth to sunny booth.   |

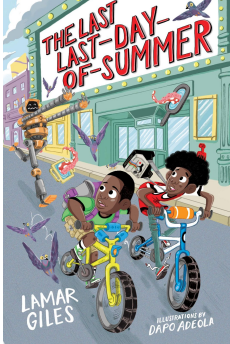
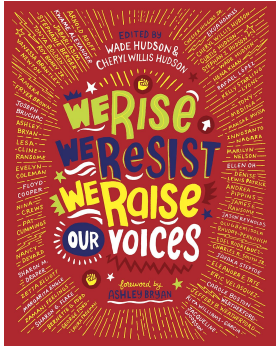


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| <p><i>Grandpa's Girls</i> by Nicola I Campbell</p>    |    | <p>Based on her own childhood memories, the author shares the story of a little girl and her cousins adventures and experiences visiting their grandpa's farm and learning more about his life.</p>  |
| <p><i>Soñadores</i> by Yuyi Morales</p>               |    | <p>Time and again, the United States fails to live up to its aspirations to be a country that embraces people, no matter where they are from. It is a dream that can come true, however, as we see in the splendid story that unfolds in this autobiographical picture book, and it is a loving tribute to libraries and all the children's books that are part of Morales's life.</p>         |
| <p><i>The Day You Begin</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</p> |  | <p>When a new school year begins, Angelina is worried that nobody will be like her. When others share stories about their summer travels, she feels even more different but then remembers the places she went, by reading stories to her little sister. She shares her story, and makes a friend with a boy who also felt different. Their confidence radiates in a new-found friendship.</p> |

| For Students Entering Grades 4-5                                      |   |  |
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| Book Information  |   | Book Description   |
| <p><i>A Song for Harlem: Scraps of Time</i> by Patricia McKissack</p> |   | <p>After being accepted into a summer writing program, Lilly Belle, a young girl from a small town in Tennessee, travels to Harlem to be instructed by the writer Zora Neale Hurston during the summer of 1928. Through the summer writing program she learns not only about writing, but also about friendships and her own character as well as the character of others. CU: This book could be used for teaching about the Harlem Renaissance and where ideas and voice come from when writing.</p> |
| <p><i>Dactyl Hill Squad</i> by Daniel José Older</p>                  |  | <p>The storytelling in this fantasy makes it believable that there are dinosaurs on earth during the Civil War. Little known episodes from history bring the teen squad together. Led by Mags, who can communicate with the dinosaurs, the children set out to do battle in NYC in this first of a trilogy that ends with the squad on the back of a pterodactyl, flying south.</p>  |



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| <p><i>Frazzled: Ordinary Mishaps and Inevitable Catastrophes (Book 2)</i> by Booki Vivat</p>   |    | <p>Through honest and hilarious text and illustrations, a pre-teen girl faces the ups and downs of being a middle child and being in middle school.</p>   |
| <p><i>Monsters: A Magic Lens Hunt for Creatures of Myth, Legend, Fairy Tale, and Fiction</i> by Celine Potard and Sophie Ledesma</p> |    | <p>Humans all over the world have thought about monsters since time started. Take out the magic lens tucked into a front pocket to explore double-page spreads to meet monsters in fact and fiction. They range from castle monsters to space monsters with lots in between. Monster parts and pieces are appended to facilitate monster creation. This clever book is to engage monster-lovers for hours.</p>    |
| <p><i>One-Third Nerd</i> by Gennifer Choldenko</p>   |  | <p>Fifth-grader, Liam, is the oldest of the three with two younger sisters. Confident Dakota is a third grader just waiting until she can cure cancer; friendly second grader, Izzy, is a hugger and notices things that other kids miss. Their parents are divorced and money is tight. Can the kids figure out what is causing their beloved dog to urinate on the apartment's carpet – before the landlord</p> |

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|   |   | evicts them?  |
| <p><i>The Last, Last Day of Summer</i> by Lamar Giles</p>                                     |   | <p>Magic and mischief exist in the Legendary Alston Boys Virginia town. Can they thwart Mr. Flux's intentions — and ability to freeze time when he takes a snapshot with his camera? This fantastic adventure, populated by likeable characters, is fast, funny and filled with twists and turns, just right for summer.</p>        |
| <p><i>We Rise. We Resist. We Raise Our Voices</i> by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson</p> |  | <p>An anthology of poems, short stories, personal essays, and artwork by indigenous creators and creators of color that explores the struggles of the past through the experiences of those who lived through them and offers reassurance, encouragement, advice, and hope for young people facing our current political crisis</p> |