

Top Ten Ways to Pick a Good Book

10. Look at the title, as well as the cover of the book to see if it interests you.
9. Read the description of the book to see if it makes you want to read more.
8. Read the first sentence, paragraph, or page and ask yourself if you would like to read more.
7. Do you enjoy reading a mystery, adventure, scary book, sports story, biography, etc.? Choose a book from your favorite genre.
6. Is there a series that you enjoy? Make sure you have read them all!
5. Is there an author you enjoy? Try another one of his/her books.
4. Try the Five Finger Test:
Pick a page in the middle of the book and read, if you do not know a word, put a finger down. At the end of the page, if you end up with five fingers down, try another book.
3. Ask your teacher or media specialist for a recommendation.
2. Have you seen a movie that you enjoyed? The book is usually better!
1. Ask your friends if they have read any good books lately!

Open A Book

By Jane Baskwill

Open a book
And you will find
People and places of every kind
Open a book
And you can be
Anything that you want to be:
Open a book
And you can share
Wondrous worlds you find in there
Open a book
And I will too
You read to me
And I'll read to you.

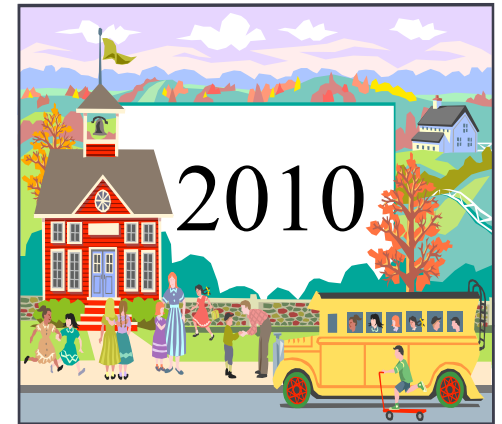


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Suggested Elementary Summer Reading List



Books to the Ceiling
By Arnold Lobel

Books to the ceiling
Books to the sky
My piles of books are a mile high
How I love them
How I need them
I'll have a long beard by the time
I read them

Kindergarten – 1st Grade

Clifford the Big Red Dog (SERIES)
Bridwell, Norman
Arthur and the New Kid (SERIES)
Brown, Marc
Fly Away Home (& OTHER TITLES)
Bunting, Eve
Biscuit (SERIES)
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin
Click, Clack Moo: Cows that Type (SERIES)
Cronin, Doreen
Olivia
Falconer, Ian
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
Henkes, Kevin
Frog & Toad (SERIES)
Lobel, Arnold
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (SERIES)
Numeroff, Felicia
Henry and Mudge (SERIES)
Rylant, Cynthia
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten
Slate, Joseph
Fancy Nancy (SERIES)
O'Connor, Jane
Make Way for Ducklings
McCloskey, Robert
Danny the Dinosaur (SERIES)
Hoff, Syd
Fluffy (SERIES)
McMullan, Kate
Where the Wild Things Are
Sendak, Maurice
Walter the Baker (& OTHER TITLES)
Carle, Eric
Hop on Pop (& OTHER TITLES)
Dr. Suess
Giraffes Can't Dance
Andreae, Giles
The Snail and the Whale
Donaldson, Julia
Pinkalicious
Kann, Victoria and Elizabeth

2nd – 3rd Grade

Cam Jansen (SERIES)
Adler, David
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs
Barrett, Judi
The Kid Who Only Hit Homers (& OTHER TITLES)
Christopher, Matt
Amber Brown (SERIES)
Danzinger, Paula
Big Anthony (& OTHER TITLES)
de Paola, Tomie
Polk Street School (SERIES)
Giff, Patricia R.
Horrible Harry (SERIES)
Kline, Suzy
Judy Moody (SERIES) and Stink (SERIES)
McDonald, Megan
The Paperbag Princess
Munsch, Robert
Zen Shorts
Muth, Jon
Magic Tree House (SERIES)
Osborne, Mary Pope
Thunder Cake (& OTHER TITLES)
Palacco, Patricia
Amelia Bedelia (SERIES)
Parrish, Peggy
Marvin Redpost (SERIES)
Sachar, Louis
Nate the Great (SERIES)
Sharmat, Marjorie W.
The Giant & the Beanstalk
Stanley, Diane
Brave Irene
Steig, William
The Boxcar Children (SERIES)
Warner, Gertrude C.
Pinky and Rex (SERIES)
Howe, James
Ivy & Bean
Barrows, Annie
Nancy Drew Notebooks (and Clue Crew)
Keene, Carolyn
Geronimo Stilton (SERIES)
Stilton, Geronimo

4th – 5th Grade

American Girl (SERIES)
Various
Something Upstairs (& OTHER TITLES)
Avi
Macaroni Boy
Ayres, Katherine
Runt, A Bear Named Trouble
Bauer, Marion Dane
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Blume, Judy
Ramona Quimby (SERIES)
Cleary, Beverly
Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher (Magic Shop Book Series)
Coville, Bruce
Tale of Desperaux
DiCamillo, Kate
The Conch Bearer
Divakaruni, Chitra
The City of Ember (SERIES)
DuPrau, Jeanne
Once Upon a Marigold
Ferris, Jean
The Million Dollar Shot
Gutman, Dan
Thunder from the Sea
Harlow, Joan H.
Meg Mackintosh Mysteries
Landon, Lucinda
Anastasia (SERIES)
Lowry, Lois
The River (SERIES)
Paulsen, Gary
The Boy Who Saved Baseball
Ritter, John
Abel's Island
Steig, William
Jumanji
VanAllsburg, Chris
Shredderman (SERIES)
Van Draanen, Wendelin
Warriors (SERIES)
Hunter, Erin
Alex Rider Series
Horowitz, Anthony