

Bloomfield Schools Summer Reading Lists (Summer 2007)

Summer Shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially reading! Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills.

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and appreciate the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be enjoyable!

Here are a few ideas to make summer reading more fun!

- Keep books in the car and make sure a good book gets packed in a sports bag and backpack.
- Get your child his/her own library card
- Have plenty of books, books on tape, magazines and other reading material around for kids to read.
- Connect reading with other summer activities. For example: Read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing; Read it, then do it. If your child wants to learn something new (i.e. juggling, magic tricks, computer games) have him/her read the instructions and then give it a try!; Point out road signs, billboards, etc on road trips.

Think about what your kids may be learning next year when you plan the family vacation. Talk with teachers to find out what they'll be covering in class. If it's a unit on the civil war, for example, you may want to schedule a visit to Gettysburg. If it's geology, visit a national park. Read up on the history of your destination, in addition to reading about the local sites while making an itinerary.

Keep math in mind. Since kids lose more math skills than anything else over the summer, try to do some special planning to find math-related activities. Making change while shopping and measuring while cooking are valuable math lessons. Cooking with children also gives them practical reading practice when reading recipes.

The [Bloomfield Public Library](#) has a great Summer Reading Program. Call the library at 973-566-6200x212 for more details.

Surf's Up! Great websites to surf this summer:

<http://www.kidsreads.com>: A great place to find info about your favorite books, series and authors. Games, contests and more.

<http://www.gigglepoetry.com>: A site full of funny poems. You can even write your own!

[National Geographic Kids: http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer](http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngexplorer)
Classroom magazine the online version. A great site to keep on the news. Articles, adventures and more! You can even post your own book reviews!

<http://www.funology.com>: The science of having fun: Boredom busters for the whole summer. This site include magic tricks, optical illusions, brainteasers, trivia, secret codes and so much more!

Grades 1 & 2

Recommended Books

Auch	Princess & the Pizza	O'Connell	Fold me a Poem
Barrett	Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs	Polacca	My Rotten Red Headed Brother
Brett	Hedgie's Surprise	Rylant	Mr. Putter and Tabby
Carle	10 Little Rubber Ducks	Sabuda	Enclopedia Prehistorica Dinosaurs
Cazet	Minnie and Moo	Shannon	No David!
Cohen	Second Grade friends	Small	Imogene's Antlers
Cronin	Diary of a Worm	Steig	Sylvester & the Magic Pebble
Cushman	Inspector Hopper	Stevens	The Great Fuzz Frenzy
Ehlert	The Leaf Man	Van Allsburg	The Z was Zapped!
Fleming	Sunny Boy! The Life & Times of a Tortoise	Viorst	Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Hobble	Toot and Puddle	Waber	Lyle, Lyle Crocodile
Huck	Princess Furball	Wells	Noisy Nora
Jenkins	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This	Williams	A Chair for my Mother
Juster	Hello, Goodbye Window	Willems	Knuffle Bunny
Kraus	Leo the Late Bloomer	Willems	Pigeon Drive the Bus
McKissack	Goin' Someplace Special	Wiseman	Morris and Boris
Osborne	Kate and the Beanstalk	Wood	The Napping House
Rathmann	Officer Buckle and Gloria	Woodson	Show Way
Martin	Rough Face Girl	Woodson	The Other Side
Meddaugh	Martha Speaks	Yolen	Owl Moon
Munsch	Paper Bag Princess		

Great Read-Alouds

Bemmelmans, L	Madeline	Sendak, Maurice	Chicken Soup with Rice
Cannon, Janell	Stellaluna	Slobodkina, Esphyr	Caps for Sale
Martin Jr., Bill	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Williams, Margery	Velveteen Rabbit
Polacco, Patricia	John Philip Duck	Williams, Vera	A Chair for My Mother

Recommended Authors

Asch, Frank	Crews, Donald	Henkes, Kevin	Munsch, Robert	Sendak, Maurice
Brett, Jan	DePaola, Tomie	Hoban, Russell	Numeroff, Laura	Seuss, Dr.
Brown, Marc	Eastman, P.D.	Kellogg, Steven	Palatini, Margie	Steig, William
Bunting, Eve	Ehlert, Lois	Lionni, Leo	Polacco, Patricia	Viorst, Judith
Carle, Eric	Freeman, Don	Marshall, James		

Series Books

Adler	Young Cam Jansen	Hoff	Danny & the Dinosaur	Parrish	Amelia Bedelia
Berenstain	The Berenstain Bears	Howe	Pinky and Rex	Rey	Curious George
Bourgeois	Franklin	Lobel	Frog and Toad	Rylant	Henry and Mudge
Bridwell	Clifford	London	Froggy	Sharmat	Nate the Great
Brown	Arthur	Marshall	Fox Series	Swineburne	Unbeatable Beaks
Capucilli	Biscuit		George & Martha	Van Leeuwen	Amanda Pig Series
Freeman	Corduroy	Osborne	Magic Tree House	Wilder	My First Little House
Hoban	Frances	Park	Junie B. Jones	Yolen	Commander Toad
				Zion	Harry the Dirty Dog

Non Fiction

Adler	Picture book of...(biographies)	Prelutsky	Poetry
Cole	Any Magic School Bus	Schwartz	How Much is a Million?
Gibbons	Many selections	Silverstein	Poetry

Tip: How will parents know if the book their child selects is "just right" for independent reading? Listen to your child read a page. Use the "five finger" rule: for every word not known, put up one finger. If you reach five fingers before you are finished with the page, the book is not right for your child yet.

Grades 3 & 4

Reading recommendations: Summer is a great time to start those more challenging books you have been longing to read!

*Aiki	Dinosaur Bones	Howe	Bunnicula
* Allard	Miss Nelson is Missing	King-Smith	The School Mouse
Atwater	Mr. Popper's Penguins	Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
Ballard	Finding the Titanic	Lowry	Gooney Bird Greene
Banks	Indian in the Cupboard	MacLachlan	Sarah, Plain and Tall
Barrett	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Muth	Zen Shorts
Barrie	Peter Pan	Naylor	Shiloh
*Blume	Freckle Juice; SuperFudge	Norton	The Borrowers
Catling	The Chocolate Touch	Parish	Amelia Bedelia
*Cleary	Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Paterson	The Great Gilly Hopkins
	Mouse & the Motorcycle	Peck	Soup
Clements	Lunch Money	Polacco	Thank You, Mr. Falker
Creech	Granny Torrelli Makes Soup	Prelutsky	Pizza the Size of the Sun
Delton	Pee Wee Scouts	Rockwell	How to Eat Fried Worms
DiCamillo	Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Sachar	Wayside School
	Mercy Watson to the Rescue	Smith	Marvin Redpost
Dahl	Matilda	Sobol	John, Paul, George & Ben
Erickson	The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog	*Strasser	Encyclopedia Brown
	Aliens for Lunch	*Thaler	Help, I'm trapped in the First Day of School
Etra	Harriet the Spy	Weisner	Black Lagoon Books
Fitzhugh	Rosa	Wilder	Flotsam
Giovanni	Babymouse: Our Hero	White	Little House on the Prairie
Holm			Charlotte's Web

Series Books

Adler	Cam Jansen	Krensky	Arthur Chapter Books
Berenstain	Bear Chapter Books	Martin	Baby-sitters club
Brown, J.	Flat Stanley	Osborne	Magic Tree House
Clements	Jake Drake, Bully Buster	Parish	Amelia Bedelia
Dadey	Bailey School Kids	Park	Junie B. Jones
Danziger	Amber Brown	Roy	A to Z Mysteries
Dixon	Hardy Boys Mysteries	Scieszka	Time Warp Trio
Giff	Polk Street Kids	Stilton	Geronimo Stilton
Keene	Nancy Drew Mysteries	Warner	Box Car Children
Kline	Horrible Harry	Winkler	Hank Zipzer
	Herbie Jones		

*Other titles by this author are recommended.

Summer Reading List (2005) – Grades 5 & 6

Fiction (Grades 5 & 6)

Allison, J.	Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator
Avi	Book Without Words; End of the Beginning; Poppy's Return
Anderson, M.	Whales on Stitles
Babbitt, N.	Tuck Everlasting
Banks, L. R.	Indian in the Cupboard; I, Houdini
Baum, L.F.	The Wizard of Oz; The Ozma of Oz
Birdsall, J.	The Penderwicks
Broach, E.	Shakespeare's Secret
Burnett, f.	The Secret Garden
Byars, B.	The Dark Stairs; Keeper of the Doves; Moon and I
Clements, A.	Lunch Money
Colfer, E.	Artemis Fowl
Cooper, S.	The Boggart
Coville, B.	I was a Sixth Grade Alien; My Teacher is an Alien; My Teacher Fried my Brain
Curtis, C.	Bud, Not Buddy; The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963
Creech, S.	Replay, Heartbeat
Cushman, K.	Catherine, Called Birdy
Dahl	The B.F.G.; Matilda
Danziger, P.	Snail Mail; P.S. Longer Letter Later
DeFelice, C.	Ghost of Fossil Glen
Dicamillo, K.	Because of Winn-Dixie; Tales of Despereaux; Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
Fox, P.	Monkey Island
Gantos, J.	Joey Pigza books
George, J.	On the Far Side of the Mountain
Gipson, F.	Old Yeller
Giff, Patricia	Lily's Crossing; Pictures of Hollis Woods
Gutman, Dan	Shoeless Joe & Me; Honus and Me
Hahn, M.	Time for Andrew: Ghost Story
Hale, S.	Princess Academy
Hesse, K.	Letters From Rifka
Hiassen, C.	Flush; Hoot
Hoeye, M.	Time Stops for No Mouse; The Sands of Time
Hurwitz, J.	Baseball Fever
Jacques, B.	Redwall
Keene, C	Nancy Drew series
King-Smith, D.	The Invisible Dog; A Mouse Called Wolf
Konigsberg, E.	View from Saturday; From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil Frankweiller
Korman, G.	On the Run Series
L'Engle, M.	A Wrinkle in Time
Levine, G.C	Ella Enchanted
Lewis, C.S.	The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
London, J.	Call of the Wild
Lord, C.	Rules
Lowry, L.	Gathering Blue; The Messenger; Number the Stars
Martin, Ann	A Corner of the Universe; The Doll People
McKay, H.	Permanent Rose
Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables

Muth, J.	Zen Shorts
Naylor, P.	Shiloh
Paulsen, G.	Brian's Winter; Hatchet; The River (the Sequel);
Park, B.	Skinny Bones
Park, L.	A Single Shard
Paterson, K.	Bridge to Terabithia; Flip-Flop Girl; The Great Gilly Hopkins
Peck, R.	Long way From Chicago; Lost in Cyberspace; A Year Down Under
Perkins, L.	Criss Cross
Polacco, P.	Pink and Say
Pullman, P.	Scarecrow and His Servant
Riordan, R.	The Lightening Thief
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter books
Ryan, P.M.	Riding Freedom; Esperanza Rising
Rylant	Missing May
Sachar, L.	Holes
Smith, L.	John, Paul, George & Ben
Snicket, L.	Series of Unfortunate Events
Spinelli, J.	Wringer; Crash; Loser; Maniac Magee; Stargirl
Travers, PL	Mary Poppins
Twain, M.	Huckleberry Finn
VanAllsburg	Window's Broom; Zathura
Woodson, J.	Show Way
Wintrop, E.	Castle in the Attic

Challenging Titles (Grades 5 & 6)

Alcott, L.M.	Little Women
Erdrich, L.	The Birchbark House; The Game of Silence
Freeman, S.	The Cuckoo's Child
Funke, C.	Inkheart
Pullman, P	The Golden Compass; The Amber Spyglass
Raskin, E.	The Westing Game
Verne, J	Around the World in 80 Days