

BRAINTREE
SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS
For Students Entering Grades 4 and 5

Please try to read to/with your child daily. When reading try to engage in discussion about the book.

- Remind your child to use the “Five Finger Rule” when choosing a book.
- Read daily, about 15-30 minutes per day.
- Ask your child to tell you a little bit about their reading.
- Visit the library regularly. Be sure to pick out something for yourself. You are a model for your child!
- Be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond their maturity level. Consult your librarian for assistance.
- Encourage writing in any way that your child finds enjoyable.
- Be sure to continue reading aloud to your child on a daily basis. They still love it!

POETRY

Fleischman, JOYFUL NOISE

Greenberg, HEART TO HEART

Hopkins, SPORTS! SPORTS! SPORTS!; MARVELOUS MATH: A BOOK OF POEMS

Hopkins, OPENING DAYS: SPORTS POEMS

Larrick, CATS ARE CATS

Spivak, GRASS SANDALS: THE TRAVELS OF BASHO

Worth, ALL THE SMALL POEMS (AND OTHER TITLES))

Yolen, A SIP OF AESOP

MYSTERIES

Avi, SOMETHING UPSTAIRS

Bellairs, THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS (series)

Bunting, COFFIN ON A CASE

Byars, TAROT SAYS BEWARE (series)

Fleischman, JIM UGLY; BANDIT MOON

Howe, BUNNICULA: A RABBIT-TALE OF MYSTERY

Jackson, THE BONE DETECTIVES: HOW FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGISTS SOLVE CRIMES
AND UNCOVER MYSTERIES OF THE DEAD

Jones, THE NIGHT FLYERS (American Girl Mystery series)

Pinkwater, 5 NOVELS

Roberts, THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE STORY. . .HOW I VISITED YELLOWSTONE PARK WITH THE
TERRIBLE RUPES

Snicket. A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (series)

Strickland, THE WRATH OF THE GRINNING GHOST (and others by the same author)

Van Draanen, SAMMY KEYES AND THE SISTERS OF MERCY (and others by the same author)

Williams, DANNY DUNN, SCIENTIFIC DETECTIVE (series)

Wright, TOO MANY SECRETS (and others by the same author)

Yep, THE CASE OF THE LION DANCE

NONFICTION

Arnold, SHOCKERS OF THE SEA AND OTHER ELECTRIC ANIMALS

Ballard, GHOST LINERS: EXPLORING THE WORLD'S GREATEST LOST SHIPS

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Bruchac, NAVAJO'S LONG WALK: THE TRAGIC STORY OF A PROUD PEOPLE'S FORCED MARCH FROM THEIR HOMELAND

Deem, BODIES FROM THE BOG

Jones, ACCIDENTS MAY HAPPEN: FIFTY INVENTIONS DISCOVERED BY MISTAKE

Krull, LIVES OF THE PRESIDENTS: FAME OR SHAME?; LIVES OF EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

Markle, GONE FOREVER: AN ALPHABET OF EXTINCT ANIMALS

Morley. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE AN AMERICAN COLONIST

Murphy, A YOUNG PATRIOT

Oxlade, MYSTERY OF CROP CIRCLES

Ratliff. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A CIVIL WAR SOLDIER

Relf, A DINOSAUR NAMED SUE: THE STORY OF THE COLOSSAL FOSSIL

Ross, MAKE YOURSELF A MONSTER! A BOOK OF CREEPY CRAFTS

Schwartz, Q IS FOR QUARK: A SCIENCE ALPHABET BOOK

Stewart. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SAIL ON THE TITANIC (& others in this series)

Wolinsky, CREATING AND PUBLISHING WEB PAGES

FANTASY

Abbott. THE SECRETS OF DROON SERIES

Avi, PERLOO THE BOLD

Banks, THE INDIAN IN THE CUPBOARD

Catling, THE CHOCOLATE TOUCH

Coville, INTO THE LAND OF THE UNICORNS; JEREMY THATCHER, DRAGON HUNTER

Dahl, JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

DiTerlizzi and Black SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES; BOOKS 1-4

Ibbotson, THE SECRET OF PLATFORM 13

Jacques, REDWALL (series)

Krulik. KATIE KAZOO SWITCHEROO SERIES

Levine, ELLA ENCHANTED; THE FAIRY'S MISTAKE

Rodda, ROWAN OF RIN

Rowling, HARRY POTTER (series)

Selden, CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE

Sonenklar, BUG BOY

Wrede, DEALING WITH DRAGONS (series)

Yolen, WIZARD'S HALL, TARTAN MAGIC

HISTORICAL FICTION

Curtis, THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM; BUD, NOT BUDDY

Cuyler, THE BATTLEFIELD GHOST

Donahue, AN ISLAND FAR FROM HOME

Donahue, TILL TOMORROW

DeFelice, THE APPRENTICESHIP OF LUCAS WHITAKER

Haddix. RUNNING OUT OF TIME

Harlow. JOSHUA'S SONG. (about the Molasses Flood)

Karr, THE GREAT TURKEY WALK

Murphy, JOURNAL OF AUGUSTUS PELLETIER: THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION (series)

Nichol, BEETHOVEN LIVES UPSTAIRS

Park, SEASAW GIRL

Paterson, JIP: HIS STORY

Pilar, THE APPRENTICE

Pryor, LUKE ON THE HIGH SEAS

Pullman, THE FIREWORK-MAKER'S DAUGHTER

Salisbury, UNDER THE BLOOD-RED SUN

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Van Steenwyk, *A TRAITOR AMONG US*

Various authors *YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO BE . . .* a Roman gladiator, . . . at the Boston Tea Party, . . . on board the Titanic, . . . a Greek athlete, . . . an American colonist, . . . a Civil War soldier, etc.

REALISTIC FICTION

Birdsall, *THE PENDERWICKS*

Burnett, *SECRET GARDEN*

Cleary, *RAMONA'S WORLD*

Clements, *LANDRY NEWS*

Conford, *A CASE OF JENNY ARCHER* (series)

Creech, *BLOOMABILITY*

Dahl, *THE BFG*

Danziger, *AMBER BROWN IS NOT A CRAYON* (series)

Fitzhugh, *HARRIET THE SPY*

Gantos, *JOEY PIGZA SWALLOWED THE KEY; JOEY PIGZA LOSES CONTROL*

George, *MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN*

Jonell, *EMMY AND THE INCREDIBLE SHRINKING RAT*

Kehret, *HORROR AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE* (and others by the same author)

Konigsburg, *THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY*

Lynch, *GOLD DUST*

Morpurgo, *KENSUKE'S KINGDOM*

Namioka, *YANG THE YOUNGEST AND HIS TERRIBLE EAR* (series)

Naylor, *THE AGONY OF ALICE* (series), *SHILOH* (series)

Perkins, *CRISS-CROSS* (won the Newbery Award 2006)

Sachar, *SMALL STEPS* (sequel to *HOLES* of sorts--tells Armpit's story)

Shreve, *THE FLUNKING OF JOSHUA T. BATES*

Stauffacher, *DONUTHEAD*