

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

Larrick, CATS ARE CATS

Spivak, GRASS SANDALS: THE TRAVELS OF BASHO

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

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

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

Murphy, A YOUNG PATRIOT

Oxlade, MYSTERY OF CROP CIRCLES

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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

Wolinsky, CREATING AND PUBLISHING WEB PAGES

FANTASY

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)

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

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

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)

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Fitzhugh, HARRIET THE SPY

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

George, MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

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

Konigsburg, THE VIEW FROM SATURDAY

Lynch, GOLD DUST

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