

# Summer 2024 Reading Suggestions for students entering grades 1-6

Suggested books and authors for each grade level. Next to each title is the Fountas & Pinnell/Guided Reading level. Visit the Godwin School or Highland School Media Center Webpage and look for the Reading Levels section for help finding books on your child's reading level.

## Great reads for 1st and 2nd grade

### Awesome Authors!

David Adler, Tedd Arnold, Jim Arnosky, Nic Bishop, Alyssa Capucilli, Joanna Cole, Doreen Cronin, Chris Gall, Patricia Reilly Giff, Kevin Henkes, Oliver Jeffers, Steven Kellogg, Susan Meddaugh, Kate McMullan, Mary Pope Osborne, Margie Palatini, Herman Parish, Cynthia Rylant, Marjorie Sharmat, Seymour Simon, William Steig, Greg Tang, Jan Thomas, Chris Van Allsburg, Mo Willems, Jane Yolen, Harriet Ziefert, Eric Kimmel, Syd Hoff

### Great Books and Series Too!

Biscuit books by Alyssa Capucilli (G)  
Piggie and Elephant series by Mo Willems  
Pete the Cat books by Eric Litwin  
Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen (K)  
Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Sharmat (K)  
Young Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler (J)  
Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina (K)  
Pinky and Rex (series) by James Howe (L)  
Sheep on a Jeep books by Nancy Shaw (G)  
Frog and Toad (series) by Arnold Lobel (J)  
Fly Guy (series) by Tedd Arnold (K)  
Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo (K)  
My Father's Dragon books by Ruth Stiles Gannett (M)  
My Weird School Daze (series) by Dan Gutman (L)  
Stink by Megan McDonald (L)  
The Littles by John Peterson (I)



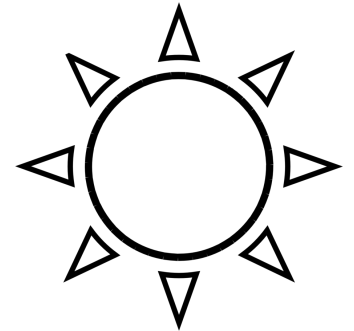
## Great reads for 3rd and 4th grade

### Awesome Authors!

Judy Blume, Matt Christopher, Beverly Cleary, Bruce Coville, Roald Dahl, Patricia Reilly Giff, Dan Gutman, Suzy Kline, Barbara Park, Lemony Snicket, Gertrude Chandler Warner, Cornelia Funke, Kate Klise, Paula Danziger

### Great Books and Series Too!

Kelsey Green, Reading Queen by Claudia Mills (T)  
The 13 Story Treehouse series by Andy Griffiths  
Fortunately the Milk by Neil Gaiman (R)  
Frindle by Andrew Clements (R)  
Time Warp Trio (series) by Jon Scieszka (P)  
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series) by Tony DiTerlizzi (O)  
Clementine (series) by Sara Pennypacker (O)  
Gooney Bird books by Lois Lowry (Q)  
Judy Moody books by Megan McDonald (N)  
Wayside School books by Louis Sachar (P)  
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (N)  
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (R)  
One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (S)  
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate (Q)  
Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary (O)  
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (R)  
Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo (U)  
The Borrowers by Mary Norton (S)



*\*Note: If any book on this paper does not have a reading level, it is likely new and hasn't been assigned one yet. Please check the Media Center website, Reading Level section for websites that might help you find book levels.*

## Great reads for incoming 5th and 6th grade

Winger by Jerry Spinelli (U)  
The Unwanteds series by Lisa McMann (Z)  
Wonder by R.J. Palacio (U)  
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (R)  
Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin  
Warriors series by Erin Hunter  
Property of the Rebel Librarian by Allison Varnes  
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (X)  
Mockingbird by Katherine Erskine (W)  
Ms. Bixby's Last Day by John David Anderson (V)  
Pax by Sara Pennypacker (T)  
The Tapper Twins series by Geoff Rodkey (X)  
Middle School series and I Funny series by James Patterson and others (V)  
Guys Read series by Jon Scieszka and others (T)  
All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor (W)  
Joey Pigza books by Jack Gantos (Q)  
Spy School and Space Case books by Stuart Gibbs (W)  
Lily's Promise by Kathryn Erskine  
The List of Things that Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead  
After the Worst Things Happen by Audrey Vernick  
Any book by Alan Gratz  
Katie Friedman Gives Up Texting by Tommy Greenwald  
Just Like That by Gary D. Schmidt  
Starfish by Lisa Flips  
Alone by Megan Freeman  
The Million Dollar Race by Matthew Ross Smith  
365 Days to Alaska by Cathy Carr  
A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus



## Prepare to Battle!

Attention current 4th and 5th grade students these are the **Battle of the Books novels for 2024-25 school year**. Next year we will have Battle meetings to discuss the program for any student (in 5th or 6th grade) who would like to participate.

1. The Fairy Tale Detectives by Michael Buckley
2. Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros
3. The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
4. Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tommy Greenwald
5. Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret
6. Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
7. Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
8. Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
9. Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien
10. Who Was Abraham Lincoln by Janet Pascal
11. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli
12. One Kid's Trash by Jamie Sumner
13. Wings of Fire Dragonet Prophecy by Tui Sutherland (\*Graphic Novel)
14. Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Drannen
15. Front Desk by Kelly Yang

### **Looking for audiobooks and eBooks?**

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