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**Summer Reading Recommendations:**

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| **Rising 1st Graders** |
| BOOK TITLE | AUTHOR | LEXILE |
| Amelia Bedelia Makes a Friend | Parish, Herman | 460 |
| Beetle Bop | Fleming, Denise | BR |
| Biscuit Series | Capucilli, Alyssa | BR |
| Curious George Series | Rey, H. A. and Margret | 300-570 |
| Danny and the Dinosaur | Hoff, Syd | 200 |
| Fancy Nancy books | O’Connor, Jane | 320 – 420 |
| Flat Stanley Series | Brown, Jeff | 640 |
| Froggy Series | London, Jonathan | BR – 520 |
| Funny Lunch, The | Catrow, David | BR |
| Harry the Dirty Dog | Zion, Gene | 700 |
| How Do Dinosaurs…? Books | Yolen, Jane and Teague, Mark | BR |
| Ira Sleeps Over | Waber, Bernard | 310 |
| Make Way for Ducklings | McCloskey, Robert | 630 |
| Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel | Burton, Virginia Lee | 770 |
| Miss Nelson is Missing | Allard, Harry | 340 |
| Pigeon Books (series) | Willems, Mo | 220 |
| Ron’s Big Mission | Blue, Rose | 440 |
| Russell the Sheep | Scotton, Rob | 300 |
| Splat the Cat Books | Scotton, Rob | 350-390 |
| Tea for Ruby | Ferguson, Sarah | BR |
| The Library Mouse | Kirk, Daniel | 830 |
| The Velveteen Rabbit | Williams, Margery | 820 |
| Too Many Toys | Shannon, David | 600 |

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| **Rising 2nd Graders** |
| BOOK TITLE | AUTHOR | LEXILE |
| Amber Brown is Not A Crayon | Danziger, Paula | 720 |
| Amelia Bedelia Series | Parish, Herman and Peggy | 230-600 |
| And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? | Fritz, Jean | 830 |
| Andy and the Lion | Daugherty, James | 510 |
| Arthur Chapter Books | Brown, Marc | 360-390 |
| A to Z Mysteries Series  | Roy, Ron | 380-650 |
| A Tree is Nice | Udry, Janice May | 420 |
| Big Nate Series | Pierce, Lincoln | 330-500 |
| Boxcar Children series | Warner, Gertrude Chandler | 440-690 |
| Cam Jansen Series  | Adler, David | 370 - 500 |
| Capital Mysteries Series | Roy, Ron | 340-600 |
| Chalk Box Kid, The | Balla, Clyde Robert | 270 |
| Chanticleer and the Fox | Cooney, Barbara | AD 840 |
| A Child’s Garden of Verses | Stevenson, Robert Louis | NP |
| Corduroy | Freeman, Don | 600 |
| Courage of Sarah Noble, The | Daligiliesh, Alice | 610 |
| Diary of a Fly series | Cronin, Doreen | AD 490 |
| Encyclopedia Brown Series | Sobol, Donald J. | 500’s – 700’s |
| Fireflies! | Brinckloe, Julie | AD 630 |
| Flat Stanley’s Adventures series | Brown, Jeff | 580-680 |
| Frog and Toad series | Lobel, Arnold | 300-520 |
| Good, Good Father | Tomlin, Chris and Barrett, Pat | AD 520 |
| George the Drummer Boy | Benchley, Nathaniel | 710 |
| George Washington’s Breakfast | Fritz, Jean | 490 |
| Hank Aaron: Brave in Every Way | Golenbock, Peter | 600 |
| James Herriot’s Treasury for Children | Herriot, James | 590-900 |
| Jesus Calling: Bible Storybook | Young, Sarah | 690 |
| Junie B. Jones Series | Park, Barbara | 320-380 |
| Katie and the Big Snow | Burton, Virginia | 420 |
| Little Bear | Minarik, Else Holmelund | 370 |
| The Little House | Burton, VIrginia | AD 890 |
| Madeline | Bemelmans, Ludwig | 480 |
| Magic School Bus series | Cole, Joanna | 310-660 |
| Magic Tree House series | Osborne, Mary Pope | 240-590 |
| Make Way for Ducklings | McCloskey, Robert | 630 |
| Max Spaniel books | Catrow, David | BR |
| Mercy Watson Books | DiCamillo, Kate | 380-450 |
| Mouse and the Motorcycle, The | Cleary, Beverly | 860 |
| Owl Diaries series | Elliot, Rebecca | 350-550 |
| Puppy Place, The (Series) | Miles, Ellen | 550 - 680 |
| Ramona the Pest | Cleary, Beverly | 850 |
| Shhh! We’re Writing the Constitution | Fritz, Jean | 950 |
| SkippyJon Jones Books | Schachner, Judy | 610-720 |
| Stone Soup | Brown, Marcia | 480 |
| The Tale of Peter Rabbit | Potter, Beatrix | AD 660 |
| Titanicat | Crisp, Marty | 770 |
| Wagon Wheels | Brenner, Barbara | 380 |
| What Do You Do With a Problem? | Yamada, Kobi | AD 500 |
| What Do You Do With an Idea? | Yamada, Kobi | AD 340 |
| Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café | Cox, Judy | 350 |
| You Are Special | Lucado, Max | AD 480 |

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| **Rising 3rd Graders** |
| BOOK TITLE | AUTHOR | LEXILE |
| Amazing Grace | Hoffman, Mary | 680 |
| Bad Kitty | Bruel, Nick | AD 280 |
| Best School Year Ever, The | Robinson, Barbara | 1020 |
| BFG, The | Dahl, Roald | 720 |
| Big Nate Series | Peirce, Lincoln | 330-500 |
| BoxCar Children Series | Warner, Gertrude | 440-690 |
| Cam Jansen Series | Adler, David | 320-490 |
| Chalk Box Kid, The | Bulla, Clyde Robert | 270 |
| Charlie and the Chocolate Factory | Dahl, Roald | 810 |
| Chocolate Fever | Smith, Robert Kimmel | 680 |
| Chocolate Fudge | Smith, Robert Kimmel | 680 |
| Class Clown | Hurwitz, Johanna | 670 |
| Clementine Series | Pennypacker, Sara | 630-800 |
| Courage of Sarah Noble, The | Dalgliesh, Alice | 610 |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw | Cleary, Beverly | 910 |
| Dog Days of Charlotte Hayes, The | Kennedy, Marlane | 790 |
| Fantastic Mr. Fox | Dahl, Roald | 600 |
| Fourth Grade Rats | Spinelli, Jerry | 340 |
| Freddy the Detective | Brooks, Walter | 830 |
| Frindle | Clements, Andrew | 830 |
| Guinea Dog series | Jennings, Patrick | 600 |
| Henry Huggins | Cleary, Beverly | 670 |
| I Survived series | Tarshis, Lauren | 610-900 |
| Iron Thunder | Avi | 620 |
| James and the Giant Peach | Dahl, Roald | 870 |
| Judy Moody Series | McDonald, Megan | 500-580 |
| Little House, The (Series) | Wilder, Laura Ingalls | 720 - 930 |
| Magic School Bus Series | Various authors | 480-520 |
| Magic Tree House series | Osborne, Mary Pope | 580-840 |
| Mr. Popper’s Penguins | Atwater, Richard | 910 |
| My Weird School Daze Series | Gutman, Dan | 540-770 |
| Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew series | Keene, Carolyn | 750 |
| Narnia series | Lewis, C.S. | 790-940 |
| Nerds | Buckley, Michael | 760 |
| Perfectly Princess series | Crowne, Alyssa | 430-500 |
| Puppy Place Series | Miles, Ellen | 550-680 |
| Ramona series | Cleary, Beverly | 850 |
| Ron’s Big Mission | Naden, Corinne J., and Blue, Rose | 440 |
| Runaway Radish  | Haas, Jessie | 340 |
| Sarah, Plain and Tall | MacLachlan, Patricia | 560 |
| Saving Winslow | Creech, Sharon | 690 |
| Say What? | Haddix | 740 |
| Sophie the Awesome | Bergen, Lara | 410 |
| Stellaluna | Cannon, Janella  | 550L |
| Third Grade Angels | Spinelli, Jerry | 390 |
| Wayside School Is Falling Down | Sachar, Louis | 440 |
| Whipping Boy, The | Fleishman, Sid | 570 |
| Who Is …/Who Was… series | Various authors | 640-950 |
| Wolves of the Beyond: Lone Wolf | Laskey, Kathryn | 600 |
| World According to Humphrey series | Birney, Betty G.  | 660-730 |
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| **Rising 4th & 5th Graders** |
| BOOK TITLE | AUTHOR | LEXILE |
| American Adventure series | Roddy, Lee | 770 - 830 |
| Anne of Green Gables | Montgomery, Lucy Maud | 590 - 900 |
| Artemis Fowl Series | Colfer, Eoin | 600 - 770 |
| Because of Winn Dixie | DiCamillo, Kate | 610 |
| Behind Enemy Lines | Doyle, Bill | 810 |
| Best School Year Ever, The | Robinson, Barbara | 1020 |
| Beezus and Ramona | Cleary, Beverly | 780 |
| Big Field, The (or other titles by Lupica) | Lupica, Mike | 970 |
| Boy Who Dared, The | Bartolettie, Susan Cambell | 760 |
| Bridge to Terabithia | Paterson, Katherine | 810 |
| Bud, Not Buddy | Curtis, Christopher Paul | 950 |
| Call It Courage | Sperry, Armstrong | 830 |
| Clockwork Three | Kirby, Matthew | 680 |
| Confetti Girl | Lopez, Diana | 660 |
| Cricket in Times Square, The | Selden, George | 780 |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw | Cleary, Beverly | 910 |
| Dr. Doolittle | Lofting, Hugh | 580 |
| Enormous Egg, The | Butterworth, Oliver | 900 |
| Esperanza Rising | Ryan, Pam Munoz | 750 |
| Extra Credit | Clements, Andrew | 830 |
| Fantastic Mr. Fox | Dahl, Roald | 600 |
| Flora and Ulysses | DiCamillo, Kate | 520 |
| From the Mixed Files Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler | Konigsburg, e.l. | 700 |
| Guardians of Ga’Hoole Series | Lasky, Kathryn | 730 - 850 |
| Hank Zipzer Series | Winkler, Henry | 780 |
| Hardy Boys, The (Series) | Dixon, Frank | 740 |
| Harriet the Spy | Fitzhugh, Louise | 760 |
| Homework Machine, The | Gutman, Dan | 680 |
| Hoot | Hiaasen, Carl | 760 |
| How to Eat Fried Worms | Cleary, Beverly | 650 |
| How to Train Your Dragon | Cowell, Cressida | 990 |
| Hundred Dresses, The | Estes, Eleanor | 870 |
| Invention of Hugo Cabret, The | Selznick, Brian | 820 |
| Island of the Blue Dolphin | O’Dell, Scott | 1000 |
| Knots In My Yo-Yo String | Spinelli, Jerry | 990 |
| Lawn Boy | Paulsen, Gary | 780 |
| Left Behind for Kids | Jenkins and LaHaye | 750 |
| Listening for Lions | Whelan, Gloria | 900 |
| Little Princess, A | Burnett, Frances Hodgson | 930 |
| Looking for Bobowicz | Pinkwater, Jill | 770 |
| Lunchbox and the Aliens | Fields, Bryan W. | 800 |
| Mick Harte Was Here | Park, Barbara | 730 |
| Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH | O’Brian, Robert C. | 790 |
| My Life in Dog Years | Paulsen, Gary | 1150 |
| Nancy Drew Mystery series | Keene, Catolyn | 780 |
| Narnia Series | Lewis, C. S. | 890 - 970 |
| No Talking | Clements, Andrew | 820 |
| One and Only Ivan, The | Applegate, Katherine | 570 |
| Penderwicks, The | Birdsall, Jeanne | 800 |
| Percy Jackson series | Riordan, Rick | 620 - 790 |
| Phantom Tollbooth, The | Juster, Norton | 1000 |
| Pippi Longstocking | Lindgren, Astrid | 870 |
| Ramona Quimby, Age 8 | Cleary, Beverly | 860 |
| Rush Revere Series | Limbaugh, Rush | 750 |
| Scat | Hiaasen, Carl | 810 |
| Schooled | Korman, Gordon | 740 |
| Secret Garden, The | Burnett, Frances Hodgson | 930 |
| Shiloh | Naylor, Phillis Reynolds | 890 |
| Sideways Stories from Wayside School | Sachar, Louis | 460 |
| Smiles to Go | Spinelli, Jerry | 490 |
| Soldier’s Heart: Mr.Tucket | Paulsen, Gary | 1000 |
| Sounder | Armstrong,William | 900 |
| Stargirl | Spinelli, Jerry | 590 |
| Story Thieves | Riley, James | 750 |
| Strider | Cleary, Beverly | 840 |
| Tale of Despereaux, The | DiCamillo, Kate | 670 |
| Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing  | Blume, Judy | 920 |
| Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet, The | Dionne, Erin | 650 |
| Treasure Island | Stevenson, Robert Louis | 1100 |
| Trumpet of the Swan | White, E.B. | 750 |
| White Fang | London, Jack | 900 |
| Wizard of Oz, The | Baum, Frank | 1000 |
| Wonderstruck | Selznick, Brian | 750 |
| Year of the Dog, The | Lin, Grace | 690 |
| Velveteen Rabbit, The | Williams, Margery | 820 |

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