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EXPLORE, DISCOVER, GROW THIS SUMMER

K-12
SUMMER LITERACY PACKET



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Summer Reading Opportunities and Incentives

Summer reading is **critical** to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and critical thinking skills for the coming year. A University of Tennessee, Knoxville, research study shows that children who don't read over the summer lose at least **two months** of reading development. This is often referred to as 'the summer slide' or the 'summer learning loss.' Reading over the summer is not a suggestion to keep kids busy; it's a **critical** requirement to help students stay on track for their entire educational career and beyond (Study.com).

Below you will see a variety of links to access online reading materials!

Free Summer Reading Sources for Students

TumbleBooks



TumbleBookLibrary Premium has over 1100 titles for grades K-6, and includes our unique animated, talking picture books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books and videos. TeenBookCloud includes graphic novels, enhanced e-books with full audio narration and highlighted text, classic literature, nonfiction videos, and more!

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TumblePremium: <https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/home.aspx>

TeenBookCloud: <https://www.teenbookcloud.com/autologin.aspx?u=scsk&p=login>

Scholastic Happy Camper Summer Reading



With Scholastic Home Base Happy Camper Reading Program, Kids read and log their minutes all summer, take weekly challenges, and earn rewards! It's a Fun, Free, and Safe Program for Kids. <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer-reading.html>

Oxford Owl



Free eBook library for children was developed for children aged 3-11 years old, with the goal of helping children learn and love to read. If you're not sure which level is appropriate for your child, you can start by having them take a simple test. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/pages/library-page>



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Summer Reading Opportunities

Free Summer Reading Sources for Students

Barnes & Noble



Thousands of free titles are available just for kids, but you can also browse more specific categories, such as "Arts and Crafts for Kids" or "Cooking and Food for Kids."

https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/free-ebooks/kids/_/N-ry0Ztu1

Memphis Public Library



Students can sign up for a library card and access eBooks and magazines through the library's digital resources.

<https://www.memphislibrary.org/explorememphis/>

Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL)



TEL offers access to a selection of eBooks that students can use through World Book online. <https://tntel.info/students>



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Summer Reading Incentives

Offering rewards for reading makes it **fun**. Rewards might just encourage a reluctant reader to open a book and read about exciting adventures, dive into a story, and fall in love with the characters. When our students read more, their imaginations, understandings, and reading skills **grow**.

Fun Free Summer Reading Incentives

Pizza Hut's BOOK IT! Summer Program



All parents with students in PreK-6th grade (ages 4-12) can enroll in the BOOK IT! Summer Program, a program created to stop the summer slide. In June, July and August, parents can use our digital tools to track and reward their kids' reading with a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza®. To sign up and or access more details, click the link. <https://www.bookitprogram.com/>

FREE Nothing Bundt Cake with Youth Reading Program!



Nothing Bundt Cakes is joining other restaurants by starting a summer reading program called Books & Bundts Youth Reading Program! This is available for Pre-K and Elementary Students, and they can score a free bundt! **To be a part of this program, simply drop by your local bakery to get a copy of the monthly tracker and record your kids' time spent reading.** When kids meet their reading goal, they'll be rewarded a free bundt and an award certificate! Start this reading program now and [find a location near you here!](#)

Chuck E Cheese's Reading Rewards = Pizza Tokens



**CHUCK E.
CHEESE.**

Kids, read a book every day for 2 weeks, and earn 10 FREE tokens valid at Chuck E. Cheese. Parents, head on over and grab a Reading Rewards Calendar, have kids fill it out and bring it with you next time you head to have pizza with the mouse!



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K-2nd Summer Reading List

Here are some summer reading suggestions for students in grades K-2. If you're in kindergarten, first, or second grade, you should already have these titles at home, as they were generously provided by GELF! Enjoy your reading adventures!

Federico and the Wolf

by Rebecca J. Gomez

With his red hoodie on and his bicycle basket full of food, Federico is ready to visit Abuelo. But on the way, he meets a hungry wolf. And now his grandfather bears a striking resemblance to el lobo...Fortunately, Federico is quick and clever—and just happens to be carrying a spicy surprise! Federico drives the wolf away, and he and Abuelo celebrate with a special salsa. Recipe included.

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Don't Touch That Flower!

by Alice Hemming illustrated by Nicola Slater

Spring is here, and today a flower has sprung to life. But when Squirrel becomes too protective of it, Bird shows Squirrel the right way to let flowers blossom and grow.

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The Cookie Fiasco

by Dan Santat and Mo Willems

Hippo, Croc, and the Squirrels are determined to have equal cookies for all! But how? There are only three cookies . . . and four of them! They need to act fast before nervous Hippo breaks all the cookies into crumbs!

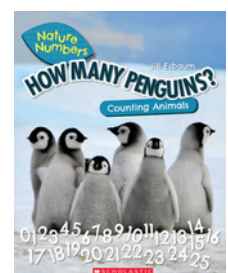
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How Many Penguins?

by Jill Esbaum

This book encourages kids to count groups of animals from reindeer to elephant seals to lemurs in a tour around the globe with amazing nature pictures! Math challenges guide kids to practice adding and subtracting within 1-25 and counting up to 100.



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Predator Face Off

by Melissa Stewart

Find out what happens when predator is pitted against predator in this exciting, informative reader. The Level 1 text provides accessible, yet wide-ranging, information about some of the world's most amazing creatures for beginning readers.



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Sparkle, Shine, Glow

by Lola M. Schaefer

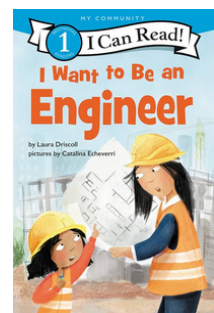
What is light, and how does it shape our world? Acclaimed author Lola M. Schaefer and award-winning artist James Yang illuminate the essential concept of light in this playful and informative picture book. An educational and inventive picture book for readers of David Macaulay and Jason Chin, and anyone curious about how light impacts our world.



I Want to Be an Engineer

by Laura Driscoll

I never knew that there were so many different ways to be an engineer. When my big brother goes to school for engineering, I learn that there are engineers who build buildings and design big rockets. Did you know that there are other kinds of engineers too? There are environmental engineers, plumbing engineers, robotic engineers—and many more! Maybe I'll be an engineer, too?

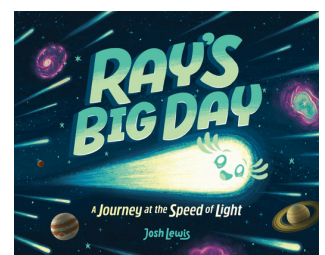


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Ray's Big Day: A Journey at the Speed of Light

by Josh Lewis

When Ray launches from the sun into outer space, she knows she's destined for adventure. But who knew everything in space was so far apart? Can Ray unlock her creativity to pass the time and make something new?



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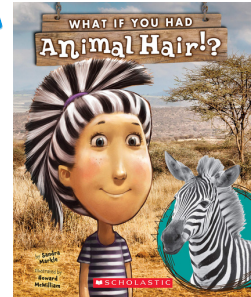
What If You Had Animal Hair?

by Sandra Markle

If you could have any animal's hair, whose would you choose?

If you had a polar bear's double coat, you would never have to wear a hat when playing in the snow. If you had reindeer hair, it could help you stay afloat in water. And if you had a porcupine's hair, no bully would ever bother you again!

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Adventure Friends- Lost Dog

by Brandon Todd

Miguel and Clarke help a neighbor find their lost dog, Spider. They grab their walking sticks and map. Then they set out to search the woods. Across four short stories, their adventure leads them to Spider -- and to the perfect spot for a secret fort!

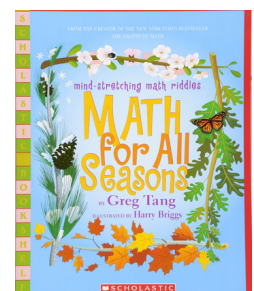


Math For All Seasons: Mind Stretching Math Riddles

by Greg Tang

Your challenge is to find the sum
Without counting one by one
Why not count? It's much too slow --
Adding is the way to go!
Make clever groups before you start --
Then add them in a way that's smart!

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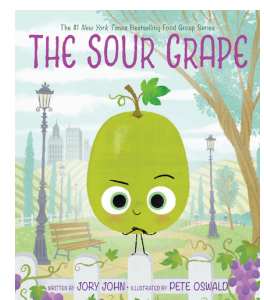


The Sour Grape

by Jory John

The Sour Grape holds grudges for every reason under the sun. Lime never returned a scarf they borrowed? Grudge! Orange never called back? Grudge! But when a friend holds a grudge against the Sour Grape without listening to an explanation, the Sour Grape realizes how unfair grudges can be. Could a bunch of forgiveness and compassion be enough to turn a sour grape sweet?

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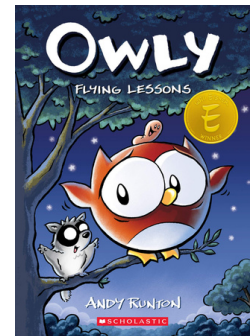
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Owly Flying Lessons

by Andy Runton

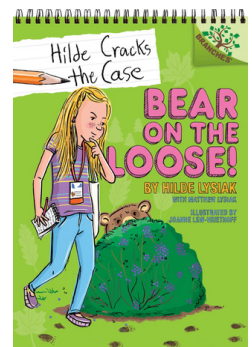
Owly and Wormy love making new friends, and when they spot an unfamiliar animal flying through the trees, they can't wait to meet her! Unfortunately, Shadow the flying squirrel doesn't want to be friends with Owly because she's afraid of him. Wormy tries to convince Shadow that she can trust Owly, but she's still scared... When Wormy gets stuck high up in a tree, Owly's own fear of flying keeps him grounded. Can Owly overcome his fears? And will Shadow be able to do the same?



Bear on the Case

by Hilde Lysiak and Matthew Lysiak

Nine-year-old crime reporter Hilde Lysiak is back for the second book in this early chapter book mystery series! This time, there's a bear on the loose in Selinsgrove! Hilde knows a BIG story when she hears one, and she's determined to get the scoop. So she and her sister/photographer, Izzy, set out to track the bear and find out where he came from. But how will they find the bear? And can Hilde crack this case before someone gets hurt?

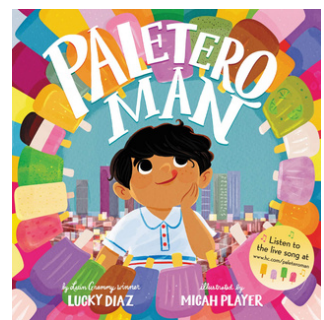


Paletero Man

by Lucky Diaz

Ring! Ring! Ring! Can you hear his call? Paletas for one! Paletas for all! What's the best way to cool off on a hot summer day? Run quick and find Paletero José! Follow along with our narrator as he passes through his busy neighborhood in search of the Paletero Man. But when he finally catches up with him, our narrator's pockets are empty. Oh no! What happened to his dinero? It will take the help of the entire community to get the tasty treat now.

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Meteors

by Melissa Stewart

Blast off on a trip to discover the fascinating world of meteors. In this image-packed book, kids will learn all about these objects hurtling through space—and into our atmosphere. This level 3 reader is written in an easy-to-grasp style to encourage the scientists and explorers of tomorrow!

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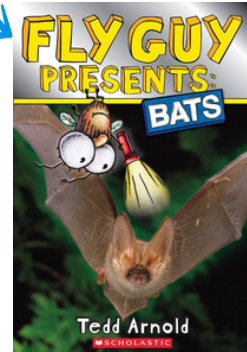


Fly Guy Bats

by Tedd Arnold

The world's smallest tour guide takes adventurous readers into the dark and wonderful world of bats.

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The Ocean is a Big Deal





















by Nick Seluk

Have you ever thought about everything the ocean does for you? It changes the weather, creates oxygen, provides food, and is a great place to have fun, too! So why is the ocean such a big deal? Because we couldn't live without it!



Book Log

What did _____ read this week?
(name)

Day	Title	This book was ...			
Monday		Awesome!	Very Good!	Just So-So.	Not Great.
					
Tuesday		Awesome!	Very Good!	Just So-So.	Not Great.
					
Wednesday		Awesome!	Very Good!	Just So-So.	Not Great.
					
Thursday		Awesome!	Very Good!	Just So-So.	Not Great.
					
Friday		Awesome!	Very Good!	Just So-So.	Not Great.
					

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3rd-5th Summer Reading List

The following titles are just suggestion for summer reading in grades 3-5.
Feel free to read your favorite piece of literature and informational text!

Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World

by Laurie Lawlor and Laura Beingessner

A biography of the pioneering scientist and environmentalist, Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*. "Once you are aware of the wonder and beauty of earth, you will want to learn about it," wrote Rachel Carson. Determined and curious even as a child, Rachel Carson's fascination with the natural world led her to study biology and pursue a career in science at a time when very few women worked in the field.

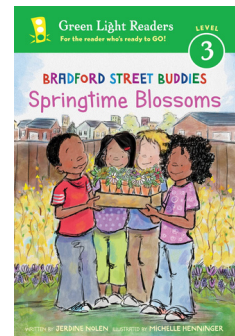
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Springtime Blossoms

by Jerdine Nolen and Michelle Henninger

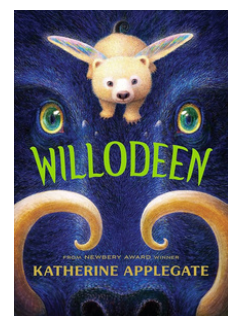
CHIRP! CHIRP! CHIRP! It's springtime on Bradford Street. Jada and Jamal are searching for signs of spring. So are their best friends, Carlita Garcia and Josh Cornell. But the most surprising sign of spring awaits them at school the next day . . . a surprise that blossoms into a colorful plan to beautify the schoolyard just in time for Earth Day.



Willodeen

by Katherine Applegate

Eleven-year-old Willodeen adores creatures of all kinds, but her favorites are the most unlovable beasts in the land: strange beasts known as "screechers." The villagers of Perchance call them pests, even monsters, but Willodeen believes the animals serve a vital role in the complicated web of nature.



Not Your Typical Book about the Environment

by Elin Kelsey and Clayton Hanmer

We live in a time of heightened environmental awareness, and this knowledge is creating a generation of children with feelings of eco-anxiety — the world is doomed, isn't it? Maybe not. *Not Your Typical Book about the Environment* allays kids' fears by showing how all is not lost.



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How to Find a Fox

by Kate Gardner and Ossi Saarinen

Taking kids on an imaginary trek through different landscapes and seasons, *How to Find a Fox* celebrates one of our planet's most graceful and enchanting creatures: the red fox.



Sir Ladybug

by Corey R. Tabor

Sir Ladybug never shies away from a quest, even when he'd rather be playing a video game or baking a cake. So, when a caterpillar needs rescuing from a "monster" (a hungry chickadee), Sir Ladybug and his trusty friends—his herald, a roly-poly named Pell, and his squire, a snail named Sterling—hatch the perfect (delicious) plan.



Harriet's Ruffled Feathers

by Joy McCullough and Romina Galotta

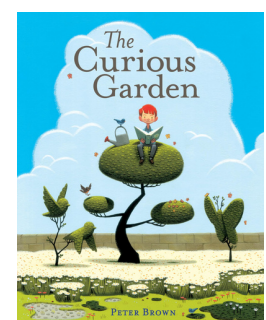
Meet the inspiring woman whose love of fashion led her to start a conservation movement and found the Massachusetts Audubon Society in this lively picture book biography. Harriet Lawrence Hemenway loved hats. She loved them with ribbons and flowers, embroidery, and pearls. And feathers! What was better than a hat with grand, glorious feathers? But then Harriet discovered that millions of birds died so that she and her friends could soar at the height of style. A passion for fashion was one thing, but this was feather-brained!



The Curious Garden

by Peter Brown

While out exploring one day, a little boy named Liam discovers a struggling garden and decides to take care of it. As time passes, the garden spreads throughout the dark, gray city, transforming it into a lush, green world.



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Recyclo-Gami

by Laurie Goldrich Wolf and Bruce Wolf

What can you make from your old bits of paper, leftover pieces of yarn, or not-so-brand-new cartons and containers? Craft your purse using playing cards, whip up a scrapbook using cereal boxes, or a dollhouse from an empty juice carton! Tweens and teens can start crafting using the easy-to-follow instructions and photographic directions.



The Accidental Apprentice

by Amanda Foody

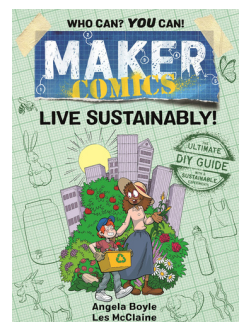
As an apprentice to the town's mushroom farmer, Barclay need only work hard and follow the rules to one day become the head mushroom farmer himself. No danger required. But then Barclay accidentally breaks his town's most sacred rule: never ever EVER stray into the Woods, for within the Woods lurk vicious magical Beasts.



Live Sustainably!

by Angela Boyle and Les McClaine

Maker Comics: Live Sustainably! is a step-by-step DIY guide that will help kids roll up their sleeves and get making with confidence! Inside this graphic novel you'll find instructions for eight sustainability projects.



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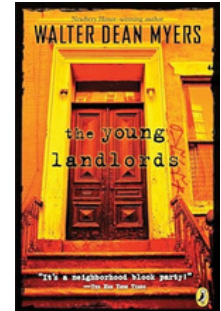


6th-7th Summer Reading List

The Young Landlords

by Walter Dean Myers

If you were looking for a real ghetto dump, you couldn't beat The Stratford Arms. There was Askia Ben Kenobi throwing karate chops upstairs, Petey Darden making booze downstairs, and Mrs. Brown grieving for Jack Johnson, who'd died for the third time in a month—and not a rent payer in the bunch. Still, when Paul Williams and the Action Group got the Arms for one dollar, they thought they had it made. But when their friend Chris was arrested for stealing stereos and Dean's dog started biting fire hydrants and Gloria started kissing, being a landlord turned out to be a lot more work than being a kid.



Where the Red Fern Grows

by Woodrow Wilson Rawls

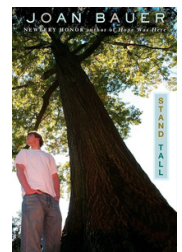
Billy has long dreamt of owning not one, but two, dogs. So when he's finally able to save up enough money for two pups to call his own—Old Dan and Little Ann—he's ecstatic. It doesn't matter that times are tough; together they'll roam the hills of the Ozarks.



Stand Tall

by Joan Bauer

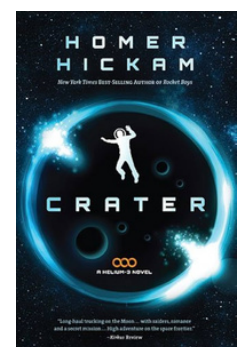
Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.



Crater

by Homer Hickam

It's the 22nd Century and a tough, pioneering people are mining the moon to produce energy for a desperate, war torn Earth. Crater Trueblood, an orphan, loves his life in Moontown, a frontier mining settlement. Just turned sixteen, Crater is already a seasoned Helium 3 miner, hoping someday to be a foreman on the scrapes. But "the Colonel," the man who owns the mine, has a different plan for Crater which includes Maria, the Colonel's daring young granddaughter. Crater, accompanied by Maria and his gillie—a sentient and sometimes insubordinate clump of slime mold cells—must shepherd a convoy of Helium 3 trucks across a forbidding river of dust while also looking for a mysterious, historical artifact that could mean the difference between life and death for every inhabitant on the moon.



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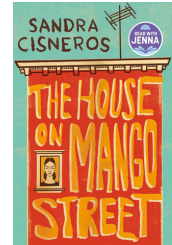


8th-9th Summer Reading List

The House on Mango Street

by Sandra Cisneros

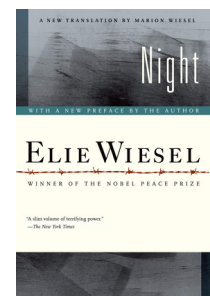
The House on Mango Street is one of the most cherished novels of the last fifty years. Readers from all walks of life have fallen for the voice of Esperanza Cordero, growing up in Chicago and inventing for herself who and what she will become. "In English my name means hope," she says. "In Spanish it means too many letters. It means sadness, it means waiting."



Night

by Elie Wiesel

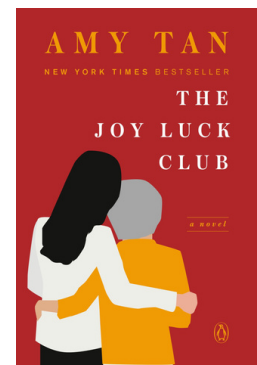
Night is Elie Wiesel's masterpiece, a candid, horrific, and deeply poignant autobiographical account of his survival as a teenager in the Nazi death camps. This new translation by Marion Wiesel, Elie's wife and frequent translator, presents this seminal memoir in the language and spirit truest to the author's original intent. And in a substantive new preface, Elie reflects on the enduring importance of Night and his lifelong, passionate dedication to ensuring that the world never forgets man's capacity for inhumanity to man.



The Joy Luck Club

by Amy Tan

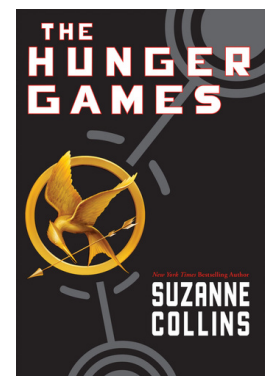
In 1949, four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to play mah jong, remember the past, and gossip into the night. United in unspeakable loss and new hope, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. With wit and sensitivity, Amy Tan examines the memories that display these women's strength, worries, and determination. As each woman reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined. Mothers boast or despair over daughters, and daughters roll their eyes even as they feel the inextricable tightening of the matriarchal ties that they believe have stymied their ability to face the uncertainties of the future.



The Hunger Games

by Suzanne Collins

Winning means fame and fortune. Losing means certain death. The Hunger Games have begun. . . .In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capitol surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capitol is harsh and cruel and keeps the districts in line by forcing them all to send one boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and eighteen to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen regards it as a death sentence when she steps forward to take her sister's place in the Games. But Katniss has been close to dead before—and survival, for her, is second nature. Without really meaning to, she becomes a contender. But if she is to win, she will have to start making choices that weigh survival against humanity and life against love.



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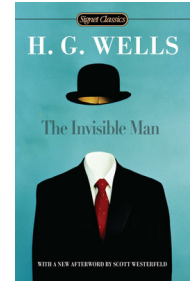


10th-11th Summer Reading List

The Invisible Man

by H. G. Wells

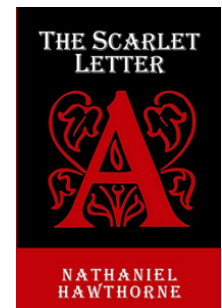
The Invisible Man of the title is Griffin, a scientist who has devoted himself to research into optics and invents a way to change a body's refractive index to that of air so that it absorbs and reflects no light and thus becomes invisible. He carries out this procedure on himself and renders himself invisible, but fails in his attempt to reverse it. A practitioner of random and irresponsible violence, Griffin has become an iconic character in horror fiction.



The Scarlet Letter

by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Scarlet Letter: A Romance is a work of historical fiction by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne, published in 1850. Set in Puritan Massachusetts Bay Colony during the years 1642 to 1649, the novel tells the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter through an affair and then struggles to create a new life of repentance and dignity. Containing a number of religious and historic allusions, the book explores themes of legalism, sin, and guilt.



The Jungle

by Upton Sinclair

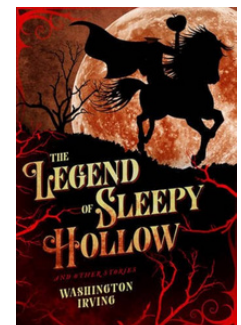
Sinclair wrote the novel to portray the lives of immigrants in the United States in Chicago and similar industrialized cities. Many readers were most concerned with his exposure of health violations and unsanitary practices in the American meatpacking industry during the early 20th century, based on an investigation he did for a socialist newspaper.



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

by Washington Irving

Perhaps the marker of a true mythos is when the stories themselves overshadow their creator. Originally published under a pseudonym as The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent., The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Other Stories gave America its own haunted mythology. This collection of larger-than-life tales contains Washington Irving's best-known literary inventions—Ichabod Crane, the Headless Horseman, and Rip Van Winkle—that continue to capture our imaginations today.



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12th Summer Reading List

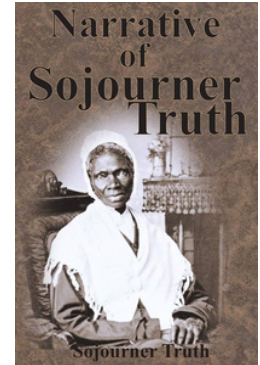
Narrative of Sojourner Truth

by Sojourner Truth

She was sold for \$100 but grew beyond her place in society to demand rights for women as well as African Americans. This is her story. This is her voice.

She is the passionate woman on the Smithsonian Institution's list of "100 Most Significant Americans." She was the first black woman to win a case against a white man to regain her son. She was important enough in her own time to meet Abraham Lincoln.

Read of her inspirational life in this unabridged, affordably printed volume.

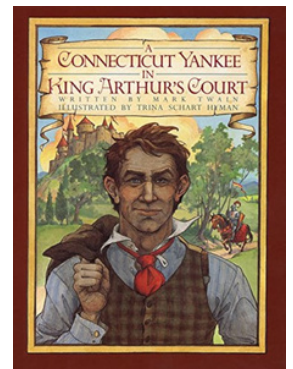


A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court

by Mark Twain

This novel tells the story of Hank Morgan, the quintessential self-reliant New Englander who brings to King Arthur's Age of Chivalry the "great and beneficent" miracles of nineteenth-century engineering and American ingenuity. Through the collision of past and present, Twain exposes the insubstantiality of both utopias, destroying the myth of the romantic ideal as well as his own era's faith in scientific and social progress.

A central document in American intellectual history, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* is at once a hilarious comedy of anachronisms and incongruities, a romantic fantasy, a utopian vision, and a savage, anarchic social satire that only one of America's greatest writers could pen.



Student Reading Log

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title of book: _____

Author: _____

Total number of pages in the book: _____

Weekly Reading Goal

To set a weekly reading goal, divide the number of pages in the book by four. This is the number of pages that you will need to read each week to complete the book on time.

Week 1: _____ Week 2: _____ Week 3: _____ Week 4: _____

Reading Log: WEEK 1

Date	Minutes Read	Page Numbers	New Vocabulary

Summary: _____

Reading Log: WEEK 2

Date	Minutes Read	Page Numbers	New Vocabulary

Summary: _____

Reading Log: WEEK 3

Date	Minutes Read	Page Numbers	New Vocabulary

Summary: _____

Reading Log: WEEK 4



Date	Minutes Read	Page Numbers	New Vocabulary

Summary: _____

Post-Reading Reflection

What was your favorite (or least favorite) part about this book?

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Find items around the house that begin with the /u/ sound (e.g., umbrella, up). Say each item out loud.	2 Create silly sentences using words with the /u/ sound. For example, "The upset flamingo jumps under the umbrella."	3 Say each consonant sound from the list (/b/, /c/, /d/, /f/, /g/, /h/, /j/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /p/, /r/, /s/, /t/, /v/, /w/) and clap for each sound.	4 Write words with /u/ in the middle. Say each word while writing. Can you create a silly story using the words?	5 Practice writing uppercase and lowercase Uu in the air with your finger, then on paper.	6 Search for items that begin with /g/ and /w/ (e.g., game, window). List them out loud. How many did you find?	7 Create a matching game with words that have "g" and "w." Write them on paper, then mix them up to match later.
8 Play "I Spy" using the sounds /b/, /c/, /d/, /f/, /m/, /n/, /s/. For example, "I spy with my little eye something that starts with /b/."	9 Write sentences using words that begin with "g" and "w". Illustrate your favorite sentence. Tell someone about your sentence.	10 Write uppercase and lowercase Gg and Ww in the air and then on paper. How many can you write?	11 Look for objects with /ks/ and /v/ sounds (e.g., box, vase). Say each object out loud.	12 Find as many rhyming words as possible for "vet" (e.g., set, bet) and say them together.	13 Create a phonics song using the consonants and vowels you've learned. Sing it out loud!	14 Write words with the -et pattern (vet, get, pet, let, bet) on paper and read them out loud.
15 Write uppercase and lowercase Xx and Vv in different colors.	16 Find items that begin with /j/ and /kw/ (e.g., jar, queen). List and say them.	17 Make silly sentences using words with "j" and "qu." For example, "The queen jumps over the jaguar."	18 Search for items that begin with sounds /f/, /h/, /i/, /l/, /m/, /n/, /o/, /p/. Create a silly sentence using these items.	19 Write sentences using words with "j" and "qu" (jam, quit). Draw a picture to go with your sentence.	20 Practice writing uppercase and lowercase Jj and Qq in the air and on paper.	21 Search for objects with /y/ and /z/ sounds (e.g., yellow, zebra). Say each one out loud.
22 Read the back of a cereal box or book and find words with /y/ and /z/.	23 Use flashcards with consonant and vowel sounds. Say each sound and have a family member repeat it.	24 Write words with "y" and "z" (yam, zip) and use them in a short story.	25 Write uppercase and lowercase Yy and Zz, then decorate them with colors or stickers.	26 Search for items around the house that start with /y/ and /z/. Write and read them out loud.	27 Choose a favorite book and find words that contain the /g/ and /w/ sounds. Read the book and point out the words as you come across them.	28 Create sentences and use words with "Jj" and "Qq." How many Jj words did you use? How many Qq words?
29 Write a short poem or a few lines using words with "Gg" and "Ww". Share your poem with family members and read it out loud.	30 Have a handwriting party! Write uppercase and lowercase Uu, Xx, Vv beautifully on colorful paper. Decorate the paper with drawings or stickers related to the letters.			High-Frequency Words the, a, see, we, like, for, and, do, go, to, you, are, he, is, little, my, she, was, with, have, of, they, said, want, here, me, this, what		

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1 Create a list of words with "ar" (e.g., car, star) and draw a picture for each word.

2 Practice writing Hh in the air, then on paper. Decorate the letters with colors.

3 Write 5 irregular plural words (e.g., child - children) and use each in a sentence.

4 Find items at home that have the long e sound (e.g., key, monkey) and say them out loud.

5 Write Mm in the air with your finger, then on paper, and add a drawing of something that begins with M.

6 Write a list of compound words (e.g., rainbow, cupcake) and draw a picture of your favorite one.

7 Continue practicing writing Mm and create silly sentences using words that start with M.

8 Create a word bank of long i words (e.g., high, fly) and illustrate them.

9 Write Zz in the air and then on paper. Draw a picture of something that begins with Z.

10 Write 5 words that change from y to i when adding -ed or -es (e.g., cry - cried).

11 Create a list of long o words (e.g., boat, snow) and say them out loud. How many did you write?

12 Practice writing Pp and create a drawing of something that begins with P.

13 Write examples of open syllable words (e.g., go, hi) and clap for each syllable.

14 Make a poster of long e words and hang it up to practice.

15 Write Gg in the air, then on paper, and draw something that begins with G.

16 Write a list of words for each prefix (e.g., redo, unhappy, preheat) and use them in sentences.

17 Create a word list of long a words (e.g., rain, play) and say them together. Pick 3 words to create sentences.

18 Write Nn on paper and create a fun drawing of something that begins with N.

19 Write a list of two-letter words (e.g., at, it) and put them in alphabetical order.

20 Using the back of a cereal box or your favorite book, look for words with long o.

21 Create a word search using long o words. You can write them out and have someone else find them.

22 Write Pp in the air, then on paper, and draw a picture of something that begins with P. What did you draw?

23 Create a list of open syllable words (e.g., go, hi) and create a silly story using the words.

24 Write a short poem or a few sentences using long e words, then illustrate it.

25 Practice writing Gg and create a fun sentence using words that begin with G.

26 Write sentences using words with prefixes re-, un-, and pre- and share them with a family member.

27 Play a rhyming game using long a words. Say a word and have someone come up with a rhyming word.

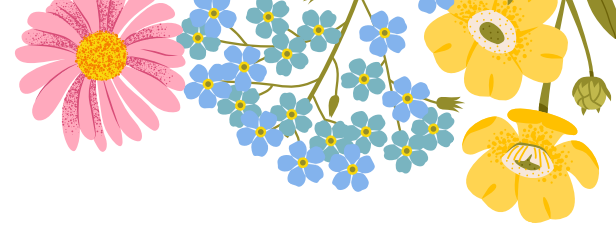
28 Write Nn in the air and on paper, then draw something that begins with N. What did you write and draw?

29 Create flashcards with two-letter words and practice putting them in alphabetical order.

30 Have a "Phonics Party" where you share your favorite activities from the month with family members!

31 Use flashcards with consonant and vowel sounds. Say each sound and have a family member repeat it.

High-Frequency Words
answer, been, body, build, head, body part, heard, minutes, myself, pretty, pushed, brought, busy, else, happy, I'll, laugh, love, maybe, please, several, air, along, always, draw, during, ever, meant, nothing, story, strong, city, father, mother, o'clock, own, questions, read, searching, sure, though



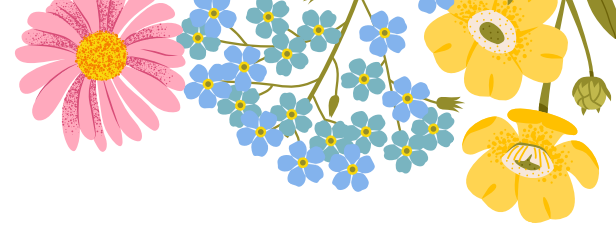
June 2025

3-5 Activity Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Make a list of the books you want to read this summer.	2 Go outside and read one of the books you selcted.	3 Write a summary of the book that you read.	4 Would you recommend the book you read on Monday? Explain.	5 Write a letter to a friend and ask about their favorite book.	6 Read a non fiction book about a topic you like.	7 In your own words summarize the book out loud to a friend or family member.
8 Read a book aloud in a funny voice to a friend or family member.	9 Write about your favorite book. Explain why it is your favorite.	10 If you were a published author, what would be the title of your book and why?	11 Write the first 2 pages of your book.	12 Make a bookmark.	13 Your choice. Read for 20 minutes.	14 Turn on Closed Caption on your TV and the volume down. Read your program for an hour.
15 Read a recipe and make a yummy treat!	16 If you could travel anywhere for summer vacation, where would you go and what would you do?	17 How many words can you make using the words 'Vacation Time' ?	18 Read about the history of Juneteenth. Write about what you learned.	19 Juneteenth	20 Write about what you did on Juneteenth.	21 Pajama Reading Party! Read in your PJ's for 20 minutes.
22 Name 5 things that have to do with the summer. Use the 5 items in a fictional story.	23 If you could interview the author of your favorite book, what would you ask him/her?	24 Your choice. Write for 20 minutes.	25 Interview a parent or guardian. Ask them is it more important to be smart or kind? Have them explain why.	26 Write 3 more pages of your book.	27 How many words can you make using the words 'Enjoy your break' ?	28 Your Choice Read for 20 minutes
29 Come up with as many adjectives about yourself as you can.	30 Write about the importance of being kind.					





July 2025

3-5 Activity Calendar

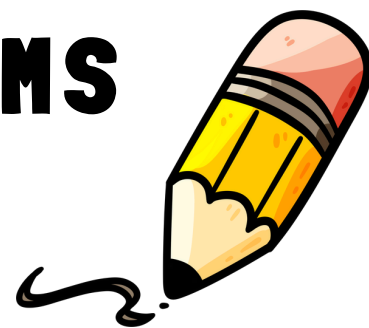


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Write 2 more pages of your book.	2 How many words can you make using the letters in the word 'Summertime'?	3 Read about the history of Independence Day. Write about what you learned.	4. Independence Day	5 Write about what you did on Independence Day.
6 Go outside and find a tree, a bush, a flower. Make up a story about something that lives there. Illustrate your story.	7 Read a book, article, online media about a real person from history. Why was this person important?	8 Write-Which character from a book would you like to meet and why?	9 Your Choice. Read for 20 minutes.	10 Read a book about a superhero.	11 Write-If you had super powers what would they be and why?	12 Write a letter to a superhero in your life.
13 Pajama Reading Party! Read in your PJ's for 20 minutes.	14 Name 5 things you would find at a park. Use those 5 items in a story.	15 Read a book about an animal. What are 3 things you learned?	16 Write 3 more pages of your book.	17 Write about your best day ever.	18 Read about space or an object in the sky.	19 Would you rather read about traveling to outer space or write about it? Why?
20 Read aloud to a parent, guardian, or sibling.	21 Take a break and watch a movie based on a book.	22 Your Choice. Write for 20 minutes.	23 Have a picnic in the yard or living room. Eat a snack and Reread a favorite book.	24 How many words can you make using the letters in the words 'Summer Break'?	25 If you book is complete illustrate it. If it is not, write 3 more pages.	26 Read a fiction book. Write about your favorite character.
27 Write a letter to your favorite teacher explaining why he/she is your favorite.	28 Write 3 goals you have for yourself this school year.	29 Write about what are you looking forward to learning this school year and why?	30 Write about your favorite memory from the summer.	31 Complete your book and share it with a friend or family member.		



Reading & Writing-MS

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Directions: Choose one of the prompts below that is inspired by your reading. Be creative, but ensure that your elements and responses are supported by details and events from the text.

Write a diary entry from the perspective of a main character, including their thoughts, feelings, and reactions to key events.	Identify and explore a central theme in the text. Write an essay discussing how the author develops this theme.	Rewrite a key scene from the text from a different character's perspective or in a different setting.
Relate the text to a current event or real-world issue. Write a paragraph explaining the connection.	Determine the author's purpose for writing the text. Write an essay discussing how the author achieves this purpose.	Identify and analyze the use of literary devices (e.g., symbolism, imagery) in the text. Write an essay explaining their significance.
Compare and contrast the chosen text with another text (fiction or non-fiction). Write an essay discussing their similarities and differences.	Write a book review, including your opinions on the text and recommendations for other readers.	Choose a topic related to the text and conduct further research. Present your findings in a written report or presentation.

Reading & Writing-HS

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Directions: Choose one of the prompts below that is inspired by your reading. Be creative, but ensure that your elements and responses are supported by details and events from the text.

Write an in-depth analysis of a main character, including their motivations, development, and impact on the story.	Identify and explore a central theme in the text. Write an essay discussing how the author develops this theme and how the author's treatment of the theme(s) add to their meaning throughout the text.	Rewrite a key scene from the text from a different character's perspective or in a different setting and explain what effect does the character's actions or changes have on other key characters.
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