

## Top Ten Ways to Pick a Good Book

10. Look at the title, as well as the cover of the book to see if it interests you.
9. Read the description of the book to see if it makes you want to read more.
8. Read the first sentence, paragraph, or page and ask yourself if you would like to read more.
7. Do you enjoy reading a mystery, adventure, scary book, sports story, biography, etc.? Choose a book from your favorite genre.
6. Is there a series that you enjoy? Make sure you have read them all!
5. Is there an author you enjoy? Try another one of his/her books.
4. Try the Five Finger Test:  

Pick a page in the middle of the book and read, if you do not know a word, put a finger down. At the end of the page, if you end up with five fingers down, try another book.
3. Ask your teacher or media specialist for a recommendation.
2. Have you seen a movie that you enjoyed? The book is usually better!
1. Ask your friends if they have read any good books lately!

## Open A Book

By Jane Baskwill

Open a book  
And you will find  
People and places of every kind  
Open a book  
And you can be  
Anything that you want to be:  
Open a book  
And you can share  
Wondrous worlds you find in there  
Open a book  
And I will too  
You read to me  
And I'll read to you.



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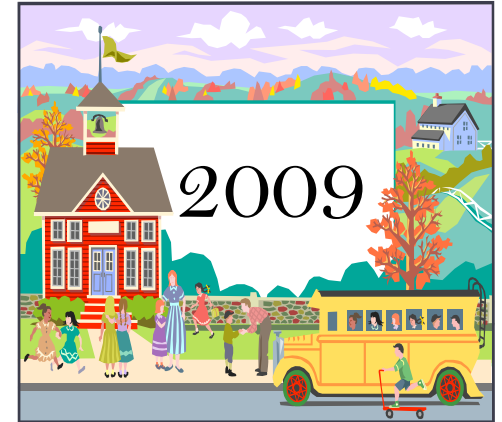
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## Suggested Elementary Summer Reading List

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### Books to the Ceiling By Arnold Lobel

Books to the ceiling  
Books to the sky  
My piles of books are a mile high  
How I love them  
How I need them  
I'll have a long beard by the time  
I read them

## Kindergarten – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Clifford the Big Red Dog (SERIES)**  
Bridwell, Norman

**Arthur and the New Kid (SERIES)**  
Brown, Marc

**Fly Away Home (& OTHER TITLES)**  
Bunting, Eve

**Biscuit (SERIES)**  
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin

**Click, Clack Moo: Cows that Type (SERIES)**  
Cronin, Doreen

**Olivia**  
Falconer, Ian

**Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse**  
Henkes, Kevin

**Frog & Toad (SERIES)**  
Lobel, Arnold

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie (SERIES)**  
Numeroff, Felicia

**Henry and Mudge (SERIES)**  
Rylant, Cynthia

**Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten**  
Slate, Joseph

**Fancy Nancy (SERIES)**  
O'Connor, Jane

**Make Way for Ducklings**  
McCloskey, Robert

**Danny the Dinosaur (SERIES)**  
Hoff, Syd

**Fluffy (SERIES)**  
McMullan, Kate

**Where the Wild Things Are**  
Sendak, Maurice

**Walter the Baker (& OTHER TITLES)**  
Carle, Eric

**Hop on Pop (& OTHER TITLES)**  
Dr. Suess

**Giraffes Can't Dance**  
Andreae, Giles

**The Snail and the Whale**  
Donaldson, Julia

**Pinkalicious**  
Kann, Victoria and Elizabeth

## 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

**Cam Jansen (SERIES)**  
Adler, David

**Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs**  
Barrett, Judi

**The Kid Who Only Hit Homers (& OTHER TITLES)**  
Christopher, Matt

**Amber Brown (SERIES)**  
Danzinger, Paula

**Big Anthony (& OTHER TITLES)**  
de Paola, Tomie

**Polk Street School (SERIES)**  
Giff, Patricia R.

**Horrible Harry (SERIES)**  
Kline, Suzy

**Judy Moody (SERIES) and Stink (SERIES)**  
McDonald, Megan

**The Paperbag Princess**  
Munsch, Robert

**Zen Shorts**  
Muth, Jon

**Magic Tree House (SERIES)**  
Osborne, Mary Pope

**Thunder Cake (& OTHER TITLES)**  
Palacco, Patricia

**Amelia Bedelia (SERIES)**  
Parrish, Peggy

**Marvin Redpost (SERIES)**  
Sachar, Louis

**Nate the Great (SERIES)**  
Sharmat, Marjorie W.

**The Giant & the Beanstalk**  
Stanley, Diane

**Brave Irene**  
Steig, William

**The Boxcar Children (SERIES)**  
Warner, Gertrude C.

**Pinky and Rex (SERIES)**  
Howe, James

**Ivy & Bean**  
Barrows, Annie

**Nancy Drew Notebooks (and Clue Crew)**  
Keene, Carolyn

**Geronimo Stilton (SERIES)**  
Stilton, Geronimo

## 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**American Girl (SERIES)**  
Various

**Something Upstairs (& OTHER TITLES)**  
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**Macaroni Boy**  
Ayres, Katherine

**Runt, A Bear Named Trouble**  
Bauer, Marion Dane

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing**  
Blume, Judy

**Ramona Quimby (SERIES)**  
Cleary, Beverly

**Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher (Magic Shop Book Series)**  
Coville, Bruce

**Tale of Desperaux**  
DiCamillo, Kate

**The Conch Bearer**  
Divakaruni, Chitra

**The City of Ember (SERIES)**  
DuPrau, Jeanne

**Once Upon a Marigold**  
Ferris, Jean

**The Million Dollar Shot**  
Gutman, Dan

**Thunder from the Sea**  
Harlow, Joan H.

**Meg Mackintosh Mysteries**  
Landon, Lucinda

**Anastasia (SERIES)**  
Lowry, Lois

**The River (SERIES)**  
Paulsen, Gary

**The Boy Who Saved Baseball**  
Ritter, John

**Abel's Island**  
Steig, William

**Jumanji**  
VanAllsburg, Chris

**Shredderman (SERIES)**  
Van Draanen, Wendelin

**Warriors (SERIES)**  
Hunter, Erin

**Alex Rider Series**  
Horowitz, Anthony