

## **Lower Elementary Summer Book List Suggestions:**

We suggest that parents keep their children reading through the summer. Lower elementary children are at a very crucial time in their reading development. The attached lists will assist them in making appropriate choices. Summer reading at this level (or at any level for that matter) is supposed to be fun and entertaining.

### **Books for Developing Readers; Ages 5-7 years**

#### **Fiction**

*Across the Stream* by Mirra Ginsburg  
*A Dark, Dark Tale* by Ruth Brown  
*Agree* by Janet Craig  
*All by Myself* by Mercer Mayer  
*Amy Loves the Snow* by Julia Hoban  
*Baby Bear's Present* by Beverly Randall  
*Benny's School Trip* by Gare Thompson  
*Ben's Pets* by Anne Miranda  
*Buzz Said the Bee* by Wendy C. Lewison  
*Cookie's Week* by Cindy Ward  
*Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell  
*Frog's Lunch* by Dee Lillegard  
*Fun with Zip and Zap* by John Shefelbine  
*Go, Dog, Go* by P.D. Eastman  
*Goldilocks Comes Back* by Anne Meyers  
*Here Comes Winter* by Janet Craig  
*I Like Me* by Nancy Carlson  
*Just for You* by Mercer Mayer  
*Just Like Daddy* by Frank Asch  
*More Spaghetti, I Say* by Rita Gelman  
*Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh  
*Mrs. Wishy-Washy* by Joy Cowly  
*Quick as a Cricket* by Audrey Wood  
*Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins  
*Sheep in a Jeep* by Nancy Shaw  
*Soccer Game!* by Grace Maccarone  
*Steve's Room* by Mindy Menschell  
*The 100th Day of School* by Angela Medearis  
*The Amazing Fish* by Christine Price  
*The Carrot Seed* by Ruth Kraus  
*The Everybody Club* by Anne O'Brien  
*The Fat Cat Sat on the Mat* by Nurit Karlin  
*The Snow Game* by Patricia Griffith  
*When We Are Big* by Marilyn Minkoff

#### **Nonfiction**

*Bear Facts* by Gare Thompson  
*Bread, Bread, Bread* by Ann Morris  
*Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs* by Byron Barton  
*Dragon Flies* by Gary Torrisi  
*Frogs* by Tom Wilson  
*Great White Sharks* by Christine Price  
*I Can Be Anything* by Ena Keo  
*Lift Off!* by Gare Thompson  
*My Puppy is Born* by Joanna Cole  
*Our Senses* by Brenda Parks  
*Schools Around the World* by Donald Mitchell  
*Who Lives in the Woods?* by Anne Meyers

## **Books for Beginning Readers: Ages 6-8 years**

### **Fiction**

*Put Me in the Zoo* by Robert Lopshire  
*Whose Mouse Are You?* by Robert Kraus  
*Just Me and My Puppy* by Mercer Mayer  
*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood  
*There 's a Nightmare in My Closet* by Mercer Mayer  
*Are You My Mother?* by P.D. Eastman  
*Hop on Pop* by Dr. Seuss  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss  
*The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss  
*Mouse Soup* by Arnold Lobel  
*Little Bear* series by Else Holmelund Minarik  
*Oliver Button is a Sissy* by Tomie de Paola  
*Pobbleton* series by Cynthia Rylant  
*Nate the Great* series by Maljorie Weinman Sharmat  
*Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel  
*Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant  
*Pinky and Rex* series by James Howe  
*Frog and Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel  
*Wagon Wheels* by Barbara Brenner

### **Poetry**

*Jamberry* by Bruce Degen  
*The Popcorn Shop* by Alice Low

### **Nonfiction**

*Turtle Nest* by Lola Schaefer  
*Building a House* by Byron Barton  
*Tale of a Tadpole* by Karen Wallace  
*Rabbit (See How They Grow)* by Barrie Watts  
*Turtle Talk* by Avelyn Davvidson  
*Mighty Spiders* by Fay Ribobinson  
*Endangered Animals* by Faith McNulty  
*Dancing With Manatees* by Faith McNulty  
*Going on a Whale Watch* by Bruce McMillan  
*All About Bats* by Jennifer Jacobson  
*Toby the Tabby Kitten* by Colleen Stanely Bare  
*Antarctica* by Helen Cowcher  
*Ibis: A True Whale Story* by John Himmelman  
*Fire Fighter!* by Angela Royston  
*The Amazing Panda Adventure* by John Wilcox and Steven Alldredge  
*A Boy Named Boomer* by Boomer Esiason  
*Magic Secrets* by Rose Wyler and Gerald Ames  
*Gifts to Make* by Barbara S. Burt  
*Keep the Light Burning, Abbie* by Connie and Peter Roop  
*The Snow Walker* by Margaret and Charles Wetterer

## **Books for Expanding Readers: Ages 7-9 years**

### **Fiction**

*Polk Street* series by Patricia Reilly Giff  
*Pee Wee Scouts* series by Judy Denton  
*Cam Jansen* series by David Adler  
*Junie B. Jones* series by Barbara Park  
*Arthur* series by Mark Brown  
*Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne  
*Marvin Redpost* series by Louis Sachar  
*Freckle Juice* by Judy Bloom  
*Baily School Kids* series by Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey  
*Barkley's School for Dogs* by Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey  
*Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express* by Margaret Wetterer  
*The Littles* series by John Peterson  
*Flat Stanely* by Jeff Brown  
*Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla  
*Stories Julian Tells* by Ann Cameron  
*Pioneer Cat* by William Hooks  
*Amber Brown* series by Paula Danziger  
*All About Sam* by Lois Lowry  
*Pompeii... Burried Alive!* by Edith Kunhardt  
*Peter Rabbit* by Beatrix Potter  
*Smokey Night* by Eve Bunting  
*Katie Kazoo* series by Nancey Krulik  
*The Lucky Baseball Bat* by Matt Christopher (his first book)  
*The Dog That Pitched a No-Hitter* by Matt Christopher  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney  
*Warriors* series by Erin Hunter  
*The Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket