

GREAT SUMMER READS

Grades 3-6

from Scholastic

Help prevent the summer slide.

What is the summer slide? It is the loss of academic skills over the summer break. As the old saying goes, if you don't use it, you lose it! Studies show that children who don't read over summer vacation or have stimulating summer activities, have lower reading and math skills when they return to school in September. Can we let that happen? No way! Here are the great titles that have been selected for the Spring 2011 Great Summer Reads from Scholastic:

Third Grade:

Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
Dinosaurs before Dark by Mary Pope Osborne
Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
Stuart Little by E. B. White
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Fourth Grade:

39 Clues: the Maze of Bones by Rick Riordan
The BFG by Roald Dahl
Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
A Dog's Life; the Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin
Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
Wait Till Helen Comes: a Ghost Story by Mary Downing Hahn

Fifth Grade:

The Clockwork Three by Matthew J. Kirby
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
The Music of Dolphins by Karen Hesse
Rules by Cynthia Lord
Savvy by Ingrid Law
Summer Ball by Mike Lupica

Sixth Grade:

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
The Brooklyn Nine by Alan Gratz
The Clone Codes by Patricia McKissack
Confetti Girl by Diana Lopez
Flipped by Wendelin VanDraanen

The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell