

GREAT SUMMER READS

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Help prevent the summer slide.

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Kindergarten:

Froggy Goes to Camp by Jonathan London
Goldilicious by Victoria Kann
Hot Rod Hamster by Cynthia Lord
Me with You by Kristy Dempsey
We're Going on a Lion Hunt by Margery Cuyler
Biscuit Meets the Class Pet by Alyssa Satin Capucilli

First Grade:

Skippyjon Jones Lost in Spice by Judy Schachner
Ready for Anything! by Keiko Kasza
Shark Vs. Train by Chris Barton
Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio
Tea for Ruby by Sarah Ferguson
Splat the Cat Sings Flat by Rob Scotton

Second Grade:

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin
Fluffy and Baron by Laura Rankin
Ron's Big Mission by Rose Blue
Titanicat by Marty Crisp
Great Migrations; Amazing Animal Journeys by Laura Marsh
Buzz Boy and Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

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
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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
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The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
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Seventh Grade:

Dark Life by Kat Falls
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Life as We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
The Road to Paris by Nikki Grimes
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Eighth Grade:

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Nothing but the Truth by Avi
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
They Never Came Back by Caroline B. Cooney