



**Sayreville Public Schools**  
**Office of Elementary Education**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Did you know that research has proven that the more children read, the better their performance in school and on standardized assessments? Knowing that a student's ability to read fluently with comprehension is a lifelong skill that requires ongoing, continual practice, I am very excited to present you with the materials for our summer reading program for children entering grades 1-5. This summer, students entering grades 1-5 are being asked to read for at least twenty minutes each day and to keep a record of their reading on the summer reading logs. Please use the grade specific attached reading log to record your child's reading over the summer. Log templates can be found on the district website; please use additional logs as necessary and make sure you are using the appropriate log for your child's grade level. These logs will be collected by your child's new teacher in September but, will not be graded. Students who participate in Summer Reading will receive a certificate in September.

Children can read any books they choose, however, I have also provided options for text suggestions. On our district website there is an extensive list of titles by grade levels and DRA levels. You can use your child's DRA level to find the most appropriate titles. There are tabs for each grade level at the bottom of the spread sheet.

Reading is one of the most important endeavors we can share with our children. I encourage you to read to your child, with your child, and in front of your child at home, at the beach, at the park—everywhere you can. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

*Amy Stueber*

Amy Stueber, Supervisor of Elementary Education

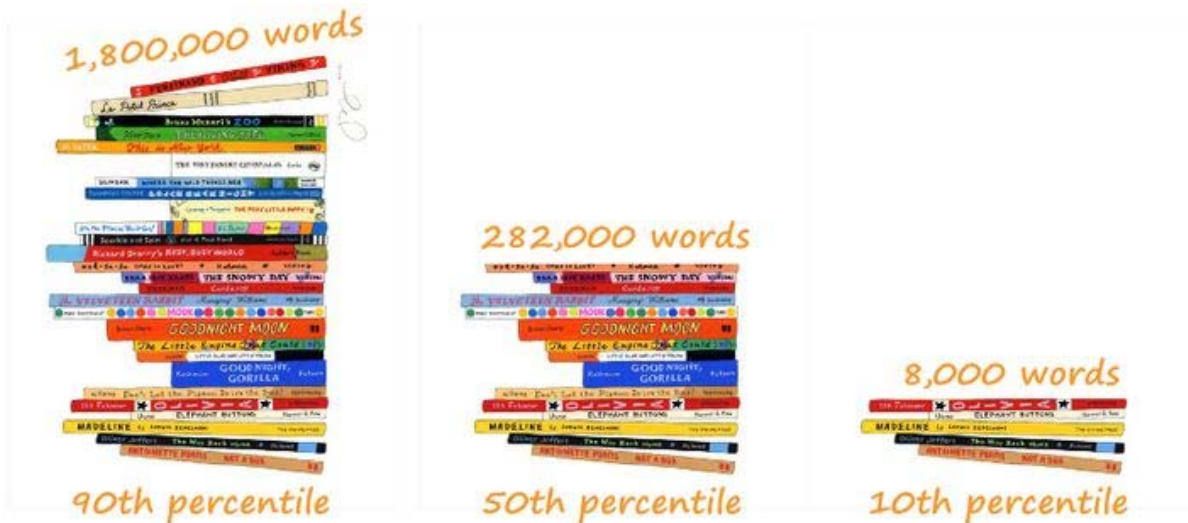
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# Read With a Child It's the Most Important 20 Minutes of Your Day

Child "A"  
reads **20 minutes**  
each day  
3,600 minutes  
in a school year.

Child "B"  
reads **5 minutes**  
each day  
900 minutes  
in a school year.

Child "C"  
reads **1 minute**  
each day  
180 minutes  
in a school year.



By the end of 6th grade, Child "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Child "B" will have read only 12 school days.

Which child would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which child would you expect to be a proficient reader?

Make the commitment today to read with a child; it makes a difference.

# Top Picks: Summer Reading 2019

## Grades 1-3

### Fiction

*LEGO Ninjago* - Various Authors  
*The Critter Club* series - Callie Barkley  
*Extra Yarn* – Mac Barnett  
*Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* – Judi Barrett  
*FKS* series - Jim Benton  
*According to Humphrey* series – Betty G. Birney  
*Heidi Heckelbeck* series – Wanda Coven  
*Mercy Watson to the Rescue* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Bink and Gollie* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Mouse Scouts* – Sarah Dillard  
*Owl Diaries* - Rebecca Elliot  
*Meet Yasmin!* series - Saadia Faruqi  
*Captain Awesome* series - Stan Kirby  
*Jasmine Toguchi* series - Debbi Michiko Florence  
*Princess in Black* series - Shannon Hale  
*The Honeybee* - Kirsten Hall  
*Dory Fantasmagory* series - Abby Hanlon  
*Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon* - Torben Kuhlmann  
*Ling and Ting: Twice as Silly* – Grace Lin  
*Stink and the Incredible Super Galactic Jawbreaker* – Megan McDonald  
*Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth / Fancy Nancy* – Jane O'Connor  
*The Magic Treehouse* series – Mary Pope Osborne  
*ABC Mysteries* series – Ron Roy  
*Dragon Masters* series - Tracey West

### Humorous Fiction

*Ivy and Bean* – Annie Barrows  
*The Bad Guys* - Aaron Blabey  
*Flat Stanley* series – Jeff Brown  
*Bad Kitty* series – Nick Bruel

*Read the Book, Lemmings!* - Ame Dyckman  
*Babymouse* series – Jennifer L. Holm  
*Horrible Harry* series – Suzy Kline  
*Alvin Ho* series - Lenore Look  
*Clementine* series – Sara Pennypacker  
*Ricky Ricotta* series – Dav Pilkey  
*Splat the Cat* series - Rob Scotton

### Classics

*The Chocolate Touch* - Patrick Catling  
*Ramona* series - Beverly Cleary  
*Magic Finger* - Roald Dahl  
*The Hundred Dresses* – Eleanor Estes  
*Ferdinand* - Munro Leaf  
*Pippi Longstocking* – Astrid Lindgren  
*Frog and Toad Are Friends* - Arnold Lobel  
*Sarah, Plain and Tall* - Patricia MacLachlan  
*Winnie the Pooh* - A. A. Milne  
*Amelia Bedelia* – Herman Parish  
*Sideways Stories* – Louis Sachar  
*Encyclopedia Brown* - Donald Sobol  
*Stuart Little* – E.B. White

### Nonfiction

*I Am...* series - Various Authors  
*Extraordinary Engineering* series - Various Authors  
*Trombone Shorty* - Troy Andrews  
*Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur* - Dr. Jose Luis Carballido  
*Locomotive* - Brian Floca  
*The Iridescence of Birds* - Patricia MacLachlan  
*Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear* - Lindsey Mattick  
*Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down* - Andrea Davis Pinkney

# Top Picks: Summer Reading 2019

## Grades 3-5

### Fiction

*The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* series – Tom Angleberger  
*American Girl* series – Various Authors  
*Ivy & Bean* series – Annie Barrows  
*El Deafo* – Cece Bell  
*The Penderwicks* series – Jeanne Birdsall  
*Humphrey* series – Betty Birney  
*Best Babysitters Ever* series - Caroline Cala  
*Hurricane Child* - Kheryn Callendar  
*The Friendship War / Frindle* - Andrew Clements  
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* – Leslie Connor  
*The Goat* - Anne Fleming  
*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* – Jack Gantos  
*Kid Owner* - Tim Green  
*Inside Out and Back Again* – Thanhha Lai  
*Lucky Luna* - Diana Lopez  
*The Season of Styx Malone* - Kekla Magoon  
*Rain Reign* – Ann Martin  
*11 Birthdays* – Wendy Mass  
*Pax* – Sara Pennypacker  
*My Life as a Book* - Janet Tashjian  
*Justin Case* – Rachel Vail

### Historical Fiction

*Dear America* series – Various Authors  
*The War that Saved My Life* – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
*Chasing Secrets* – Gennifer Choldenko  
*Stella by Starlight* – Sharon M. Draper  
*Some Kind of Courage* – Dan Gemeinhart  
*Full of Beans* - Jennifer L. Holm  
*Number the Stars* – Lois Lowry  
*Wonderstruck* – Brian Selznick  
*I Survived* series – Lauren Tarshis  
*Gone Crazy in Alabama* – Rita Williams-Garcia

### Adventure and Fantasy

*Spirit Animals* series – Various Authors  
*The Jumbies* - Tracey Baptiste  
*Aru Shah* series - Roshani Chokshi  
*The Magisterium* series - Holly Black and Cassandra Clare  
*NERDS* series – Michael Buckley  
*Fairy Tale Reform School* series - Jen Calonita  
*How to Tame Your Dragon* series – Cressida Cowell  
*The Tale of Despereaux* – Kate DiCamillo  
*Unicorn Rescue Society* series - Adam Gidwitz  
*Knights vs.* series - Dan Greenburg  
*The Princess Academy* – Shannon Hale  
*Warrior* series – Erin Hunter  
*A Wrinkle in Time* series – Madeleine L'Engle  
*Whatever After* series - Sarah Mlynowski  
*Wings of Fire* series - Tui. T. Sutherland  
*Nevermoor* series - Jessica Townsend  
*Dragonbreath* series – Ursula Vernon

### Mystery

*The 39 Clues* - Various Authors  
*Chasing Vermeer* – Blue Balliett  
*The Sisters Grimm* series – Michael Buckley  
*Under the Egg* – Laura Marx Fitzgerald  
*A Tangle of Knots* – Lisa Graff  
*The Missing* series - Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Nooks & Crannies* – Jessica Lawson  
*Holes* – Louis Sachar  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events* – Lemony Snicket

# Top Picks: Summer Reading 2019

## Classics: New and Old

*The One and Only Ivan* – Katherine Applegate  
*Peter Pan and Wendy* – J.M. Barrie  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* – Kelly Barnhill  
*The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett  
*All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* – Leslie Connor  
*Sticks and Stones* – Abby Cooper  
*The BFG* – Roald Dahl  
*Flora and Ulysses* – Kate DiCamillo  
*The Black Stallion* - Walter Farley  
*George* – Alex Gino  
*The Land of Forgotten Girls* – Erin Entrada Kelly  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* – Jacqueline Kelly  
*Listen, Slowly* – Thanhha Lai  
*Ella Enchanted* – Gail Carson Levine  
*The Magician's Nephew* – C.S. Lewis  
*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* – Grace Lin  
*The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price* – Jennifer Maschari  
*Anne of Green Gables* – Lucy Maud Montgomery  
*Wonder* – R.J. Palacio  
*Bridge to Terabithia* – Katherine Paterson  
*The Red Pencil* – Andrea Davis Pinkney  
*Ghost* - Jason Reynolds  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* – J. K. Rowling  
*Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms* – Katherine Rundell  
*Amal Unbound* - Aisha Saeed  
*The Secret Horses of Briar Hill* – Megan Shepherd  
*Charlotte's Web* - E. B. White

## Nonfiction

*Who Was...? series* - Various Authors  
*Seeing Stars: a Complete Guide to the 88 Constellations* - Sara Gillingham  
*Great Art in 30 Seconds* - Susie Hodge  
*Bones: Skeletons and How They Work* - Steve Jenkins  
*Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides* - Ken Jennings  
*The Building Blocks of Science series* - Joseph Midthun  
*We Are the Ship* - Kadir Nelson  
*Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower* - Greg Pizzoli  
*Bomb* - Steve Sheinkin  
*Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White* - Melissa Sweet  
*I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters* - Lauren Tarshis  
*Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry* - Neil Degrasse Tyson  
*Brown Girl Dreaming* – Jacqueline Woodson

Book Title	Author	DRA Level	Grade Level
Anno's Counting Book	Anno, Mitsumasa	A-1	0.25
Count and See	Hoban, Tana	A-1	0.25
Dig, Dig	Wood, Leslie	A-1	0.25
Do You Want To Be My Friend?	Carle, Eric	A-1	0.25
Flowers	Hoenecke, Karen	A-1	0.25
Growing Colors	McMillan, Bruce	A-1	0.25
In My Garden	McLean, Moria	A-1	0.25
Look What I Can Do	Aruego, Jose	A-1	0.25
What Do Insects Do?	Canizares, S.& Chanko,P	A-1	0.25
What Has Wheels?	Hoenecke, Karen	A-1	0.25
Cat on the Mat	Wildsmith, Brain	2 and 3	0.5
Getting There	Young	2 and 3	0.5
Hats Around the World	Charlesworth, Liza	2 and 3	0.5
Have you Seen My Cat?	Carle, Eric	2 and 3	0.5
Have you seen my Duckling?	Tafari, Nancy/Greenwillow	2 and 3	0.5
Here's Skipper	Salem, Llynn & Stewart,J	2 and 3	0.5
How Many Fish?	Cohen, Caron Lee	2 and 3	0.5
I Can Write, Can You?	Stewart, J & Salem,L	2 and 3	0.5
Look, Look, Look	Hoban, Tana	2 and 3	0.5
Mommy, Where are You?	Ziefert & Boon	2 and 3	0.5
Runaway Monkey	Stewart, J & Salem,L	2 and 3	0.5
So Can I	Facklam, Margery	2 and 3	0.5
Sunburn	Prokopchak, Ann	2 and 3	0.5
Two Points	Kennedy,J. & Eaton,A	2 and 3	0.5
Who Lives in a Tree?	Canizares, Susan et al	2 and 3	0.5
Who Lives in the Arctic?	Canizares, Susan et al	2 and 3	0.5
All Fall Down	Wildsmith, Brain	4	1
Apple Bird	Wildsmith, Brain	4	1
Apples	Williams, Deborah	4	1
Bears	Kalman, Bobbie	4	1
Big Long Animal Song	Artwell, Mike	4	1
Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You	Martin, Bill	4	1
Bunny, Bunny	Hall, Kirsten	4	1
Cats	Williams, Deborah	4	1
Fox on the Box, the	Gregorich, Barbara	4	1
Gregory's Dog	Stobbs, William	4	1
Hi, Word Bird	Moncure, Jane	4	1
I Have a Watch	Williams, Deborah	4	1
I See Monkeys	Williams, Deborah	4	1
I Want a Pet	Gregorich, Barbara	4	1
I Want To Be a Clown	Johnson, Sharon	4	1
I Went Walking	Williams, Sue	4	1
Joshua James Likes Trucks	Petrie, Cztherine	4	1
Jump Frog	Salem, Lynn	4	1
Leaves	Hoenecke, Karen	4	1
Looking for Halloween	Evans,Karen	4	1

Monsters	Namm, Diane	4	1
My Dream	Wildsmith, Brain	4	1
My Kite	Williams, Deborah	4	1
Now We Can Go	Jonas, Ann	4	1
Octopus Goes to School	Bordelon, Carolyn	4	1
One Hunter	Hutchins, Pat	4	1
Pancakes for Breakfast	dePaloa, Tomie	4	1
Pancakes, Crackers & Pizza	Eberts, Marjorie	4	1
Playhouse For Monster, A	Mueller, Virginia	4	1
Rain	Kalan, R	4	1
Raindrops	Brimmer, Larry	4	1
Roll Over	Peek, Merle	4	1
Sammy at the Farm	Evans, Karen	4	1
Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails	Tafari, Nancy/Greenwillow	4	1
Swing, Swing, Swing	Tuchman, G	4	1
Tell Me Something Happy Before I Go	Dunbar, Joyce	4	1
Toot, Toot	Wildsmith, Brain	4	1
Up Went the Goat	Gregorich, Barbara	4	1
We Need Trees	Hoenecke, Karen	4	1
Weather	Chanko, P & Morton, D	4	1
What a Tale	Wildsmith, Brain	4	1
What Am I?	Williams, Deborah	4	1
What's for Lunch?	Garrett, Ann	4	1
What's Inside?	Hoenecke, Karen	4	1
Where Does the Teacher Sleep?	Gibson, Kathleen	4	1
Where's the Halloween Treat?	Ziefert, Harriet	4	1





# Summer Reading Log for Students Entering Grades 3 to 5

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Each time your child reads record the date, number of minutes read, and title of the book. After reading have your child write a summary of what he/she read or make a connection with the book. Connections can be text to text, text to self, or text to world. The students currently in grade 4 can also identify "Sign Posts" in their reading.



	Summary or Connection
Date: _____ Minutes: _____ Title: _____ _____	_____ _____ _____
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Date: _____ Minutes: _____ Title: _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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**Total Minutes** \_\_\_\_\_