

Summer Reading 2025

Summer is the perfect time to dive into a great new book! Below is a selection of books and series that are popular among our incoming 1st-3rd grade students, organized by reading level. Parents can take time to make reading fun by organizing a reading challenge or reading “camp out” (with a fort and snacks!), or encouraging reading in fun new places like in a hammock or under a tree. Local libraries will often organize summer programs with prizes for reading as well!

-Mrs. Barkley, Library Media Specialist

Book Title	Lexile Range	Author	Description
Elephant and Piggie series	40-295	Mo Willems	This series (about an elephant and pig) has become a modern classic
Hi Fly Guy series	40-295	Tedd Arnold	Tales of a friendship between a boy and a fly
Katie Woo series	40-295	Fran Manushkin	Stories of a curious and creative girl
No, David!	40-295	David Shannon	Stories of a boy who is often found getting into trouble
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot series	40-295	Dav Pilkey	From the author of Captain Underpants and Dog Man
Pinkalicious books	40-295	Victoria Kann	A girl and her younger brother love the color pink
The food groups series (The Bad Seed, The Good Egg, The Cool Bean, etc.)	170-545	John Jory	Charming and relatable books for many kids
Creepy Tales! (Creepy Crayon & Creepy Carrot)	170-545	Aaron Reynolds	Funny parodies of thriller movies (but for kids!)
Knight Owl & Early Bird	170-545	Christopher Denise	A great bedtime read about an owl striving to become the best knight in the kingdom.
Narwhal and Jelly series	170-545	Ben Clanton	Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a

			no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties and adventures.
Mercy Watson series	170-545	Kate DiCamillo	Tales of fictional pig
Ivy + Bean series	170-545	Annie Barrows	Tales of two friends with very different personalities
Endlessly Ever After	170-545	Laurel Snyder	Choose your adventure book, based on classic fairy tales
Pig the Pug series	170-545	Aaron Blabey	Stories of a pug, named Pig, and his adventures
Thelma the Unicorn	170-545	Aaron Blabey	A pony dreams of becoming a music star
Baby-Sitters Club & Baby-Sitter's Little Sister graphic novels	415-760	Various	Updated take on the classics!
HiLo series	415-760	Judd Winick	Adventure-filled graphic novels
I Am... series	415-760	Brad Meltzer	Biographies for young readers. Our students are big fans of the Helen Keller version!
Owl Diaries series	415-760	Rebecca Elliott	Chapter books for newly independent readers
Who Would Win? series	415-760	Jerry Pallotta	Nonfiction books comparing animals' strengths
Last Kids on Earth series	635-960	Max Brallier	Zombie adventures!
Lily to the Rescue series	635-960	W. Bruce Cameron	Tales of a rescue dog who rescues other animals
Jedi Academy series	635-960	Jeffery Brown	For fans of Star Wars
Total Mayhem series	635-960	Ralph Lazar	Funny, quick reads