

SUMMER READING 2025

Rising Grades 1-2

Required Reading: At least two books from the attached list.

If the student is unable to independently read these books, a parent may partner read together with the child and assist as needed.

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Chapter Easy Nonfiction	Author	Title ISBN	Summary	
Chapter	Brisley	<i>Milly-Molly-Mandy</i> <i>Storybook</i> (hardcover) 9780753453322	Young children today will love to hear how Milly-Molly- Mandy decides to spend her first penny, looks after a hedgehog, and spends her first night away from home.	
Chapter	Buff	The Apple and the Arrow 9780618128099	11-year-old Walter Tell awaits the skillful demonstration of his father William, who will shoot an apple from his head.	
Chapter	Estes	The Hundred Dresses 9780152052607	Wanda Petronski is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day.	
Chapter	Fritz	George Washington's Breakfast 9780698116115	George, a little boy who is constantly seeking new information about his namesake, decides he will stop at nothing to find the answer to this question.	
Chapter	Gannett	<i>Elmer and the Dragon</i> 9780440421368	In this sequel to <i>My Father's Dragon</i> . Elmer and Boris's island hopping adventures continue.	
Chapter	Gannett	<i>My Father's Dragon</i> 9780394890487	When Elmer Elevator tells a stray cat about his dream of being able to fly, he learns of a captive dragon on Wild Island.	
Chapter	Gannett	The Dragons of Blueland 9780394890500	Elmer must come once again to the aid of his flying baby dragon when men discover its retreat and begin to hunt it.	
Chapter	Кау	The Ordinary Princess 9780142300855	Along with Wit, Charm, Health, and Courage, Princess Amy of Phantasmorania receives a special fairy christening gift: Ordinariness.	
Chapter	King-Smith	The Water Horse 9780375842313	In 1930, , eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature	
Chapter	Lester	The Tales of Uncle Remus: The Adventures of Brer Rabbit	Whether he is besting Brer Fox or sneaking into Mr. Man's garden, Brer Rabbit is always teaching a valuable lesson.	

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Chapter	Lovelace	Betsy Tacy 9780064400961	From the moment they met, Betsy and Tacy become such good friends that everyone starts to think of them as one person—Betsy-Tacy	
Chapter	Mattick	Finding Winnie 9781408340240	Winner of the Caldecott Medal about the remarkable true story of the bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.	
Chapter	McDonald	<i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle</i> 9780064401487	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle lives in an upside-down house and smells like cookies.	
Chapter	Minarik	<i>Little Bear</i> (set of 3) 9780064441971	Little Bear, Father Bear Comes Home, and Little Bear's Visit	
Chapter	Orr	Nim's Island 9780385736060	Nim can chop down bananas with a machete, climb tall palm trees, and start a fire with glass.	
Chapter	Parrish	Amelia Bedelia (Set of 3) 9780060542382	Everyone's favorite literal-minded housekeeper, Amelia Bedelia, celebrates her 40th Anniversary in a three-book I Can Read box set.	
Chapter	Peterson	The Littles 9780590462259	Meet the Littles, a family like any other but with a few tiny differences!	
Chapter	Pittman	A Grain of Rice 9780440413011	A clever, cheerful, hard-working farmer's son wins the hand of a Chinese princess by outwitting her father the Emperor.	
Chapter	Potter	The Tale of Peter Rabbit 9780723247708	The story of a very mischievous rabbit and the trouble he encounters in Mr McGregor's vegetable garden!	
Chapter	Sharmat	<i>Nate the Great</i> 9780440461265	Nate carefully examines the clues and finds a missing painting.	
Chapter	Sobol	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> 9780142408889	Leroy Brown, aka Encyclopedia Brown, is Idaville neighborhood's ten-year-old star detective.	
Chapter	Stanifort	Balto, The Bravest Dog Ever 9780394896953	Recounts the life of Balto, the sled dog who saved Nome, Alaska in 1925 by delivering medicine through a raging snowstorm.	
Chapter	Williams	The Velveteen Rabbit 9780380002559	The love a boy steadfastly bestows on his toy helps him through a serious illness and afterwards saves his beloved bunny from a terrible fate.	
Easy	Ahlberg	Each Peach Pear Plum 9780140506396	Rhymed text and illustrations invite the reader to play "I Spy" with a variety of Mother Goose and other folklore characters.	
Easy	Barrett	<i>Cloudy with a Chance of</i> <i>Meatballs</i> 9780689707490	Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgersuntil the weather takes a turn for the worse.	
Easy	Barrett	Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing 9780689708077	Animals should definitely <u>not</u> wear clothingbecause a snake would lose it, a billy goat would eat it for lunch, and it would always be wet on a walrus!	
Easy	Berenstain	Berenstain Bears Big Bedtime Book 9780060574369	When Mama and Papa Bear go out for the night, Brother, Sister, and Honey aren't sad because they have Mrs. Grizzle—the best babysitter and storyteller ever!	
Easy	Brown/ Perrault	Cinderella 9780689814747	This timeless story tells of the young girl who is mistreated by her step mother and step sisters.	
Easy	Burton	The Little House 39525938	The story of a happy home and her journey from the pleasures of nature to the bustling city, and back again.	
Easy	Carle	The Grouchy Ladybug 9780064434508	A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size or strength.	

Easy	Cooney	<i>Miss Rumphius</i> 9780140505399	As a child, Miss Rumphius dreams of traveling to faraway places.	
Easy	Cooney/ Chaucer	Chanticleer and the Fox 9780064430876	A proud rooster is tricked by a sly fox.	
Easy	DePaola	Strega Nona 9780671666064	Left alone for the day, Big Anthony excitedly uses the magic pot to feed the whole town, but is helpless when pasta flows everywhere.	
Easy	DiCamillo	Mercy Watson Goes For a Ride 9780763645052	Mercy loves nothing more than a ride in the convertible, with the wind tickling her ears and the sun on her snout.	
Easy	Galdone	<i>Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> 9780899190358	Three clever billy goats outwit a big ugly troll that lives under the bridge they must cross on their way up the mountain.	
Easy	Hoban	Bedtime for Frances 9780064434515	The little badger delays her bedtime with requests for kisses and milk, and concerns over tigers and giants and things going bump in the night.	
Easy	Hoff	<i>Danny and the Dinosaur</i> 9780064440028	When Danny sees a dinosaur at the museum and says, "It would be nice to play with a dinosaur," a voice answers, "And I think it would be nice to play with you."	
Easy	Kessler	Here Comes the Strikeout 9780064440110	Hitting the ball is hard work, but after lots of practice and advice from his friend Willy, Bobby learns how.	
Easy	Kraus	<i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> 9780064433488	Leo isn't reading, or writing, or drawing, or even speaking, and his father is concerned. But Leo's mother isn't. She knows her son will do all those things, and more, when he's ready.	
Easy	Lobel	<i>Frog and Toad Collection</i> (set of 3) 9780060580865	From sledding in winter to eating ice cream on hot summer days, these two friends have fun together the whole year round!	
Easy	McCloskey	<i>Blueberries for Sal</i> 9780140501698	What happens when Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub?	
Easy	McCloskey	Make Way for Ducklings 9780140564341	The busy Boston streets are too dangerous for eight little ducklings!	
Easy	Peet	<i>Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea</i> <i>Serpent</i> 9780395313893	A shark accuses Cyrus of cowardice because he won't sink any ships.	
Easy	Peet	Eli 9780395366110	A proud but decrepit lion learns a lesson about friendship from the vultures he despises.	
Easy	Peet	Hubert's Hair Raising Adventure 9780395282670	Hubert the lion, terribly vain about his beautiful mane, tries everything to make it grow back after it goes up in smoke.	
Easy	Pfister	<i>The Rainbow Fish</i> 9783314015441	The vain, lonely Rainbow Fish who relinquishes his pride and gives away almost all of his special shiny scales to gain friends.	
Easy	Rey, H. A.	<i>Curious George</i> 9780395150238	George is taken from the jungle by the man in the yellow hat to live in a new home, butoh, what happened!	
Easy	Rylant	<i>The Relatives Came</i> 9780689717383	The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.	
Easy	Slobodkina	Caps for Sale 9780064431439	A band of monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.	
Easy	Steig	Dr. DeSoto 9780312611897	Since he's a mouse, Dr De Soto refuses to treat "dangerous" animals—that is, animals who have a taste for mice. But one day a fox shows up	

Easy	Steig	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble 9780671662691	On a rainy day, Sylvester finds a magic pebble that can make wishes come true.	
Easy	Thacher	Art Dog 9780064434898	Someone has stolen the Mona Woofa from the Dogopolis Museum of Art !	
Easy	Viorst	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day 9780689711732	On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.	
Easy	Waber	<i>Ira Sleeps Over</i> 9780395205037	Ira is thrilled to spend the night at Reggie's, until his sister raises the question of whether he should take his teddy bear.	
Easy	Waber	Lyle Lyle Crocodile 9780395137208	A cranky neighbor puts Lyle in the zoo but experiences a change of heart when the crocodile saves him from a fire.	
Easy	Zion	<i>Harry the Dirty Dog</i> 9780064430098	Harry is a white dog with black spots who loves everything except baths.	
Non fiction	Aston	A Seed is Sleepy 9781452131474	Introduces children to a fascinating array of seed and plant facts.	
Non fiction	Aston	An Egg Is Quiet 9781452131481	Countless interesting facts about eggs.	
Non fiction	Edwards	Who Was King Tut? 978-0448443607	Explains the life and times of this ancient Egyptian ruler, covering the story of the tomb's discovery, as well as myths and so-called mummy curses.	
Non fiction	Griffin	<i>Phoebe the Spy</i> 9780698119567	Phoebe gets a job as George Washington's housekeeper, but her real job is to work as a spy.	
Non fiction	Marsh	Great Migrations: Amazing Animal Journeys 9781426307416	Every year like clockwork, animals both big and small are driven by a natural instinct to move, in order to survive.	
Non fiction	Martin	Snowflake Bentley 9780547248295	Bentley's snowflake photos revealed two important truths: no two snowflakes are alike; and each one is startlingly beautiful.	
Non fiction	Rockwell	The Busy Body Book: A Kids Guide to Fitness 9780553113747	A celebration of the amazing human machine and a life on the move!	
Non fiction	Sabuda	<i>Tutankahamen's Gift</i> 9780689817304	Imparting facts about Egyptian history, Sabuda creates a background world and then places the boy who would be king in it.	
Non fiction	Shwartz	How Much Is a Million? 9780688099336	Ever wonder just what a million of something means? How about a billion? Or a trillion?	
Non fiction	Simont	How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World 9780064432184	A child takes an imaginary 8,000-mile journey through the earth and discovers what's inside.	
Non fiction	Sis	Starry Messenger: Galileo Galilei 9780374470272	Galileo Galilei was the first man to turn the telescope to the skies to map the heavens.	
Non Fiction	St. George	What Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition? 978-0448479019	A true-life adventure tale of the two-year journey that finally brought the explorers to the Pacific Ocean.	
Poetry	Prelutsky	<i>It's Raining Pigs and</i> <i>Noodles</i> 9780060763909	More than one hundred hilarious poems and zany drawings	