

Helping Your Child Bridge the Summer Reading Gap



Young Readers K-2

***Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day**

by Judith Voirst

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

***One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss

A story-poem about the activities of such unusual animals as the Nook, Wump, Yink, Yop, Gack, and the Zeds.

***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin, Jr.

Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a mother looking at them.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault

In rollicking rhyme, the letters of the alphabet race each other to the top of the coconut tree.

***If You Give a Mouse a Cookie** by Laura Numeroff

A little boy offers a mouse a cookie and a chain reaction is set in motion illustrating how one thing leads to another.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion with just one bite.

Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Although unaware that a fox is after her as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen still manages to lead him into one accident after another.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig

In a moment of fright Sylvester the donkey asks his magic

pebble to turn him into a rock but then can not hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Tuesday by David Wiesner

Frogs rise on their lily pads, float through the air, and explore the nearby houses while their inhabitants sleep.

David Goes to School by David Shannon

David's activities in school include chewing gum, talking out of turn, and engaging in a food fight, causing his teacher to say over and over, "No, David!"

Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book series) by Peggy Parish

Meet Amelia Bedelia, the unflappable maid who does everything literally. Dress the chicken for dinner--well, do you want a boy chicken or a girl chicken?

***The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein

A little boy befriends a tree. Loving and generous, the tree provides everything she can for him--fruit, shade, and a place for a swing--throughout the boy's life.

Zin!Zin!Zin! A Violin by Lloyd Moss

In this combination counting book and spirited tribute to classical music, the clever, rhythmic verse echoes the sounds that the various instruments in the orchestra create, from the mournful trombone to the swinging trumpet to the sharp violin.

The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper

When the other engines refuse, the Little Blue Engine tries to pull a stranded train full of toys and good food over the mountain.

This Is the House That Jack Built by Simms Taback

A handsomely designed, antic book chock full of humorous and inventive details.

Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

***Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business Series**

by Barbara Park

Through a misunderstanding, Junie B. thinks that her new baby brother is really a baby monkey, and her report of this news creates excitement and trouble in her kindergarten class.

***Frog and Toad All Year Series** by Arnold Lobel

Two friends share experiences in each season of the year.

***Clifford's Pals** by Norman Bridwell

Clifford plays with his dog friends and has some mischievous fun.

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Grace is a little girl who wants to be Peter Pan in the school play. She runs into obstacles, but refuses to give in despite the fact that she is black and a girl.

Spiders by Gail Gibbons

In this book about spiders, you will read about many types of spiders and fun facts about each one.

Little Bill Series by Bill Cosby

In this series, you will read about Little Bill and all of his fun adventures.

*Choose any books by this author

Intermediate Readers 3-5

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Betty Bao Lord

In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn where she becomes Americanized at school.

The Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

A young Chumash Indian girl lives alone for 18 years with only animals for companions.

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George

A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

A widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats is sent to a terrible correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend.

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home.

***The BFG Series** by Roald Dahl

Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant),

who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

Ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous during the German occupation of Denmark.

***Sideways Stories from Wayside School** by Louis Sachar

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn.

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell

Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

Frindle by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When Marty Preston comes across a young beagle in the hills behind his home, its love at first sight — and big trouble.

A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Stuart Little by E. B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend.

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynn Reid Banks

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

***Encyclopedia Brown series** by Donald J. Sobol

The boy detective is involved in solving many mysteries.

***You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber Brown** by Paula Danziger

At the end of third grade, Amber is excited about her trip with her aunt to London and Paris, where she will see her father again, but her plans change when she comes down with chicken pox.

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

Runaway Home by Patricia McKissack

In 1886 in Alabama, an eleven-year-old African American girl and

her family befriend a runaway Apache boy.

***Nate the Great** by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Four adventurous orphans take up residence in a boxcar and begin to solve mysteries.

Hank the Cowdog by John R. Erickson

Hank the cowdog is the Head of Ranch Security in the action-packed adventure series.

Ginger Pye by Eleanor Estes

The disappearance of a new puppy named Ginger.

Jigsaw Jackson by David Birchman

J. Jupiter Jackson, a potato farmer, discovers he is a genius at jigsaw puzzles.

There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar

An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself.

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

Three farmers try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.

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