

For Students Entering 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- \* Turtles in the Summer: A Journal for my Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe
- \* Animals in the House: A History of Pets and People by Sheila Keenan
- \* Crazy Cars by Matt Doeden
- \* Spike the Rebel! By Carl Sommer and Illustrated by Enrique Vignolo
- \* Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein
- \* Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry
- \* Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat and Rosalind Weinman
- \* Cam Janson Series by David Adler
- \* Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Ryland

For Students Entering 4<sup>th</sup>:

- \* Could You? Would You? By Trudy White
- \* The Richest Poor Kid by Carl Sommer and Illustrated by Jorge Martinez
- \* Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sacher
- \* Help I'm Trapped.... Series by Todd Strasser
- \* Dare to Dream! By Carl Sommer. Illustrated by Jorge Martinez, Greg Budwine and Kennon James.
- \* Explorer: A Daring Guide for Young Adventurers by Dugald A. Steer Illustrated by Milivoj Ceran and Alastair Graham.



For Students Entering 5<sup>th</sup>:

- \* A Friendship for Today by Patricia McKissack
- \* The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
- \* Mythology by Dugald A. Steer
- \* Old Penn Station by William Low
- \* Real-Life Monsters by Judith Jango-Cohen. Illustrated by Ryan Durney.
- \* A Thousand Tracings by Lita Judge
- \* When is a Planet Not a Planet? The Story of Pluto by Elaine Scott.

\*For more suggestions for summer reading, please visit  
<http://www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists/ChildrensChoices>

Recommended Magazines:

Ranger Rick  
Highlights  
Sports Illustrated for Kids  
National Geographic Kids  
American Girl Doll  
Lady Bug  
Kids Discover  
Time for Kids  
Zoobooks

For more information about public libraries in Massachusetts, visit:

Boston Public Library:  
<http://www.bpl.org>

Canton Public Library  
<http://town.canton.ma.us/library>

In addition to suggested summer reading, the following list consists of recommended authors for students in grades PreK-2 and 3-5, by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The list includes classic authors as well as recent authors. \*For a complete list of suggested authors for students going into grades 1-5, please visit <http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/ela/0601.pdf>

## Prevent Summer Slide!

If kids get out of the reading habit during the summer months, they may fall behind when school resumes in the fall. Try these three suggestions for preventing the dreaded summer slide! Your child's teacher will thank you in the fall!

Suggested Authors for Students in <b>PreK-2</b>	
(Classic Authors)	
* Margaret Brown	* Robert McCloskey
* Theodore Geisel	* Beatrix Potter
* Robert Lawson	* H.A. and Margaret Rey
(Recent Authors)	
* Joanna Cole	* Ezra Jack Keats
* Marc Brown	* Patricia McKissack
* Eve Bunting	* James Marshall
* Tomie dePaola	* Patricia Polacco
* Leo and Diane Dillon	* Jack Prelutsky
* Mem Fox	* Vera Williams
* Gail Gibbons	* Tan Hoban

Suggested Authors for Students Entering <b>Grades 3-5</b>	
(Classic Authors)	
* Beverly Cleary	* Jean George
* Laura Ingalls Wilder	* E.B. White
(Recent Authors)	
* Lynne Reid Banks	* Paul Fleischman
* Joseph Bruchac	* Patricia Reilly Giff
* Andrew Clements	* Kathryn Lasky
* Daniel Pinkwater	* Seymour Simon

1. Six Books to Summer Success: Research shows that reading just six to eight books during the summer may keep a reader from regressing. When choosing the books, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library and ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interest and abilities. Join the summer reading program at the Canton Public Library to motivate your child to read.

2. Read Something Every Day: Try to take advantage of every opportunity to read.

Morning: Newspaper — even if it is just the comics.

Daytime: Schedules, TV guides, magazines, etc. For example, if your child watches the food channel, help them look for a recipe online.

Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book they are currently reading. Have them rehearse a paragraph, page or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help them be more fluent — more able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly and with nice expression.

3. Keep Reading Aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so your child will be building listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase their knowledge and expand their experience with text, so that they will do better when they read on their own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine with many summer distractions.

These suggestions are meant to fit into a busy schedule and to make reading fun!

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