



## Summer Reading Suggestions for K-5

### 2024 Summer Reading Goal:

**“I will read at least 500 minutes throughout the summer months.”**

#### How It Works:

Throughout the summer, students will complete a reading log, record the days, minutes and the titles of the books read.

- Students may complete the reading log by [downloading it here](#), or pick it up from the school office. Please print the log or make a copy of it in Google.
- Within the first week back to school in September, students will return their completed reading logs.
- Students will be recognized by their School Principal and Classroom teacher.

#### The Library Can Help Too!

The Peabody Library (on Main St., Lynn St. and Lowell St.) will be planning fun summer activities and can help with helping families find just the right books that will get kids excited about reading. They will also have displays featuring new books and fun themes. The books below are all linked to the library's catalog ([www.peabodylibrary.org](http://www.peabodylibrary.org)) to quickly request books you want.

#### More Reasons to Read:

- Prevent 2 months of summer reading loss by consistently reading throughout the summer
- Research states children who read for 20 minutes a day at home perform better in school

#### Picture Books:

(Great for sharing as a family, for kids who aren't reading on their own, or for kids who are reading but would like something less challenging for a break)

| Suggested Authors                 | Suggested Series   |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Samantha Berger</a>   | <a href="#">The Questioners</a> (Andrea Beaty)                     |
| <a href="#">Michael Ian Black</a> | <a href="#">Books that Drive Kids Crazy!</a> (Beck & Matt Stanton) |
| <a href="#">Eva Chen</a>          | <a href="#">Froggy</a> (Jonathan London)                           |
| <a href="#">Ben Clanton</a>       | <a href="#">Bad Kitty</a> (Nick Bruel)                             |
| <a href="#">Doreen Cronin</a>     | <a href="#">Scaredy Squirrel</a> (Melanie Watt)                    |
| <a href="#">Anna Dewdney</a>      | <a href="#">If you give a mouse a ....</a> (Laura Numeroff)        |
| <a href="#">Kelly DiPucchio</a>   | <a href="#">Cece</a> (Kimberly Derting)                            |
| <a href="#">Ame Dyckman</a>       | <a href="#">Vamos</a> (Raul the Third)                             |
| <a href="#">Laura Gehl</a>        | <a href="#">Pete the Cat</a> (James Dean)                          |



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| <a href="#">Emily Gravett</a>             | <a href="#">Lady Pancake &amp; Sir French Toast</a> (Josh Funk) |
| <a href="#">Kevin Henkes</a>              | <a href="#">Do NOT Bring Your Dragon.....</a> (Julie Gassman)   |
| <a href="#">Steve Jenkins</a>             | <a href="#">Mother Bruce</a> (Ryan T. Higgins)                  |
| <a href="#">Jory John</a>                 | <a href="#">Ballet Cat</a> (Bob Shea)                           |
| <a href="#">Anna Kang</a>                 | <a href="#">I am.....</a> (Susan Verde)                         |
| <a href="#">Jon Klassen</a>               |   |
| <a href="#">Grace Lin</a>                 |   |
| <a href="#">Oge Mora</a>                  |   |
| <a href="#">Yuyi Morales</a>              |   |
| <a href="#">Robert Munsch</a>             |   |
| <a href="#">Adam Rex</a>                  |   |
| <a href="#">Adam Rubin</a>                |   |
| <a href="#">Dan Santat</a>                |   |
| <a href="#">Connie Schofield-Morrison</a> |   |
| <a href="#">David Ezra Stein</a>          |   |
| <a href="#">Deborah Underwood</a>         |   |
| <a href="#">Chris vanDusen</a>            |   |
| <a href="#">Mo Willems</a>                |   |
| <a href="#">Jacqueline Woodson</a>        |   |
| <a href="#">Shinsuke Yoshitake</a>        |   |
| <a href="#">Kat Zhang</a>                 |   |



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### Easy Readers

(Great to build kids' confidence as they learn to read independently)

| Suggested Authors                | Suggested Series                         |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Cynthia Rylant</a>   | <a href="#">Yasmin</a>                   |
| <a href="#">Kevin Bolger</a>     | <a href="#">Rocky &amp; Daisy</a>        |
| <a href="#">Jan Thomas</a>       | <a href="#">The Science of Fun Stuff</a> |
| <a href="#">Mary Sullivan</a>    | <a href="#">Who Would Win?</a>           |
| <a href="#">David Adler</a>      | <a href="#">Pig in a Wig</a>             |
| <a href="#">Kimberly Derting</a> | <a href="#">Elephant and Piggie</a>      |
| <a href="#">Rob Scotton</a>      | <a href="#">Unlimited Squirrels</a>      |
| <a href="#">Drew Daywalt</a>     | <a href="#">Wild Kratts</a>              |
|                                  | <a href="#">Pete the Kitty</a>           |
|                                  | <a href="#">Molly of Denali</a>          |
|                                  | <a href="#">My Weird School</a>          |

### Chapter Books

(Great for kids reading independently but like a few pictures to give them clues to the story)

| Suggested Authors               | Suggested Series                           |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Tom Angleberger</a> | <a href="#">My Weird School</a>            |
| <a href="#">Claudia Mills</a>   | <a href="#">Mercy Watson</a>               |
| <a href="#">Sara Cassidy</a>    | <a href="#">Magic Tree House</a>           |
|                                 | <a href="#">Zoey and Sassafras</a>         |
|                                 | <a href="#">King &amp; Kayla</a>           |
|                                 | <a href="#">Yasmin</a>                     |
|                                 | <a href="#">Sofia Martinez</a>             |
|                                 | <a href="#">Princess in Black</a>          |
|                                 | <a href="#">My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish</a> |



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|  | <a href="#">Dragon Masters</a> |
|  | <a href="#">I Survived</a>     |
|  | <a href="#">Chicken Squad</a>  |
|  | <a href="#">Sadiq</a>          |

### Middle Grade Books

(Great for kids comfortable reading independently)

| Suggested Authors                   | Suggested Series                                   |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <a href="#">Kelly Jones</a>         | <a href="#">Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls</a>  |
| <a href="#">Raina Telgemeier</a>    | <a href="#">Phoebe and Her Unicorn</a>             |
| <a href="#">David Barclay Moore</a> | <a href="#">Rick Riordan Presents</a>              |
| <a href="#">Jerry Craft</a>         | <a href="#">Unlikely Adventures of Mabel Jones</a> |
| <a href="#">CeCe Bell</a>           | <a href="#">Nevermoor</a>                          |
| <a href="#">Rick Riordan</a>        | <a href="#">Book Scavenger</a>                     |
| <a href="#">Tracey Baptiste</a>     | <a href="#">13 Story Treehouse</a>                 |
| <a href="#">Chad Sell</a>           | <a href="#">Wings of Fire</a>                      |
| <a href="#">Judy Blume</a>          |  |
| <a href="#">Beverly Cleary</a>      |  |
| <a href="#">Kate Milford</a>        |  |
| <a href="#">Meg Medina</a>          |  |
| <a href="#">Linda Sue Park</a>      |  |
| <a href="#">James Patterson</a>     |  |
| <a href="#">Mac Barnett</a>         |  |
| <a href="#">Shannon Hale</a>        |  |

### Nonfiction

(Great to inspire creativity and encourage kids to explore the world and people around them)



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| <a href="#">Chelsea Clinton</a>      | <a href="#">Who Is?/ Who Was?/ What is?</a>             |
| <a href="#">Greg Tang</a>            | <a href="#">Little People Big Dreams</a>                |
| <a href="#">Andrea Davis Pinkney</a> | <a href="#">The Truth About .... (by Maxwell Eaton)</a> |
| <a href="#">Vashti Harrison</a>      | <a href="#">Disgusting Critters (by Elise Gravel)</a>   |

Lots of these books can be found as audiobooks. [Audiobooks count as reading!!!](#)

Looking at a book you like in the [library catalog](#)? Scroll down!!! Look for this box:

Read-alikes

**Similar Titles**

**Similar Authors**

- ★ Christian Robinson
- ★ Pat Zietlow Miller
- ★ Christelle Vallat
- ★ Stephanie Parsley Ledyard
- ★ Sherry J. Lee
- ★ Charis Wahl
- ★ Juana Martinez-Neal
- ★ Jeron Ashford Frame
- ★ M. H. Clark

[Thank you, Omu!](#) in NoveList

You'll get more ideas for books like the ones you enjoy.

### ST Math

And don't forget Jiji the Penguin and ST Math! Peabody Public Schools' students have access to ST Math throughout the summer -



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just use your regular login to gain access and have fun with Jiji's puzzles!