

## Summer Reading

*Summertime.....and the Reading Is Easy* is the New Hampshire Summer Reading theme this year. What better way to spend some of those hot, lazy days than to read a good book!! Help our kids discover the joys of reading. Who was Jackie Robinson? What happens with Cam Jansen in the school play? How are rainbows made? Follow Percy Jackson back in the time of Greek Mythology. Read the new Magic Tree House coming out in July. Explore pirate stories, animals, sports' heroes, fairy tales. Let your imagination be your guide to great summertime experiences.

Summer reading helps to maintain and advance your child's reading skills. Remember, if they're not reading, they can lose 2 to 3 months in reading levels. Don't let your child be one of the ones when asked if they read this summer, they respond "I forgot to read." We want every child to be a winner!

These lists can give you and your children ideas as to books and series that might interest them. Not sure what level they are reading? Have them read a page. If they get 5 words or more wrong, the book is probably too hard for them. Some kids can read words very well but have trouble with comprehension. Have your child retell back to you what they read. If they have trouble understanding, go down a level and see if that helps. Sometimes comprehension falls behind the phonetics in language. They certainly won't read if they don't understand it. Like everything else, each student proceeds at their own pace.

Here are some ideas that might inspire your child to discover the joys of reading!!

1. Set a good example. Let your child see you relaxing with a good book or magazine on a hot summer day.

2. Read to your child as often as you can. Don't be embarrassed to read aloud to your older children as well. You can read aloud even to 6th and 7th graders because they are constantly hearing new vocabulary and receiving a variety of background information that will help them in their writing and reading.

3. Play games that involve reading, thinking and strategy to help your child process information.

4. Limit both your own and your child's television time.

5. When on a trip, encourage your child to read road signs and play alphabet games with him or her.

6. Visit the public library or a bookstore. Both the Manchester City Library downtown and the Manchester West branch are again running their summer reading programs. Barnes and Noble has a summer reading program where your child can read books, complete a book log and receive a free book. TD Banknorth has a program where each child who reads 10 books over the summer can get a deposit of \$10 into their very own savings account.

Enjoy the time spent reading with your kids. You won't be disappointed in the shared moments.

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**Check It Out!**  
**Parker-Varney First Grade Summer Reading Ideas 2009**

All in One Hour--Susan Stevens Crummel  
 Alphabet Adventure--Audrey Wood  
 Are You My Mother--P.D. Eastman  
 The Art Lesson--Tomie dePaola  
 Arthur's Family Vacation--Marc Brown  
 eing Friends--Karen Beaumont  
 Brand New Kid--Katie Couric  
 Click Clack Moo - Cows That Type--Doreen Cronin  
 Dinosaur Eggs--Jennifer Dussling  
 Duck on a Bike--David Shannon  
 Fold Me a Poem--Kristine O'Connell George  
 Hedgie's Surprise--Jan Brett  
 Hello, Bumble Bee Bat--Darren Lunde  
 Hi Fly Guy--Todd Arnold  
 I Love You Mouse--John Graham  
 I Stink--Kate McMullan  
 Just Me and My Puppy--Mercer Mayer and other L'il Critter Books  
 Kitten's First Full Moon--Kevin Henkes  
 Knuffle Bunny Too: A case of Mistaken Identity--Mo Willems  
 Let It Shine--Three Favorite Spirituals--Ashley Bryan  
 Little Bear's Visit--Elsa H. Minarik  
 Llama, Llama, Mad at Mama--Anna Dewdney  
 Magnificent Monarchs--Linda Glaser  
 Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel--Virginia Lee Burton  
 Miss Nelson Is Missing--Harry Allard  
 Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?--Dr. Seuss  
 Monkey and Me--Emily Gravett  
 Olivia and the Missing Toy--Ian Falconer  
 Purplicious--Victoria Kann  
 Quick as a Cricket--Audrey Wood  
 Rooster's Off to See the World--Eric Carle  
 The Three Bears--Paul Galdone  
 There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy--Tedd Arnold  
 Traction Man Is Here--Mini Grey  
 Whistle for Willie--Ezra Jack Keats  
 Wilfred Gordon MacDonald Partridge--Mem Fox  
 Winners Never Quit--Mia Hamm

**Also: Caldecott Award Picture Books**

**Beginning Reading Book Series:**

I Can Read Level 1	All Aboard Readers, Level 1	Math Start-
Hello Reader, Level 1	Step Into Reading	Level 1
Green Light Readers, Level 1	DK Readers--Pre & Level 1	Elephant &
Top Readers (Non-Fiction) Stage 1	I'm Going to Read	Piggie

**Authors**

Frank Asch	Lois Ehlert	Dr. Seuss	Mo Willems
Jan Brett	Ezra Jack Keats	Audrey Wood	Nancy Shaw
Norman Bridwell	David McPhail	Doreen Cronin	Martin Waddell
Eric Carle	Mercer Mayer	Robert Munsch	

## Parker-Varney Second Grade Summer Reading Ideas 2009

Actual Size--Steve Jenkins  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day--Judith Viorst  
Applemando's Dreams--Patricia Polacco  
Are You a Dragonfly (Backyard Books) & others in series--Judy Allen  
Arrow to the Sun - A Pueblo Indian Tale--Gerald McDermott  
Arthur's Campout--Marc Brown  
Cook-a-doodle-doo--Janet Stevens  
Ben's Trumpet--Rachel Isadora  
Dear Mrs. LaRue--Mark Teague  
DK Eye Wonder Series--Reptiles--Simon Holland  
Dooby Dooby Moo--Doreen Cronin  
The End--David LaRochelle  
Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy--Jane O'Connor  
Flossie and the Fox--Patricia McKissack  
Frog & Toad Are Friends & others in series--Arnold Lobel  
Froggy Learns to Swim--Jonathan London  
The Gardener--Sarah Stewart  
Goldilicious--Victoria Kann  
The Great Fuzz Frenzy--Janet Stevens  
Henry Hikes to Fitchburg--D. B. Johnson  
Jungle Drums--Graeme Base  
Martha Speaks--Susan Meddaugh  
Mister Seahorse--Eric Carle  
Moonlight on the Magic Flute--Mary Pope Osborne  
More Parts--Tedd Arnold  
Mountain Dance--Thomas Locker (also his other scenic books)  
Mud Ball--Matt Tavares  
Never Take a Shark to the Dentist (and other things not to do)--Judi Barrett  
Oh Say Can You Say--Dr. Seuss  
Princess Pigsty--Cornelia Funke  
Red Riding Hood--James Marshall  
The Seashore Book--Charlotte Zolotow  
SkippyjonJones--Judy Schachner  
The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales--Jon Scieszka  
Strega Nona--Tomie dePaola  
Tales of Amanda Pig--Jean Van Leeuwen  
Velveteen Rabbit--Margery Williams  
When Dinosaurs Came With Everything--Elsie Broach  
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You Scary Tales--Mary Ann Hoberman  
Zoo's Who--Poems & Paintings--Douglas Florian

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#### Beginning Reading Book Series

I Can Read Levels 1 & 2  
Hello Reader, Levels 1 and 2  
Green Light Readers 2  
All Aboard Readers Level 1 and 2  
Step Into Reading  
DK Readers Levels 1 and 2  
I'm Going to Read Levels 1 & 2  
Top Readers (nonfiction) Stage 1

Math Start--Levels 1 & 2

Elephant and Piggie Series

#### Beginning Chapter Book Series

Mercy Watson--Cynthia Rylant  
Kids of Polk Street School--Patricia Reilly Giff  
The Magic Tree House--Mary Pope Osborne  
Junie B. Jones--Barbara Park  
Henry and Mudge--Cynthia Rylant

## **Parker-Varney 3rd Grade Summer Reading Ideas 2009**

Beautiful Blackbird--Ashley Bryan  
Big Enough Anna--The Little Sled Dog Who Braved the Arctic--Pam Flowers  
Brand New Kid--Katie Couric  
Diary of a Spider--Doreen Cronin  
Do Stars Have Points? Questions and Answers About Stars & Planets--Melvin & Gilda  
Dumpster Diver--Janet S. Wong  
Ellington Was Not a Street--N. Shange  
Eve of the Empire Penguin (Magic Tree House #40)--Mary Pope Osborne  
An Extraordinary Egg--Leo Lionni  
Eyes of Grey Wolf--Jonathan London  
The Empty Pot--Demi  
Fritz and the Beautiful Horses--Jan Brett  
Fudge-a-Mania--Judy Blume  
It's a Fair Day, Amber Brown--Paula Danzinger  
George Washington and the General's Dog--Frank Murphy  
Gobble, Gobble,, Slip, Slop--A Tale of a Very Greedy Cat--Meilo So  
Great White Shark--Ruler of the Sea--Kathleen Zoehfeld  
Hot Air--Marjorie Priceman  
Jumanji--Chris Van Allsburg  
Martina and the Beautiful Cockroach--a Cuban Folktale--Agra Carmen Deedy  
Max's Dragon--Kate Banks  
Ming Lo Moves the Mountain--Lobel  
Miss Smith Reads Again--Michael Garland  
Moir's Birthday--Robert Munsch  
Moonlight on the Magic Flute (Magic Tree House)--Mary Pope Osborne  
Mouse Tales--Arnold Lobel  
Nate the Great--Marjorie W. Sharmat (& other Nate the Great stories)  
The Sea Chest--Toni Buzzeo  
The Sneetches--Dr. Seuss  
Stone Soup--Jon J. Muth  
Thunder Cake--Patricia Polacco  
Verdi--Jannell Cannon  
Yucky Reptile Book--Jerry Pallotta  
Zachary's Ball--Matt Tavares

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#### **Beginning Reading Book Series**

I Can Read Levels 2 & 3	Top Readers (Nonfiction) Stages 2 or 3
Hello Reader Levels 2 & 3	I'm Going to Read Levels 3 or 4
All Aboard Readers 2 & 3	Math Start 2 & 3
Step Into Reading 2 & 3	
DK Readers Levels 1-3	

#### **Chapter Series**

Cam Jansen Series--David Adler	Mercy Watson--Cynthia Rylant
Horrible Harry--Suzy Kline	Rotten School--R. L. Stine
Jigsaw Jones Mysteries--James Preller	Captain Underpants--Dav Pilkey
Judy Moody--Megan McDonald	Stories Julian Tells--Ann Cameron
Magic Tree House Series--Mary Pope Osborne	My Weird School Series
Magic School Bus--Joanna Cole	Fairy Realm
Junie B. Jones--Barbara Park	

## Parker-Varney Fourth Grade Summer Reading Ideas 2009

Bunnacula--James Howe  
Cat Wings--Ursula LeGuin  
Crickwing--Janell Cannon  
Chocolate Fever--Robert Kimmel Smith  
Talented Clementine--Sara Pennypacker  
Egyptian Cinderella--Shirley Climo  
Esio Trot--Roald Dahl  
Fables--Arnold Lobel  
For Laughing Out Loud--More Poems...--Jack Prelutsky  
Frindle--Andrew Clements  
Gingerbread Cowboy--Janet Squires  
Granny Torrelli Makes Soup--Sharon Creech  
Horses--Gail Gibbons (and other books by her)  
If You Decide to Go to the Moon--Faith McNulty  
Just Plain Fancy--Patricia Polacco  
The Littles--Jon Peterson  
Living Color--Steve Jenkins  
Lucky Lady--Susan Saunders  
Lucky Lizard--Ellen Kelley  
Maniac Monkeys on Magnolia Street--Angela Johnson  
Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster--Debra Frasier  
On Beyond Zebra--- Dr. Seuss  
A Picture Book of Jackie Robinson--David Adler (and his other picture book biographies)  
Players in Pigtails--Shana Corey  
Prince of Underwhere--Bruce Hale  
Probuditi--Chris Van Allsburg  
Roxie and the Hooligans--Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Science Verse--Jon Scieszka  
Shipwreck (Island Series #1) (also books 2 & 3)--Gordon Korman  
SOS Files--Betsy Byars  
Surviving Brick Johnson--Laurie Myers  
Ugly Duckling--Andersen/Pinkney  
What To Do About Alice--Barbara Kerley

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#### Authors

Dick King-Smith	Megan McDonald
Bill Peet	Jon Scieszka
Patricia Polacco	Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements	Gordon Korman

#### Series

Box Car Children	American Girl	Chet Gecko
American Girl Mysteries	Goose Bumps	Mysteries
Bailey School Kids	Amber Brown	Stink
A to Z Mysteries	Encyclopedia Brown	Judy Moody
Arthur Chapter Books	Geronimo Stilton	English Roses
Time Warp Trio	Fairy Realm	
Spiderwick	Step Into Reading Levels 3 & 4	
Speed Racer	DK Readers Levels 3 & 4	
Amazing Days of Abby Hayes	I Can Read Levels 3 - 4	

## Parker-Varney Fifth Grade Summer Reading Ideas 2009

Bobby Baseball-- Robert Kimmel Smith  
City of Ember--Jeanne DuPrau (and sequels)  
Cricket in Times Square--George Selden  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (and sequels)--Jeff Kenney  
Ella Enchanted--Gail Carson Levine  
Escaping the Giant Wave--Peg Kehret  
Esperanza Rising--Pam Munoz Ryan  
Fablehaven--Branden Mull  
Family of Poems--Caroline Kennedy  
The Grey Ghost--Julie Hahnke  
Hatchet--Gary Paulsen  
Into the Volcano--A Graphic Novel--Don Woods  
Lafacadio--Shel Silverstein  
The Landry News--Andrew Clements  
The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles--Julie Andrews Edwards  
Long Way from Chicago--Richard Peck  
Losers, Inc.--Claudia Mills  
Hate That Cat--Sharon Creech  
My Side of the Mountain--Jean Craighead George  
My Teacher is an Alien--Bruce Coville  
Nic Bishop Spiders--Nic Bishop  
The Penderwicks--A Tale of Four Sisters,two Rabbits & a Very Interesting Boy--Jeanne Birdsall  
Pick of the Litter--Bill Wallace  
Poppy--Avi  
P.S. Longer Letter Later--Paula Danziger  
Among the Hidden--Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Shredderman: Secret Identity--Wendelin Van Draanen (also sequel)  
So Be It--Sarah Weeks  
The Tail of Emily Windsnap--Liz Kessler  
The Tale of Pale Male--A True Story--Jeanette Winter  
Utterly Me, Clarice Bean--Lauren Child  
When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Patriots--Lynn Cheney  
Whipping Boy--Sid Fleischman  
Young Man & the Sea--Rodman Philbrick

### Also Good Reading: Newbery Award Winners and the Great Stone Face Books

#### Authors

Judy Blume	Patricia Reilly Giff	Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements	Gary Paulsen	Gordon Korman
Sharon Creech	Louis Sachar	Kate DiCamillo
Avi	Pam Munoz Ryan	Dan Gutman
Bruce Coville	Jerry Spinelli	

#### Series

Amazing Days of Abby Hayes	Dragon Slayers Academy	English Roses
Chet Gecko Mystery	Step Into Reading Levels 4 & 5	Warrior Series
Guardians of G'Hoole	DK Readers Levels 4 & 5	Spiderwick
The Edge Chronicles	Artemis Fowl	Dear America
Land of Elyon	Underland Chronicles (Gregor)	Royal Diaries
39 Clues Series	Sisters Grimm (Michael Buckley)	Animal Ark

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### Great Stone Face Books 2009

Curse of the Night Wolf--Paul Stewart  
The Dragonfly Pool--Eva Ibbotson  
Every Soul a Star--Wendy Mass  
Fearless--Elvira Woodruff  
Found--Margaret Peterson Haddix  
The Funeral Director's Son--Coleen Paratore  
The Graveyard Book--Neil Gaiman  
Greetings From Nowhere-- Barbara O'Connor  
It's Only Temporary--Sally Warner  
Into the Volcano: a Graphic Novel--Don Wood  
Magic Thief--Sarah Prineas  
The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg--W. Philbrick  
Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a (Somewhat) Brave Shrew--Ursula Vernon  
Oggie Cooder--Sarah Weeks  
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat--Chris Riddell  
Robe of Skulls--Vivian French  
Savvy--Ingrid Law  
Scat--Carl Hiaasen  
The Seer of Shadows--Avi  
The Sherlock Files--The 100 Year Old Secret--Tracey Barrett  
Swindle--Gordon Korman  
A Thousand Never Evers--Shauna Burg  
The Truth About Horses, Friends and My Life as a Coward--Sarah P. Gibson  
We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes--Patrick Jennings  
The Wooden Mile--Chris Mou



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Akhenaten Adventure--Children of the Lamp--P.B. Kerr  
American Tall Tales--Mary Pope Osborne  
Bud Not Buddy--Christopher Paul Curtis  
The Calder Game--Blue Balliett  
City of Ember--Jeanne DuPrau (and sequels)  
A Corner of the Universe--Ann Martin  
Coraline--Neil Gaiman  
Cricket in Times Square--George Selden  
Ella Enchanted--Gail Carson Levine  
Eragon--Christopher Paolini  
Every Soul a Star--Wendy Mass  
Fablehaven--Branden Mull  
Family of Poems--Caroline Kennedy  
Found--Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Green Glass Sea--Ellen Klages  
The Grey Ghost--Julie Hahnke  
Hatchet--Gary Paulsen  
Homeless Bird--Gloria Whelan  
Homework Machine--Dan Gutman  
How to Be a Pirate...Cressida Cowell  
How We Know What We Know...Scientists & Kids Explore Global Warming-Lynn Cherry  
Hush--Jacqueline Woodson  
Into the Volcano--A Graphic Novel--Don Wood  
The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles--Julie Andrews Edwards  
The Loathsome Dragon--Retold by David Wiesner  
A Maze Me: Poems for Girls--Naomi Shihab Nye  
Music of Dolphins--Karen Hesse  
My Side of the Mountain--Jean Craighead George  
The Mysterious Benedict Society--Trenton Lee Stewart  
The Phantom Tollbooth--Norton Juster  
Pick of the Litter--Bill Wallace  
The Quest Begins (Seeker Series #1)--Erin Hunter  
Ruby Holler--Sharon Creech  
Savvy--Ingrid Law  
So Be It--Sarah Weeks  
Summer Ball--Mike Lupica  
Thief Lord--Cornelia Funke  
Three Cups of Tea--One Man's Journey to Change the World--One Child at a Time--  
Greg Mortenson  
Touching Spirit Bear--Ben Mikaelson  
Yeh Shen--A Cinderella Story from China--Ai-Ling Louie

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Mike Lupica  
Anthony Horowitz  
Will Hobbs  
Richard Peck  
Rick Riordan

## Series

Amazing Days of Abby Hayes Trilogy	Ranger's Apprentice	Bartimaeus
Chet Gecko Mystery	Step Into Reading Level 5	Redwall
Spiderwick	DK Readers Levels 4 & 5	5 Ancestors
The Edge Chronicles	Artemis Fowl	Royal Diaries
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Warrior Series	Sisters Grimm (Michael Buckley)	Children of the Red King (Charlie Bone)
Guardians of Ga'Hoole	Poppy Series (Avi)	
39 Clues Series	Percy Jackson & the Olympians	

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