

St. George's Memphis Recommended Summer Reading 2010

The titles below are merely a list of suggestions for each grade. The reading levels listed in parenthesis are from Accelerated Reader which uses the ATOS Readability Formula. ATOS determines a reading level based on words per sentence, characters per word, and average grade level of words. It is important to note that ATOS does not consider the content of the reading material when assigning grade levels. The reading level does not necessarily reflect interest level. Some lower level books contain themes more suitable for older children while some higher-level books would be more interesting to younger children. I have attempted to place the books under each grade according to interest level. However, you, as a parent know best what is most appropriate for your child. Not all of these books have been read by our faculty or staff. Every family has their own values, and we urge you to be familiar with what your child is reading to discern if it is acceptable by your own standards. I have compiled this list and the reading levels to provide you with some guidance as you explore the world of children's literature with your child. Since the titles on this list are suggestions, you are free to choose books from any grade level. **Please visit the library portion of our website under recommended reading for additional resources in finding books. Also visit Amazon.com to read *School Library Journal* or *Booklist* reviews on any of the following books.**

ENTERING 1st GRADE

*No Required Books: Students are strongly encouraged to read **100 books** to get ready for 1st grade and fill out the reading log given by the SK teachers. Students that read **100 books** will be recognized in a special assembly when we return to school.*

ENTERING 2ND GRADE

Any books from the following series:

The Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott (BL 3.0-4.3)

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne (2.6-3.9)

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (3.2-4.1)

Ready Freddy by Abby Klein (3.0-3.4)

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown (3.2-4.4)

Box Car Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner (2.7-4.4)

My Weird School by Dan Gutman (3.4-4.3)

Total of 11 books minimum

Below is a list of suggested titles for rising 2nd grade, but students should feel free to choose other titles that are not included in the list.

Amelia Bedelia series - Peggy Parrish (1.8-2.5)
Arthur chapter books - Marc Brown (3.0-3.9)
Bones series by David Adler (2.0-2.9)
Bug in a Rug - Jamie Gilson (2.9)
Bunnicula or Other James and Deborah Howe books (1.8-4.1)
Cam Jansen series by David Adler (3.0-3.9)
Cork & Fuzz: Good Sports by Dori Chaconas (1.8)
Doll People series by Ann Martin (Fantasy) (4.0)
Double Trouble in Walla Walla by Andrew Clements (3.8)
Friendship According to Humphrey series by Betty G. Birney (4.0-4.4)
Geronimo Stilton series (3.2-3.9)
Henry and Mudge series- Cynthia Rylant (2.1-2.7)
Horrible Harry series - Suzy Kline (2.8-3.3)
Ivy and Bean (3.0-3.9)
Junie B. Jones series - Barbara Park (2.7-3)
Just Grace series by Charise Harper (4.0-4.7)
Little Bear series - Else Minarik (1.4-2.4)
Martin Bridge series (Mystery) by Jessica Scott Kerrin (3.1-3.9)
Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo (2.2-2.9)
Mr. Putter and Tabby series - Cynthia Rylant (2.6-3.5)
Oliver Pig and/or Amanda Pig series - Jean Van Leeuwen (2.2-2.6)
Patricia Giff books (1.9-3.6)- The Bailey School Kids
Pinky and Rex series - James Howe (2.9-3.6)
Piper Reed Navy Brat by Kimberly Willis Holt (Realistic Fiction) (3.3-4.2)
Poppleton series - Cynthia Rylant (Animal) (2.0-2.9)
Surprises According to Humphrey (Animal) (4.0-4.4)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (4.4)
The World According to Humphrey (Animal) (4.2)
Trouble According to Humphrey (Animal) (4.3)
The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker (Realistic Fiction) (4.0)
The Time Warp Trio Series by Jon Scieszka(3.3-4.7)
Young Cam Jansen series by David Adler (2.0-2.9)

Nonfiction Suggestions for 3rd, 4th, and 5th

Students may choose from this list or other books of their own interest on their reading level.

Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges (BL 5.9)

A Drop of Water by Walter Wick (BL 5.8)

We are the Ship by Kadir Nelson (BL 5.9)

The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P. T. Barnum by Candice Fleming (BL 7.0)

Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths by Nic Bishop (BL 5.4)

Nic Bishop Marsupials by Nic Bishop (BL 5.4)

The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth by Kathleen Krull (BL 5.5) ISBN: 0375845615

Pocahontas: Princess of the New World by Kathleen Krull (BL 5.1)

ISBN: 0802795544

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin by James Cross Giblin

(BL 6.6) ISBN: 0439810655

Listen to the Wind: The Story of Dr. Greg and Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson (BL 4.6) ISBN: 0803730586

Earthquakes by Seymour Simon ISBN: 0060877154

Living Sunlight: How Plants Bring the Earth to Life by Molly Bang and Penny Chisholm (BL 3.4)

ISBN: 0545044227

Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11 by Brian Floca (BL 4.8)

ISBN: 141695046X

The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonders by Mark Kassino (BL 4.8)

Hip-Pocket Papa by Sandra Markle (BL 4.4)

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myth by Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Rising 3rd, 4th, & 5th Additional Fiction Recommendations

Below is a list of suggested fiction titles, but students should feel free to choose other titles that are not included in the list.

A Corner Of The Universe by Ann M. Martin (BL 4.5)
A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt - C. Coco De Young (BL 4.7)
A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson by Michelle Green (BL 5.1)
A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clement (BL 5.5)
A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck (BL 4.5)
Abner and Me by Dan Gutman (BL 4.2)
Absolutely Normal Chaos - Sharon Creech (BL 4.7)
Adaline Falling Star - Mary Osborne (BL 4.5)
Adventure novels by Gary Paulsen (BL 3.3-6.8)
Adventure novels by Will Hobbs (BL 4.9-5.9)
Allie Finkle series (BL 5.0)
Alex Riders series (5.0-6.0)
Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things (BL 3.8)
Amber Brown series - Paula Danziger (BL 3.7-4)
American Girl series – (BL 4.1 – 4.3)
Andrew Clements books (BL 3.5-6.0)
Avi books (BL 3.6-5.8)
Because of Winn-Dixie - Kate DiCamillo (BL 3.9)
Best School Year Ever - Barbara Robinson (BL 5.4)
Biographies by Kathleen Krull
Biographies- Signature Lives Series
Blood on the River by Elise Lynn Carbone (BL 5.3)
Boxcar Children series - Gertrude Warner (BL 2.9-4.2)
Bud Not Buddy - Christopher Curtis (BL 5)
Bull Run by Paul Fleischman- (Historical Fiction-Civil War) (BL 5.3)
Charlotte's Web - E.B. White (BL 4.4)
Chronicles of Narnia - C.S. Lewis (BL 5.4-5.9)
Clementine series (BL 4.0)
Dear America or My America series
Dear America series or My Name is America series
Dick King-Smith books (BL 4.5-6.1)
Each Little Bird that Sings by Deborah Wiles
Edge Chronicles series by Paul Stewart
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis (Newbery Honor 2008)

Ella Enchanted - Gail Levine (4.6)
Encyclopedia Brown series - Donald Sobol (4-4.8)
Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath
Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson
Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson
Flat Stanley series - Jeff Brown (3.3-4.0)
Frightful's Mountain - Jean Craighead George (4.7)
Frindle by Andrew Clement
Fudge-a-mania - Judy Blume (3.3)
George Washington Spy Master by Thomas Allen
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village
Goose Girls series by Shannon Hale
Guardians of Ga'hoole Series by Kathryn Lasky
Hank the Cowdog series - John Erickson (4.2-5.5)
Hanne's Quest by Olivier Dunrea
Hardy Boys series - Franklin Dixon (4.1-6.7)
Harriet the Spy - Louise Fitzhugh (4.5)
Harriet Tubman Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union
During the Civil War
Harry Potter series - J.K. Rowlings (5.5-6.8)
Henry Huggins books - Beverly Cleary (4.6-5.3)
Hoot by Carl Hiassen
How to Eat Fried Worms - Thomas Rockwell (3.5)
How to Steal a Dog by Barbara O'Connor
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O'Dell (5.4)
Jamestown 1607 by Michael Cooper
Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher – Bruck Coville
Just Grace series by Charise Harper
Just Juice - Karen Hesse (3.8)
Karen Hesse books (3.4-6.1)
Katherine Paterson books (4.2-5.7)
Kira-Kira – Cynthia Kadohata (Newbery Medal Book)
Kite Fighters by Linda Sue Park
Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories by Jon Scieszka
Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
Lily's Crossing - Patricia Giff (4.6)
Little House on the Prairie series - Laura Ingalls Wilder (4.6-5.8)
Lucy Rose series by Katy Kelly
Magic Thief: Book One by Sarah Prineas
Marie Curie by Kathleen Krull
Matt Christopher Books (3-6)
Missing May - Cynthia Rylant (5.3)
Missy Violet and Me by Barbara Hathaway (won the Coretta Scott King Award)
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank You Notes
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series - Betty MacDonald (4.9-5.5)
Nancy Drew series - Carolyn Keene (4.2-5.8)
Newbery Medal books (any previous winners)
Oggie Cooder by Sarah Weeks
On the Far Side of the Mountain - Jean Craighead George (4.5)
One Hen: How One Small Loan Can Make a Difference by Katie Smith Milway
Otherwise Known as Shelia the Great by Judy Blume
Pandora Gets Jealous by Carolyn Hennesy (BL 5.5)
Patricia Beatty books (BL4.6-5.7)
Patricia Giff books (BL 3.5-5.6)
Penny from Heaven by Jennifer Holms
Percy Jackson and the Olympians series (BL 4.0-4.9)
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Berry
Pippi Longstocking - Astrid Lindgren (5.2)
Please Write in This Book by Mary Amato
Princess Academy by Shannon Hale
Ralph S. Mouse - Beverly Cleary (5.1)
Ramona books - Beverly Cleary (4.8-5.6)
Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon Hale
Redwall series - Brian Jacques (5.1-6.3)
Roald Dahl books (BL 4.0-6.0)
Scat by Carl Hiaassen (BL 5.5)
Schooled by Gordon Korman (BL 4.9)
Secrets of Droon series by Tony Abbot (BL 2.9-4.4)
Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket (BL 6.2- 6.7)
Shades of Gray - Carolyn Reeder (BL 5.3)- (Civil War)
Sharon Creech novels (BL 4.0-5.9)
Shiloh series - Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (BL4.4-4.9)
Silverwing - Kenneth Oppel (BL 4.7)- (Fantasy)
Small Steps by Louis Sachar (BL 4.2)
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret (BL 5.2)
Stuart Little - E.B. White (BL 6)
Summer of the Monkeys - Wilson Rawls (BL 4.8)
Superfudge - Judy Blume (BL 3.4)
Swindle by Gordon Korman (BL 4.9)
Tale of Desperaux by Kate DiCamillo
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume (BL 3.3)
The 39 Clues series (BL 4.0-5.0)
The Adventurous Life of Myles Standish and the Amazing but True Survival Story of
the Plymouth Colony by Cheryl Harness (BL 7.1)
The Amazing Mr. Franklin or the Boy Who Read Everything by Ruth Asher
The BFG by Roald Dahl (BL 4.8)

The Borrowers series - Mary Norton (5.3-6.4)
The Boy Who Saved Baseball by John H. Ritter (BL 4.4)
The Bronze Pen by Zilpha Keatley Snyder (Fantasy) (6.0)
The Cay by Theodore Taylor (5.3)
The Chocolate Touch - Patrick Catling (4.7)
The Egypt Game - Zilpha Keatley Snyder (6.4)- (Mystery)
The Fighting Ground by Avi (Historical Fiction/Revolutionary War) (BL 4.2)
The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl (BL 4.7)
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman (Newberry Medal) (BL 5.1)
The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story – Suzanne Staples (BL 5.3)
The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman (BL 4.8)
The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick (BL 5.1)
The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles - Julie Edwards (BL 4.4)
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies (BL 4.1)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (BL 4.4)
The Mouse and the Motorcycle - Beverly Cleary (5.1)
The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey (BL 6.1)
The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart (BL 5.6)
The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall (BL 4.7)
The Penderwicks on Gardam Street by Jeanne Birdsall (BL 5.3)
The Secret Garden - Frances Burnett (6.3)
The Secret Journey - Peg Kehret (5.7)- (Fantasy)
The Sisters Grimm series (4.8-5.2)
The Talented Clementine by Sara Pennypacker (BL 4.0)
The Time Warp Trio series - Jon Scieszka (3.8-4.2)
The Westing Game - Ellen Raskin (5.3)- (Mystery)
The Willoughbys by Lois Lowery (BL 5.2)
Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World by Greg Mortenson (BL 6.1)
Toy Dance Party: Being the Further Adventures of a Bossyboots, Stingray, a Courageous Buffalo, and a Hopeful Round Someone Called Plastic by Emily Jenkins (BL 3.9)
Wayside School series - Louis Sachar (3.3-3.4)
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (BL 4.9)
Whitestar Dog on the Titanic by Marty Crisp (4.7)- (Historical Fiction/ Animal)
Wrinkle in Time series - Madeleine L'Engle (4.7-5.2)- (Fantasy)
Yolanda's Genius by Carol Fenner (4.8)

Teacher's Favorites

A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clement (Ms. Walter)
Absolutely Normal Chaos by Sharon Creech (Mrs. Gallagher)
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst (Mrs. McKenzie)

American Girl series (Mrs. Braddock)
An Indian in the Cupboard (Mrs. Baldwin)
Bill Peet books (Mrs. Garrison)
Cam Jansen series (Mr. Ferguson)
Charlotte's Webb by E.B. White (Ms. Henderson)
Double Trouble in Walla Walla (Ms. Walter)
Each Little Bird that Sings by Deborah Wiles (Ms. Baldwin)
Esperanda Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (Mrs. Krock)
Everything on a Waffle (Mrs. Alexander)
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies, Voices from Medieval Times (Mrs. Gallagher)
Hank the Cowdog series (Mrs. Gallagher)
Heckedy Peg by Audrey Wood (Ms. Long)
Hoot by Carl Hiaassen (Mrs. Zurbruegg)
Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher (Mrs. Kennedy)
Lucy Rose series (Mrs. Luton)
Mercy Wason series (Mrs. Whipple)
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle series (Mrs. Shoaf)
Please Write in This Book (Mrs. Vezina)
Polk Street School series by Patricia Reilly Giff (Mrs. Iyer)
Schooled by Gordon Korman (Mrs. Bronson)
Small Step: The Year I Got Polio by Peg Kehret (Mrs. Bronson)
The 39 Clues series (Mrs. Gallagher)
The BFG (Mrs. Krock)
Clementine series (Ms. Long)
The Giraffe, The Pelly & Me by Roald Dahl (Mrs. Wise)
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss (Ms. Walter)
The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl (Mrs. George)
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane (Mr. Ferguson)
The Time Warp Trio series (Mr. McCreight)
Wayside School series (Mr. Buzz)