



Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School 2025 Summer Reading List

Kindergarten Into First Grade

Suggested Titles	Author
Biscuit (series)	Alyssa Capucilli
Boy and Bot	Ame Dyckman
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	Bill Martin
Chica, Chica, Boom, Boom	Bill Martin
Clifford the Big Red Dog	Norman Bridwell
Duck! Rabbit!	Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
Eating the Alphabet	Lois Ehlert
Fly Guy (series)	Ted Arnold
Green Eggs and Ham	Dr. Seuss
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss
I Went Walking	Sue Williams
No David!	David Shannon
Q is for Duck	Mary Elting
Sheep in a Jeep	Nancy Shaw
Sheep on a Ship	Nancy Shaw
The Cat in the hat	Dr. Seuss
Wheels on the Bus	Raffi
Where's Spot?	Eric Hill

Read Alouds First Grade

Suggested Titles	Author
Beautiful Oops!	Barney Saltzberg
Dinosaur Roar	Paul Strickland
DK Readers (Nonfiction series)	Various Authors
Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus	Mo Willems
Elephant and Piggie (series)	Mo Willems
Giggle, Giggle, Quack	Doreen Cronin
Gregory the Terrible Eater	Mitchell Sharmat
Hattie and the Fox	Mem Fox
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie	Laura J. Numeroff
Jabari Jumps	Gaia Cornwall
Katie Woo (Series)	Fran Manushkin
Madeline	Ludwig Bemelmans
Magic School Bus (Series)	Joanna Cole
Mama Do You Love Me?	Barbara M. Joosse
Mo Jackson (series)	David Adler
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	Peter Brown
National Geographic Kids (Nonfiction Series)	Various Authors
No Jumping on the Bed	Ted Arnold
Olivia	Ian Falconer
Penny (series)	Kevin Henkes
Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons	Eric Litwin & James Dean
The Doorbell Rang	Pat Hutchins
The Giving Tree	Shel Silverstein
The Napping House	Audrey Wood
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
The Relatives Came	Cynthia Rylant
Three Little Pigs	James Marshall
Z is for Moose	Kelly Bingham & Paul Zelinsky



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Suggested Titles	Author
Amber Brown (series)	Paula Danziger
Amelia Bedelia (series)	Peggy Parish
Bink and Gollie (series)	Kate DiCamillo & Alison McGhee
Black Lagoon (series)	Mike Thaler
Captain Underpants (series)	Dav Pilkey
Commander Toad (series)	Jane Yolen
Danny and the Dinosaur Go To Camp	Syd Hoff
Data Set (series)	Ada Hopper
Don't Throw it to Mo (series)	David Adler
Exclamation Mark	Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
Frog and Toad (series)	Arnold Lobel
George and Martha: The Complete Stories About Two Best Friends	James Marshall
Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant
Junie B. Jones (series)	Barbara Park
King and Kayla (series)	Dori Hillestad Butler
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse	Kevin Henkes
Mercy Watson (series)	Kate DiCamillo
Miss Nelson (series)	Harry G. Allard
Ordinary People Change the World (series)	Brad Meltzer
Second Grade Rules	Abby Klein
Tales of Amanda Pig	Jean Van Leeuwen
That is Not a Good Idea!	Mo Willems
The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate The Wash	Trinka Hakes Noble
This is Not My Hat	Jon Klassen
Young Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler

Read Alouds Second Grade

Suggested Titles	Author
Actual Size	Steve Jenkins
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
Angelina Ballerina	Katharine Holabird
Click Clack Moo	Doreen Cronin
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Judi Barrett
Dog Breath:The Horrible Trouble With Hally Tosis	Dav Pilkey
How to Promenade with a Python (And Not Get Eaten)	Rachel Poliquin
Jada Jones (series)	Kelly Starling Lyons
Move	Steven Jenkins & Robin Page
Nothing Rhymes with Orange	Adam Rex
One Cool Friend	Toni Buzzeo
Paperbag Princess	Robert Munsch
Polar Express	Chris Van Allsburg
Secret Explorers (series)	SJ King
Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon	Patty Lovell
The Bad Seed	Jory John
The Day the Crayons Quit	Drew Daywalt
The Gifted Guitar	Carmen Rubin
The Good Egg	Jory John
The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn
The Recess Queen	Alexis O'Neill
You Read To Me, I'll Read to You	Mary Ann Hoberman



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Second Grade into Third Grade

Suggested Titles	Author
A Light in the Attic	Shel Silverstein
A-Z Mysteries (series)	Ron Roy
Bad Guys (series)	Aaron Blabey
Bailey School Kids (series)	Debbie Dadey & Marcia Thornton Jones
Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker	Shelley Johannes
Big Nate: In a Class by Himself	Lincoln Peirce
Boxcar Children (series)	Gertrude Warner
Bringing Rain to the Kapiti Plain	Verna Aardema
Busybody Nora (series)	Johanna Hurwitz
Cam Jansen (series)	David Adler
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Clementine (series)	Sara Pennypacker
Diary of a Pug (series)	Kyla May
Do You Know...? (Fitzhenry series)	Alain Bergeron
Dog Man (series)	Dav Pilkey
Dr. Bob's Amazing World of Animals (series)	Ruth Owen
Dragon Masters (series)	Tracey West
Eerie Elementary (series)	Jack Chabert
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Heidi Heckelbeck (series)	Wanda Coven
Henry and Mudge (series)	Cynthia Rylant
Horrible Harry (series)	Suzy Kline
Ivy and Bean	Annie Barrows
Judy Moody (series)	Megan McDonald
Last Firehawk (series)	Katrina Charmin
Magic Treehouse (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
Marvin Redpost (series)	Louis Sachar
Mercy Watson (series)	Kate DiCamillo
Narwhal and Jelly (series)	Ben Clanton

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Nate the Great (series)	Marjorie Sharmat
Notebook of Doom (series)	Troy Cummings
Owl Diaries (series)	Rebecca Elliot
Pinky and Rex (series)	James Howe
Press Start! (series)	Thomas Flintham
Princess in Black (series)	Shannon Hale
Rainbow Magic (any)	Daisy Meadows
Shredderman: Secret Identity (series)	Wendelin Van Draanen
The Magic School Bus (series)	Joanna Cole
The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo	Judy Blume
Unicorn Diaries (series)	Rebecca Elliott
Watch the Stars Come Out	Riki Levinson
Wayside School is Falling Down	Louis Sachar
We Forgot Brock !	Carter Goodrich
Who Would Win? (series)	Jerry Pallotta

Third Grade Read Alouds

Suggested Titles	Author
Ashti Meets Birdman AI	Carmen Rubin
Diary of a Worm	Doreen Cronin
Flying Frogs and Walking Fish	Steven Jenkins
Honeybee	Candace Fleming
Interrupting Chicken	David Ezra Stein
Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise	David Ezra Stein
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole	Mac Barnett
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig
The Empty Pot	Demi
The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors	Drew Daywalt
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss
Thomas' Snowsuit	Robert Munsch
Tikki Tikki Tembo	Arlene Mosel
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Shel Silverstein
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears	Verna Aardema



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Third Grade into Fourth Grade

Suggested Titles	Author
Alien Escape	Geronimo Stilton
Amber Brown (series)	Paula Danziger
Amelia's Notebook (series)	Marissa Moss
Bunnicula	Deborah & James Howe
Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith
Clementine (series)	Sara Pennypacker
Donovan's Word Jar	Monalisa DeGross
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Roald Dahl
Field Trip Mysteries (series)	Steve Brezenoff
Five True Horse Stories	Margaret Davidson
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Freckle Juice	Judy Blume
Fudge	Judy Blume
Geronimo Stilton (chapter book series)	Geronimo Stilton
Girls Survive (Series)	Mayumi Shimose Poe
Gooney Bird Greene	Lois Lowry
Henry Huggins (series)	Beverly Cleary
Horrible Harry (series)	Suzy Kline
I Survived (Series)	Lauren Tarshis
I Was a Third Grade Science Project	Mary Jane Auch
Julian (series)	Ann Cameron
Lunch Lady (series)	Jarrett Krosoczka
Magic Tree House (series)	Mary Pope Osborne
Marvin Redpost (series)	Louis Sachar
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard & Florence Atwater
Muggie Maggie (series)	Beverly Cleary
My Weird School (Series)	Dan Gutman
Nasty Stinky Sneakers	Eve Bunting

Ramona (series)	Beverly Cleary
Skinnybones	Barbara Park
Spectacular Stone Soup	Patricia Reilly Giff
Superfudge	Judy Blume
The Cardboard Kingdom	Chad Sell
The School Story	Andrew Clements
The Unicorn Rescue Society	Adam Gidwitz
The Wayside School (series)	Louis Sachar
The Zack Files (series)	Dan Greenburg
Turtle in Paradise	Jennifer Holm
Waylon! One Awesome Thing	Sara Pennypacker
Who Was ____? (Series)/Who Is ____? (Series)	Various
Who Would Win (Series)	Jerry Pallotta
Wolves of the Beyond (series)	Kathryn Lasky
Zach and Zoe Mystery Series	Mike Lupica
Zita the Spacegirl	Ben Hatke

The following titles may reflect more advanced Lexiles and/or topics:	
Suggested Titles	Author
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo
Castle in the Attic	Elizabeth Winthrop
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
Crenshaw	Katherine Applegate
El Deafo	CeCe Bell
Fair Weather	Richard Peck
Liar and Spy	Rebecca Stead
Poppy	Avi
Rules	Cynthia Lord
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr
Saving Armpit	Natalie Hyde
Spy School	Stuart Gibbs
Thank You, Jackie Robinson	Barbara Cohen
The Candymakers	Wendy Mass
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson
Tuesdays at the Castle	Jessica Day George



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Fourth Grade into Fifth Grade

Suggested Title	Author
Because of Mr. Terupt	Rob Buyea
Confetti Girl	Diana Lopez
Crenshaw	Katherine Applegate
Doll Bones	Holly Black
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
Extra Credit	Andrew Clements
Gulliver's Travels	Gill Harvey
It's True! Sleep Makes You Smarter	Thalia Kalkipsakis
Joshua Dread	Lee Bacon
Lunch Money	Andrew Clements
My Teacher Is an Alien	Bruce Coville
No Talking	Andrew Clements
Room One: A Mystery or Two	Andrew Clements
Stuart Little	E. B. White
Swindle	Gordon Korman
The Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
The Greatest Basketball Records	Matt Doeden
The Last Kids on Earth	Max Brallier
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate
The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy	Jeanne Birdsall
The Report Card	Andrew Clements
The Story of Football	Rob Lloyd Jones
Warriors (series)	Erin Hunter
Wishtree	Katherine Applegate

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A Series of Unfortunate Events	Lemony Snicket
Absolutely Normal Chaos	Sharon Creech
Everything on a Waffle	Polly Horvath
Holes	Louis Sachar
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Out of My Mind	Sharon M. Draper
Pie	Sarah Weeks
The Boy of a Thousand Faces	Brian Selznick
The Boy Who Owned the School	Gary Paulsen
The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman	Meg Wolitzer
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett
Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill
Walls Within Walls	Maureen Sherry
Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle



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Fifth Grade into Sixth Grade

6th-grade Students are required to read *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan and are encouraged to read other books throughout the summer. Students are expected to complete the written reading response.

Required Titles	Author
<i>Save Me a Seat</i> (Required Reading for Grade 6)	Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
Suggested Titles	Author
11 Birthdays	Wendy Mass
A Dog's Life	Ann M. Martin
Al Capone Does My Shirts (series)	Gennifer Choldenko
Aru Shah and the End of Time	Roshani Chokshi
Becoming Naomi Leon	Pam Munoz Ryan
Belle Teal	Ann M. Martin
Danny the Champion of the World	Roald Dahl
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
Fourteenth Goldfish	Jennifer L. Holm
Hank Zipzer (series); A Brand New Me	Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
History Smashers: The American Revolution (nonfiction)	Kate Messner
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Dusti Bowling
Jackie and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure (series)	Dan Gutman
The Boy Who Invented the Popsicle (nonfiction)	Ann Renaud
The Contract	Derek Jeter
The Lion of Mars	Jennifer L. Holm
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
The Wild Robot	Peter Brown
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lin
Wings of Fire: The Flames of Hope	Tui T. Sutherland
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
Wrinkle in Time Quintet: A Wrinkle in Time; A Wind in the Door; A Swiftly Tilting Planet; Many Waters; An Acceptable Time	Madeleine L'Engle



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Sixth Grade Into Seventh Grade Seventh Grade Into Eighth Grade

7th-grade Students are required to read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton and are encouraged to read other books throughout the summer. Students are expected to complete the written reading response.

8th-grade Students are required to read *Stargirl*, by J. Spinelli, and are encouraged to read other books throughout the summer. Students are expected to complete the written reading response.

Required Titles	Author
<i>The Outsiders</i> (Required Reading for Grade 7)	S.E. Hinton
<i>Stargirl</i> (Required Reading for Grade 8)	J. Spinelli
Suggested Titles	Author
A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray	Ann M. Martin
Among the Hidden	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy	Seymour Reit
Chasing Lincoln's Killer: The Search for John Wilkes Booth	James Swanson
El Deafo	Cece Bell
Fever, 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson
Fish In A Tree	Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Flygirl	Sherri L. Smith
Flying Lesson and Other Stories	Various
Forget Me Not	Ellie Terry
Gathering Blue; Messenger; Son	Lois Lowry
Harry Potter (series)	J.K. Rowling
Hidden Figures Young Readers Edition	Margot Lee Shetterly
How Angel Peterson Got His Name	Gary Paulsen
I am Malala: How One Girl Stood up for Education & Changed the World	Malala Yousafzai
I Will Always Write Back	Liz Welch, Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda

Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (series)	Rick Riordan
Rumble Fish	S.E. Hinton
Schooled	Gordon Korman
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
The Big Field	Mike Lupica
The Boy Who Saved Baseball	John Ritter
The City of Ember; The People of Sparks; The Prophet of Yonwood; The Diamond of Darkhold (series)	Jeanne DuPrau
The Contender	Robert Lipsyte
The Dangerous Day of Daniel X	James Patterson
The Girl Who Drank the Moon	Kelly Barnhill
The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman
Ungifted	Gordon Korman
Uprising	Margaret Peterson Haddix



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