

## Suggested Summer Reading Before First Grade Southwest Christian School

Author	Title	AR Level
Aliki	All titles	1.0-5.5
Allard, Harry	Miss Nelson Has a Field Day	3.0
	Miss Nelson is Missing	2.7
	Miss Nelson is Back	2.7
Barrett, Judi	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	4.3
Brown, Marc	All titles	1.6-3.8
Bunting, Eve	The Wednesday Surprise	2.8
Capucili, Alyssa	Any of the Biscuit stories	.9-3.6
Carle, Eric	The Very Busy Spider	1.3
	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	2.9
Cole, Joanna	Bony Legs	2.5
	Magic School Bus series	1.7-4.6
Eastman, P.D.	Are You My Mother?	1.6
	Go, Dog, Go!	1.2
	The Best Nest	2.1
Giff, Patricia Reilly	Kids of the Polk Street School series	1.9-2.6
Ginsburg, Mirra	Good Morning Chick	2.2
Howe, James	Pinky and Rex	3.1
Keats, Ezra Jack	The Snowy Day	2.5
Kellogg, Steven	Can I Keep Him ?	2.7
	The Mysterious Tadpole	3.6
Kraus, Robert	Leo the Late Bloomer	1.2
Lobel, Arnold	Frog and Toad series	1.5-2.9
	Uncle Elephant	2.6
Long, Melinda	How I Became a Pirate	3.1
Marshall, James	Fox on Wheels	1.9
	George and Martha series	2.1-2.6
Parish, Peggy	Amelia Bedelia series	1.8-2.6
Potter, Beatrix	Any titles	4.0-4.6
Rey, H.A.	Curious George books	2.2-3.6
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge series	2.1-2.9
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman	Nate the Great series	2.2-3.0
Stevens, Janet	Cook-a-doodle-doo!	2.7
Viorst, Judith	Alexander books	3.7
Yolen, Jane	Owl Moon	3.2

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Adler, David A.	Cam Jansen series	2.5-3.7
Berenstain, Stan & Jan	Any title	1.9-5.2
Blume, Judy	Freckle Juice	3.1
Brown, Jeff	Flat Stanley	4.0
Burton, Virginia Lee	The Little House	4.2
Cleary, Beverly	Muggie Maggie	4.5
Cohen, Caron Lee	See You in Second Grade	3.1
	Mud Pony	3.7
DeFelice, Cynthia	One Potato, Two Potato	4.3
De Paola, Tomie	The Cloud Book	3.7
	Legend of the Bluebonnet	4.2
	Legend of the Indian Paintbrush	4.4
	Strega Nona books	2.7-3.9
Hurwitz, Johanna	Busybody Nora	4.1
Kellogg, Steven	Prehistoric Pinkerton	3.8
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry series	2.9-3.8
Lobel, Arnold	Fables	4.2
McPhail, David	Edward and the Pirates	4.0
Meadows, Daisy	Fairy series	3.3-5.0
Monjo, F.N.	The Drinking Gourd	3.0
Noble, Trinkia Hakes	The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash	2.2
	Jimmy's Boa and the Big Splash Birthday Bash	2.7
Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Tree House series	2.6-7.4
Payne, Emmy	Katy No Pocket	3.7
Peterson, John Lawrence	The Littles series	2.3-4.7
Polacco, Patricia	Chicken Sunday	3.1
	Mrs. Katz and Tush	3.7
Potter, Beatrix	Any of her titles	4.2-4.5
Rappaport, Doreen	Martin's Big Words	3.4
Rathmann, Peggy	Officer Buckle and Gloria	3.4
Rey, H.A. or Margaret	Curious George series	2.6-5.6
Rockwell, Thomas	How to Eat Fried Worms	3.5
Roop, Peter	Keep the Lights Burning Abbie	2.2
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge series	2.1-2.9
Sharmat, Marjorie	Nate the Great series	2.2-3.0
Weinman		
Steig, William	Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	4.0
Thaler, Mike	Black Lagoon series	1.2-3.8

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Author	Title	AR Level
Abbott, Tony	Firegirl	4.1
	The Secrets of Droon series	3.0-4.2
Auch, Mary Jane	I Was a Third Grade Science Project	3.7
Baglio, Ben	Animal Ark series	3.8-5.0
Bulla, Clyde Robert	The Chalk Box Kid	2.7
	A Lion to Guard Us	2.9
Burleigh, Robert	Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindberg	3.5
Byars, Betsy	Tornado	3.2
Cleary, Beverly	Any title	3.2-7.1
Cameron, Ann	The Stories Julian Tells	3.4
	More Stories Julian Tells	2.9
Clements, Andrew	Frindle	5.4
Cohen, Barbara	The Carp in the Bathtub	3.9
Christopher, Matt	Any book in the sports series	3.0-7.7
Dadey, Debbie	The Bailey School Kids series	3.6-4.0
Dahl, Roald	James and the Giant Peach	4.8
Dagliesh, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	3.9
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie	3.9
Estes, Eleanor	The Hundred Dresses	5.4
Etra, Jonathan and Stephanie Spinner	Aliens for Breakfast	3.2
	Aliens for Lunch	3.7
	Aliens for Dinner	3.4
Fleishcmann, Sid	The Whipping Boy	3.9
Friedrich, Elizabeth	Leah's Pony	3.3
Fritz, Jean	George Washington's Breakfast	4.1
Gardiner, John Reynolds	Stone Fox	4.0
Harper, Charise Mericle	Just Grace	4.8
Howe, James	Bunnicula books	4.0-4.2
Keene, Carolyn	Nancy Drew series	4.2-6.4
Lin, Grace	The Year of the Dog	4.2
Lovelace, Maud Hart	Betsy-Tacy	4.0
MacDonald, Betty	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle series	5.2-5.5
MacLachlan, Patricia	Sarah Plain and Tall	3.4
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody series	3.0-3.6
O'Connor, Barbara	How To Steal a Dog	4.0
Peet, Bill	Any book	3.1-5.3
Sachar, Louis	Sideways Stories from Wayside School books	3.3-3.4
Selznick, Brian	The Houdini Box	5.0
Warner, Gertrude	The Boxcar children series	3.9-6.0

Chandler		
Wells, Rosemary	Mary on Horseback	4.2
White, E.B.	Stuart Little	6.0
	Charlotte's Web	4.4
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House series	3.2-6.9
Yep, Laurence	Later, Gator	4.0
	The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906	3.7

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Crowe, Ellie	Surfer of the Century	6.2
Deedy, Carmen Agra	14 Cows for America	4.1
Graff, Lisa	Umbrella Summer	4.6
Harrison, David L.	Pirates	3.5
Henson, Heather	That Book Woman	4.3
Jenkins, Steve	Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea	6.0
Klise, Kate	Dying to Meet You	4.9
Mass, Wendy	11 Birthdays	4.1
McDonald, Megan	The Hinky Pink	3.2
Moser, Lisa	Squirrel's World	2.0
Park, Linda Sue	Tap Dancing on the Roof	3.7
Paulsen, Gary	Mudshark	6.3
Pennypacker, Sara	Sparrow Girl	3.7
Rollins, James	Jake Ransoma and the Skull King's Shadow	5.0
Rutkoski, Marie	The Cabinet of Wonders	4.9
Salisbury, Graham	Calvin Coconut Trouble Magnet	2.8
Yaccarino, Dan	The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau	4.8



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Avi	Perloo the Bold	4.9
	Poppy	4.5
Blume, Judy	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing	3.3
Catling, Patrick Skene	The Chocolate Touch	4.7
Christopher, Matt	Any title from the sports series	3.0-7.7
Clearly, Beverly	Any of her books	3.0-7.1
Cohen, Barbara	Thank You, Jackie Robinson	4.4
DeFelice, Cynthia	Weasel	5.0
	The Ghost of Fossil Glen	4.9
Fritz, Jean	Why Don't You Get a Horse Sam Adams?	5.7
	What's the Big Idea Ben Franklin?	5.5
	Can't You Make Them Behave King George?	5.6
Graff, Lisa	The Thing About Georgie	4.3
Grogan, John	Marley: A Dog Like No Other	4.9
Gutman, Dan	Baseball Card Adventures series	4.2-4.3
Hart, Alison	Gabriel's Horses	4.6
Howe, James & Deborah	Howliday Inn series	2.6-4.8
Hurwitz, Johanna	Much Ado About Aldo	4.8
	The Hot and Cold Summer	4.2
	The Hot and Cold Winter	4.4
	Class Clown	4.6
Erickson, John	Hank the Cowdog series	4.2-4.8
DiCamillo, Kate	The Miraculous Journey Of Edward Tulane	4.4
Dixon, Franklin W.	Hardy Boys series	2.8-6.7
Jenkins, Jerry B.	Left Behind series	3.8-5.2
Keene, Carolyn	Nancy Drew series	4.2-6.4
Kehret, Peg	Earthquake Terror	4.6
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	4.7
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia series	5.4-5.9
Lingred, Astrid	Pippi Longstocking	5.2
Lofting, Hugh	The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle	5.7
Lowry, Lois	Anastasia Krupnik	4.5
	Number the Stars	4.5
Martin, Ann	The Doll People	4.0
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	The Grand Escape	5.0
	Shiloh	4.9
	Saving Shiloh	4.4
Osborne, Mary Pope	Pompeii: Lost and Found	5.8

Park, Barbara	Skinnybones Almost Starring Skinnybones	4.1 4.0
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet Lawn Boy	5.7 4.3
Rodda, Emily	Fairy Realm series	3.8-4.7
Ruckman, Ivy	Night of Twisters	4.7
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Riding Freedom	4.5
Selznick, Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabre: A Novel in Words and Pictures	5.1
Smith, Roland	Peak	5.0
Sobol, Donald J.	Encyclopedia Brown series	3.9-5.3
Various	Dear America series My Name is America series	4.3-6.3 4.8-5.9
Various	American Girl series	3.5-6.7
Winthrop, Elizabeth	The Castle in the Attic The Battle for the Castle	4.9 4.4

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Pennypacker, Sara	Sparrow Girl	3.7
Rollins, James	Jake Ransoma and the Skull King's Shadow	5.0
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Banks, Lynne Reid	Indian in the Cupboard	4.6
Benton, James K.	Franny K. Stein series	4.5-5.2
Conly, Jane Leslie	Rasco and the Rats of NIMH	5.0
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins	5.4
Dahl, Roald	Matilda	5.0
DeClements, Barthe	Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade	3.7
Dixon, Franklin W.	Hardy Boys series	2.8-6.7
Fleischman, Sid	The 13 <sup>th</sup> Floor: A Ghost Story	4.4
Fritz, Jean	Make Way for Sam Houston Homesick: My Own Story	7.0 5.1
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves My Side of the Mountain	5.8 5.2
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows	8.4
Hunter, Erin	Warriors, the New Prophecy series Warriors, the Powers of Three series	5.1-6.0 4.3-4.9
Jenkins, Jerry B.	Left Behind series	3.8-5.2
Keene, Carolyn	Nancy Drew series	4.2-6.4
Kehret, Peg	Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio	5.2
Kinney, Jeff	Diary of a Wimpy Kid Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules	5.2 5.2
Korman, Gordon	Island Trilogy	4.3-4.8
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia series	4.9-5.9
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted	4.6
L'Engle, Madeline	A Wrinkle in Time	4.7
Lowry, Lois	Switcharound Taking Care of Terrific	4.6 5.3
MacHale, D.J.	Pendragon series	4.4-6.4
McCloskey, Robert	Homer Price	6.6
Morris, Gilbert	Daystar Voyage series	4.7-5.4
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Beetles Lightly Toasted Boys Against Girls	5.7 5.0
Nimmo, Jenny	Charlie Bone series	4.5-4.9
Paul, Donita K.	Dragon series	4.9-5.3
Peretti, Frank	Cooper Kids Adventure series	5.1-5.8
Pinkwater, Daniel Manus	The Hoboken Chicken Emergency	4.9
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game	5.3
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows	4.9
Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief	4.7
Robinson, Barbara	The Best School Year Ever	5.4
Sachar, Louis	Holes	4.6

Snyder, Zilpha Keatley	The Egypt Game	6.4
Sobol, Donald J.	Encyclopedia Brown series	3.9-5.3
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Sign of the Beaver	4.9
Stahl, Hilda	Elizabeth Gail series	3.6-4.5
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	5.7
Taylor, Theodore	The Trouble With Tuck	5.5
Winthrop, Elizabeth	The Battle for the Castle Castle in the Attic	4.4 4.9
Yep, Laurence	Dragonwings	5.3

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Ardagh, Philip	The House Called Awful End (The Eddie Dickens Trilogy)	6.3
Armstrong, William Howard	Souder	5.3
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	5.3
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	5.0
Cabot, Meg	The Princess Diaries series	4.7-7.2
DeAngeli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall	6.2
DuPrau, Jeanne	The People of Sparks	4.9
	City of Ember	5.0
	The Prophet of Yonwood	5.0
Estes, Eleanor	The Moffats	5.2
	Ginger Pye	6.0
Ferris, Jean	Once Upon a Marigold	5.7
Field, Rachel	Hitty: Her First Hundred Years	7.1
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves	5.8
Hamilton, Virginia	The House of Dies Drear	4.8
Hiaasen, Carl	Flush	5.0
	Hoot	5.2
Horowitz, Anthony	Alex Rider series	4.1-9.1
Klise, Kate	Letters From Camp	5.2
	Regarding the Fountain	5.8
	Trial By Journal	6.0
Korman, Gordon	Dive Trilogy	5.3-5.6
	Everest Trilogy	5.1-5.2
Langton, Jane	The Time Bike	5.8
Lewis, C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia series	3.6-5.8
Lowry, Lois	The Giver	5.7
Obert, Skye	Leven Thumps series	5.1-5.6
Paolini, Christopher	Eragon	5.6
	Eldest	7.0
Peretti, Frank E.	Hangman's Curse	5.0
	Nightmare Academy	5.2
Phillips, Michael and Judith Pella	The Journals of Corrie Belle Hollister series	5.4-6.4
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan	The Yearling	5.0
Scott, Michael	The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel series	6.1-6.4
Snicket, Lemony	Series of Unfortunate Events series	6.3-7.3
Speare, Elizabeth George	The Bronze Bow	5.0
	The Witch of Blackbird Pond	5.7
Stanley, Diane	Bella at Midnight	6.0
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Kidnapped	8.0
Taylor, Theodore	The Cay	5.3

	Let the Circle Be Unbroken	5.7
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit Lord of the Rings trilogy	6.6 6.1-6.3
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Sammy Keyes series	4.3-5.2
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Bridwell, Norman	Clifford books
Brown, Marc	Any title
Calstrom, Nancy White	Jesse Bear books
Capucili, Alyssa	Any of the Biscuit titles
Carle, Eric	Today is Monday The Secret Birthday Message
Cazet, Denys	Minne and Moo series
Crews, Donald	Any title
Cronin, Doreen	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type Click, Clack, Splash: A Counting Adventure
Feiffer, Jules	Bark, George
Henkes, Kevin	Any title
Hill, Eric	Spot books
Kirk, David	Miss Spider books
Keats, Ezra Jack	Pet Show! Goggles
Kellogg, Steven	Jimmy's Boa and the Big Splash
Kraus, Robert	Another Mouse to Feed Come Out and Play Little Mouse
Lionni, Leo	Any title
London, Jonathan	Any of the Froggy titles
Martin, Bill Jr.	Any title
Numeroff, Laura	Any title
O'Connor, Jane	Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy
Pfister, Marcus	Any of the Rainbow Fish titles Penguin Pete and Pat
Sadler, Marilyn	It's Not Easy Being a Bunny
Seuss, Dr.	Any title
Willems, Mo	Knuffle Bunny Knuffle Bunny, Too
Wood, Audrey	The Napping House The Little Mouse and the Red Ripe Strawberry Silly Sally
Rylant, Cynthia	Puppy Mudge series
Yolen, Jane	How Do Dinosaurs....books

