

# 2017 Maimonides School Summer Reading List

Books for families to read aloud or listen to as audio recordings: All ages

*The Story of the World: History for the Classical Child (series)* by Susan Wise Bauer and Jim Weiss

Any audio recordings by Jim Weiss (there are many)

*Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling

*The Willoughbys* by Lois Lowry

*Hey! Listen to This: Stories to Read Aloud* by Jim Trelease (editor)

*Math Curse* by John Scieszka

Any books by these authors:

William Steig, Roald Dahl, Kate DiCamillo, Judy Blume, E.B.

White, Beverly Cleary, Greg Tang, Cynthia Rylant

**Summer Reading Tips for Parents of Early Elementary Students**

(click to read article on [WhereWhatWhen.com](http://WhereWhatWhen.com))

## Periodicals

*New Moon Girls*, a magazine for girls ages 8-12

*National Geographic Kids*, for children ages 8-14

*Ask: Arts and Sciences for Kids*, for children ages 7-10

*Sports Illustrated for Kids*, for children age 8 and up

*Odyssey: Adventures in Science*, for ages 10 and up

*Muse*, for ages 8-14

[www.ourlittlearth.com](http://www.ourlittlearth.com), an international online newspaper for children ages 8-12

## Additional Sources for Children's Book Reviews and Online Books

<http://www.parents-choice.org/default.cfm> - reviews of books, media, and more

<http://www.nonfictiondetectives.com/> - reviews of non-fiction titles

<http://www.kidsreads.com/> - book reviews

[http://bookwink.com/wink\\_about\\_us.html](http://bookwink.com/wink_about_us.html) - search by subject, grade level, age level

<http://litforkids.wordpress.com/> - search by age level or books other kids recommend

<http://readinginaction.org/bookcasts/childrens> - online book trailers

<http://www.literature.org/> - online literature library

<b>Favorite Authors:</b>	Mo Willems
Rosemary Wells	Ludwig Bemelmans
Anne Rockwell	Leo Lionni
Kevin Henkes	Ezra Jack Keats
Denise Fleming	Russell Hoban
Lois Ehlert	Virginia Lee Burton
Eric Carle	Robert McCloskey
Donald Crews	Aliki
David McPhail	Doreen Cronin
Lucy Cousins	Susan Meddaugh
Tomie dePaola	William Steig
Peter Sis	
Marisabina Russo	

### **Books That Foster Alphabet/Sound Awareness**

*The Alphabet Keeper* by Mary Murphy

*LMNO Peas* by Keith Baker

*Eating the Alphabet* by Lois Elhert

*Alphabet City* by Stephen Johnson

*I Can't Said the Ant* by Polly Cameron

*It Begins with an A* by Stephanie Calmenson

*Jake Baked the Cake* by B.G. Hennessy

*The Cow that Went Oink* by Bernard Most

*The Day the Goose Got Loose* by Reeve Lindburgh

*The Hungry Thing* by Jan Slepian and Ann Seidler

*There's a Wocket in my Pocket* by Dr. Seuss

*Faint Frogs Feeling Feverish and other Terrifically Tantalizing Tongue Twisters* by Lillian Obligado

*Sheep on a Ship* by Nancy Shaw

### **Wordless Picture Books**

*A Ball for Daisy* by Chris Raschka

*A Boy, A Dog, and A Frog* (series) by Mercer Mayer

*Pancakes for Breakfast* by Tomie dePaola

*Flotsam* by David Wiesner

## Supporting Emerging Readers

### Tips for Parents of Emergent Readers

- Read with your child every day for at least 15 minutes.
- Talk about words used in the text
- Encourage awareness of sounds in words
- Draw attention to the relationship between sounds and printed letters
- Ask your child to retell a story in his or her own words
- Use technology to build your child's interest in reading
- Go to the library
- Listen to audio recordings while traveling

*Wave* by Suzy Lee

*Zoom* by Istavan Banyai (also *Re-Zoom*)

*The Arrival* by Shaun Tan

*The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by Chris Van Allsburg

### **Nonfiction: Science, History**

*About Habitats* (series) by Cathryn Sill

*Even an Octopus Needs a Home* by Irene Kelly

*Hatch* by Roxie Munro

*Busy Tree* by Jennifer Ward

*Tell me, Tree: All About Trees for Kids* by Gail Gibbons

*Be a Friend to Trees* by Patricia Lauber

*What is the World Made of? All About Solids, Liquids, and Gases* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld

*Over and Under the Snow* by Kate Messner

*A Place for Fish* by Melissa Stewart

*Planting the Wild Garden* by Kathryn O. Galbraith

*The Wall* by Eve Bunting

*My Best Friend, Abe Lincoln: A Tale of Two Boys from Indiana* by Robert Bloch

*Those Rebels, John and Tom* by Barbara Kerley

### **Nonfiction: Math**

*12 Ways to Get to 11* by Eve Merriam

*Each Orange had Eight Slices* by Paul Giganti

*A Remainder of One* by Elinor J Pinczes

*Equal Shmequal* by Virginia Kroll

*1 Hunter* by Pat Hutchins

*These Seas Count* by Alison Formento

*Flight 1,2,3* by Maria van Lieshout

## Entering Grades 1-2

### **Early Readers:**

Dr. Seuss beginning reader books (*The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Put me in the Zoo*)

Sheep books by Nancy Shaw (*Sheep in a Jeep*, *Sheep out to Eat*)

*Along a Long Road* by Frank Viva

*Step into Reading* series (Step 1)

Bob Books: Set One (Beginning Readers)

*My First I Can Read* series

### **Supporting Beginning Readers** (click on the links below)

- [How to Read with a Beginning Reader | Reading Rockets](#)
- [Supporting your beginning reader](#)

## **Beginning Chapter books**

*Little Bear* series by Else Holmelund Minarik

*Fox* series by James Marshall

*Henry and Mudge* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo

*Mr. Putter and Tabby* series by Cynthia Rylant

*Amanda Pig* series by Jean Van Leeuwen

*Oliver and Amanda* series by Jean Van Leeuwen

*Poppleton* series by Cynthia Rylant

Arnold Lobel books (*Frog and Toad* series, *Mouse* series, *Owl* series)

*Amelia Bedelia* series by Peggy Parish

*Greg's Microscope* by Millicent Selsam and Arnold Lobel

*Snake and Lizard* by Joy Cowley

*Flat Stanley* series by Jeff Brown

*Martin Bridge* series by Jessica Scott Kerrin

## **Nonfiction: science, history**

*What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?* By Steve Jenkins

*On Earth* by G. Brian Karas

*Destination Space* by Seymour Simon

*Shape, Shape, Shape* by Tana Hoban

*If I built a Car* by Chris Van Dusen

*Butterflies* by Seymour Simon

*A Butterfly is Patient* by Dianna Hutts Aston

*Caterpillars* by Marilyn Singer

*What Makes a Magnet?* By Franklin M. Branley

*Built to Last: Building America's Amazing Bridges, Dams, Tunnels, and Skyscrapers* by George Sullivan

## **Nonfiction: Math**

*The Rajah's Rice: A Mathematical Folktale from India* by David Barry

*Counting on Frank* by Rod Clement

*Anno's Magic Seeds* by Anno Mitsumasa

*Millions to Measure* by David Schwartz

*How Big is a Foot?* By Rolf Myller

*Inch by Inch* by Leo Leonni

*How Many Baby Pandas?* By Sandra Markle

*Ten Black Dots* by Donald Crews

*The Greedy Triangle* by Marilyn Burns

### **Fiction**

*George and Martha* series by James Marshall  
*Iris and Walter* series by Elissa Haden Guest  
*Ivy and Bean* series by Annie Barrows  
*Zelda and Ivy* series by Laura McGee Kvasnosky  
*Judy Moody* series by Megan McDonald  
*Stink* series by Megan McDonald  
*Clementine* series by Sara Pennypacker  
*26 Fairmount Avenue* (series) by Tomie DePaola  
*Young Cam Jansen* series by David Adler  
*Pee Wee's Tale* (Park Pal Adventure series) by Joanna Hurwitz  
*Ballpark Mystery* series by David Kelly  
*The Dog that Stole Home* by Matt Christopher

### **Historical Fiction**

*My America* (series)  
*American Girl* series  
*Balto and the Great Race* by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel  
*Cora Frear: True Stories from America's Past* by Susan Goodman  
*Wingwalker* by Rosemary Wells  
*Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki  
*Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine

### **Fantasy/Adventure**

*Park Pals Adventure* series by Johanna Hurwitz  
*Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osborne  
*The Secrets of Droon* series by Tony Abbott  
*The Magical Ms. Plum* by Bonny Becker

### **Fairy Tales**

James Marshall versions of *Goldilocks*, *The Three Little Pigs*, *Hansel and Gretel*  
*The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* by Jon Scieszka  
*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka  
*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman  
*The Wooden Sword: A Jewish Folktale from Afghanistan* by Ann Redisch Stampler

### **Nonfiction: Science, History, Biography**

*Darwin: With Glimpses into His Private Journal and Letters* by Alice B. McGinty

**Supporting Your Child** (click on the links below)

- [Developing Reading Comprehension](#)
- [Developing Reading Fluency](#)

*The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Fransworth* by Kathleen Krull  
*Eleanor, Quiet No More* by Doreen Rappaport  
*Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books* by Kay Winters  
*Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta  
*First Flight: The Wright Brothers* (DK Readers, Level 4) by Leslie Garrett  
*Childhood of Famous Americans* series  
*Who Was* series (biographies written by various authors)  
*Ready-to-Read: Stories of Famous Americans* series  
*Big George: How a Shy Boy became President Washington* by Anne Rockwell  
*One Giant Leap* by Robert Burleigh  
*B is for Blue Planet* by Ruth Strother  
*How Did That Get in My Lunchbox?* By Chris Butterworth  
*Swirl by Swirl* by Joyce Sidman  
*All the Water in the World* by George Ella Lyon  
*Bug Shots* by Alexandra Siy  
*Animals in Flight* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page  
*A Handful of Dirt* by Raymond Bial  
*Forces Make Things Move* by Kimberly B. Bradley  
*Forces and Motion: A Question and Answer Book* by Catherine Welch  
*On Earth* by G. Brian Karas  
*Wiggly Worms at Work* by Wendy Pfeffer  
*Thanksgiving Is...* by Gail Gibbons  
*The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving* by Ann McGovern  
*The Thanksgiving Story* by Alice Dalgliesh

### **Nonfiction: Math**

*A Very Improbable Story: A Math Adventure* by Edward Einhorn  
*Math Curse* by Jon Scieszka  
*Math-terpieces: The Art of Problem Solving* by Greg Tang  
*A Three Hat Day* by Laura Geringer  
*Just a Second* by Steve Jenkins  
*The Adventures of Penrose the Mathematical Cat* by Theoni Pappas

### **Authors (any books by the following authors are recommended)**

Beverly Cleary

Andrew Clements

Johanna Hurwitz

Roald Dahl

Judy Blume

Dan Gutman

### **Realistic Fiction**

*Cam Jansen* series by David Adler

*Just Grace* series by Charise Mericle Harper

*The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin

*The Year of the Rat* by Grace Lin

*How Oliver Olson Changed the World* by Claudia Mills

*The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies

*Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

*The Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes

*Ellie McDoodle: The New Kid in School* (series) by R. Barshaw

*The Matchbox Diary* by Paul Fleischman

### **Historical Fiction**

*The Secret School* by Avi

*Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan

*American Girl* series

*Dear America* series

*In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson* by Betty Bao Lord

*Honey Cake* by Joan Betty Stuchner

*Sophia's War* by Avi

*All of a Kind Family* series by S. Taylor

*Satch & Me* by Dan Gutman

*Little House* series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

### **Fantasy/Adventure/Graphic Novels**

*Catwings* (series) by Ursula LeGuin

*Series of Unfortunate Events* series by Lemony Snicket

*Masterpiece* by Elise Broach

### **Supporting Middle Grade Readers** (click on the links below)

- [What to Do When Kids Don't Read Fluently](#)
- [Oral-Reading-Fluency](#)
- [Strategies to Help Engage Reluctant Readers in Reading](#)
- [Summer Literacy Challenge!](#)

*Half Magic* (series) by Edward Eager

*The Tail of Emily Windsnap* by Liz Kessler

*Sidekicks* by Dan Santat

*Squish!* (series), *Babymouse* (series) by Jennifer L. Holm

*Binky* (series) by Ashley Spires

*Sticky Burr* by John Lechner

*Lunch Lady* (series) by Jarret Krosoczka

### **Folklore, Mythology, and Fairy Tales**

*How Chipmunk Got Tiny Feet: Native American Animal Origin Stories* by Gerald Hausman

*Fables* by Arnold Lobel

*Tales from the Odyssey* (series) by Mary Pope Osborne

*Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling

### **Nonfiction: Math**

*Perimeter, Area, and Volume: A Monster Book of Dimensions* by David Adler

*Spaghetti and Meatballs for All* by Marilyn Burns

*The King's Commissioners* by Aileen Friedman

*Measuring Penny* by Loreen Leedy

*Sluggers' Car Wash* by Stuart Murphy

*The Sundae Scoop* by Stuart Murphy

*Amanda Bean's Amazing Dream* by C. Neuschwander

*One Hundred Hungry Ants* by Elinor Pinczes

*Fraction Fun* by David Adler

*Multiplying Menace: The Revenge of Rumpelstiltskin* by Pam Calvert

*The King's Chessboard* by David Birch

*Why Pi?* by Johnny Ball

Any books by Greg Tang

### **Nonfiction: science, history**

*Noah Webster: Weaver of Words* by Pegi Deitz Shea

*All the Small Poems and Fourteen More* by Valerie Worth

*Life on Earth: The Story of Evolution* by Steve Jenkins

*At the Sea Floor Café* by Leslie Bulion

*What's for Dinner?* Katherine B. Hauth

*Coral Reefs* by Jason Chin

*Energy Island* by Allan Drummond

*Far from Shore* by Sophie Webb

*Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope* by Stephen P. Kramer



*Mapping the World* by Sylvia A. Johnson

*Clouds, Let's Read About Science* by Ann Rockwell

*Thanksgiving: The True Story* by Penny Coleman

*Who Was?* series (biographies of famous figures) – various authors

## Entering Grades 4-5

### **Any books by the following authors:**

Beverly Cleary

Louis Sachar

Dick King-Smith

E.B. White

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Lois Lowry

Roald Dahl

Gordon Korman

Rick Riordan

Dan Gutman

Kate DiCamillo

Paula Danziger

Jerry Spinelli

Gary Paulsen

### **Realistic Fiction**

*The Penderwicks* (series) by Jeanne Birdsall

*Melonhead* by Kate Kelly

*Night of the Howling Dogs* by Graham Salisbury

*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Southpaw* by Rich Wallace

*Project Mulberry* by Linda Sue Park

*The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate

### **Fantasy/Science Fiction/Adventure**

*Powerless* by Matthew Cody

*The Name of This Book is Secret* (series) by Pseudonymous Bosch

*Series of Unfortunate Events* series by Lemony Snicket

*The Mysterious Benedict Society* (series) by T.L. Stewart

*Warriors* (series) by Erin Hunter

*Emily Windsnap* (series) by Liz Kessler

### **Additional resources for Middle Grade Readers** (click on the links below)

- [Books & Authors | Resources for Parents and Educators of Kids in Grades 4 - 12 | All About Adolescent Literacy | AdLit.org](#)
- [\\* BOOKWINK \\*](#)
- [What Should I Read Next?](#)
- [Children's Authors & Illustrators on the Web](#)

*Percy Jackson* (series) by Rick Riordan  
*Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke  
*Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM* by Robert O'Brien  
*How to Train Your Dragon* (series) by Cressida Cowell  
*The Secret Series* by pseudonymous Bosch  
*The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse

### **Historical Fiction**

*The Secret School* by Avi  
*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth Speare  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*The Travels of Benjamin Tudela* by Uri Shulevitz  
*Maria's Story: 1773* by Joan Lowry Nixon  
*Guns for General Washington* by Seymour Reit  
*Dear America and My America series* – various authors  
Any books by Jean Fritz

### **Nonfiction: science, history**

*Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way By Land Sea and Air* by Stewart Ross  
*Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream* by Tanya Lee Stone  
*The Frog Scientist* by Pamela S. Turner  
*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose  
*The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims Rescued Jews during the Holocaust* by Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaiz  
*Blizzard* by Jim Murphy  
*Truce* by Jim Murphy  
*The American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* by Jim Murphy  
*Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally M. Walker  
*Can We Save the Tiger?* by Martin Jenkins  
*The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs* by Sandra Markle  
*Family Pack* by Sandra Markle  
*Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* by Loree Griffin Burns  
*Under the Ice: A Marine Biologist at Work* by K.E. Conlan  
*When the Wolves Returned: Restoring Nature's Balance in Yellowstone* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent  
*How the Weather Works* by Christiane Dorion  
*Tornado!* by Judy and Dennis Fradin  
*Lightning* by Seymour Simon  
*How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning* by Rosalyn Schanzer  
*Timeless Thomas: How Thomas Edison Changes Our Lives* by Gene Barretta

*How Machines Work: The Interactive Guide to Simple Machines and Mechanisms* by Nick Arnold and Allan Sanders

*Master George's People: George Washington, His Slaves, and his Revolutionary Transformation* by Marfe Ferguson Delano

### **Nonfiction: Math**

*The Man Who Counted: A Collection of Mathematical Adventures* by Malba Tahan

*Fractals, Googols, and Other Mathematical Tales* by Theoni Pappas

*Go Figure! A Totally Cool Book About Numbers* by Johnny Ball

*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Justen

## Entering Grades 5-6

### **Realistic Fiction**

*Paperboy* by Vince Vawter

*Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass

*Counting by Sevens* by Holly Goldberg Sloan

*Twerp* by Mark Goldblatt

*One is Not a Lonely Number* by Evelyn Krieger

*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan

*Heat* by Mike Lupica

*Bridge to Terabitha* by Katherine Paterson

*Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine

*Hoot* by Carl Hiassen

*Kira-Kira* by Cythia Kodohata

*A Mango Shaped Space* by Wendy Mass

*So B. It* by Sarah Weeks

*Millicent Min, Girl Genius* and *Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time* by Lisa Yee

*Batboy* by Mike Lupica

*Football Genius* (series) by Tim Green

*The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis

*From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

*Schooled* by Gordon Korman

*Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli

*Homeless Bird* by Gloria Whelan

*Silent to the Bone* by E.L. Konigsburg

*Holes* by Louis Sachar

*Luv Ya Bunches* (series) Lauren Myracle

*Beacon Street Girls* (series) by Annie Bryant

## **Fantasy/Science Fiction**

*The Emerald Atlas (Books of Beginning series)* by John Stephens

*Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick

*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick

*Gossamer* by Lois Lowry

*The City of Ember (series)* by Jeanne Duprau

*The Sea of Trolls (series)* by Nancy Farmer

*The Doll People (series)* by Ann Martin

*The Lightning Thief (series)* by Rick Riordan

*A Wrinkle in Time (series)* by Madeline L'Engle

*When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead

*The Mysterious Benedict Society (series)* by T.L. Stewart

*Just Ella* by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine

*Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

*Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin

*The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Jester

*Breadcrumbs* by Anne Ursu

## **Mystery/Adventure**

*Stormbreaker (series)* by Anthony Horowitz

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson

*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford

## **Historical Fiction**

*Crispin: The Cross of Lead* by Avi

*True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi

*Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko

*Birchbark House (series)* by Louise Erdrich

*The Green Glass Sea* by Ellen Klages

*Listening for Lions* by Gloria Whelan

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes

*The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell

*Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy* by Gary D. Schmidt

*Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse

*Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff

*Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai

*Dear America: Voyage on the Great Titanic* by Ellen Emerson White

*Prisoner 88* by Leah Pileggi

### **Folklore & Mythology/Fairy Tales**

*Lost Years of Merlin* (series) by T.A. Barron

*D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

*Tales from the Odyssey* by Mary Pope Osborne

*Abel's Island* by William Steig

*Many Moons* by James Thurber

### **Poetry**

*The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: Poems about the Presidents* by Susan Katz

*The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* by Langston Hughes

*A Kick in the Head* by Paul B. Janeczko (ed.)

### **Nonfiction: Science, History, Sports**

*Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* by Loree Griffin Burns

*Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science* by John Fleischman

Any books by David Macaulay

*Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* by Michael O. Tunnell

*Ice Time: The Story of Hockey* by Micahel McKinley

*Trapped* by Marc Aronson

*I Have Lived a Thousand Years* by Livia Bitton-Jackson

*Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah

*A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant

*Omnivore's Dilemma: The Secrets Behind What You Eat* (Young Reader's Edition) by Michael Pollan

*Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder

### **Nonfiction: Math**

*How Much is a Million? And On Beyond a Million* by David Schwartz

*Divide and Ride* by Stuart Murphy

*The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure* by Hans Magnus Enzensberger