



2017 Summer Reading List Third and Fourth Grade Super Readers

You have gained the power of reading! Can you become a Super Reader?

Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy books and to cultivate your reading habit. Join a summer reading club or set a summer goal. How many times a week will you read? For how long? How many books will you read? What kinds of books will you read? What will you read besides books? Where will you read?

My Super Summer Reading Goal:

Required Reading

Listed below are required reading books for the summer. Enjoy them and be prepared to discuss the books in reading class during the first week of school:

Third Grade Required Reading

- "The Courage of Sarah Noble" by Alice Dalgliesh
- "Shoeshine Girl" by Clyde Robert Bulla

Fourth Grade Required Reading

- "Owls in the Family" by Farley Mowat
- "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing" by Judy Blume

Recommended Reading for Third and Fourth Grades

Everyone LOVES to read ... you just have to find what YOU love to read! Below are more suggested books. Your local library is an excellent place to find great books. Make a list of books you read this summer on the final sheet of this packet or on the sheet from the library reading program you join.

SERIES

Pick a series and try a book ... you will probably get hooked and want to read the whole series!

- Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling (fantasy)
- Dork Diaries by Rachel Renee Russell (realistic fiction)
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney (realistic fiction)
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians by Rick Riordan (fantasy)
- I Survived by Lauren Tarshis (nonfiction)

- The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks (fantasy)
- The Borrowers by Mary Norton
- The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner and other authors (mystery)
- The Hardy Boys, published under the pseudonym Franklin W. Dixon (mystery)
- Nancy Drew, published under the pseudonym Carolyn Keene (mystery)
- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (mystery)
- Cam Jansen by David A. Adler (mystery)
- Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne (mystery)
- The 39 Clues by a collaboration of authors including Rick Riordan and Gordon Korman (mystery)
- Dinotopia by James Gurney (fantasy)
- American Girl BeForever and historical fiction by a variety of authors (historical fiction)
- Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish and Herman Parish (realistic fiction)
- Geronimo Stilton by Thea Stilton (animal fiction)
- The Moffats by Eleanor Estes (realistic fiction)

GENRES

Try a book from one of the following genres. Read the ones listed or ask your local librarian to recommend more books from your favorite genre.

- **Fantasy** - “James and the Giant Peach” or “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” by Roald Dahl, “Freaky Friday” by Mary Rodgers, “Hitty, Her First Hundred Years” by Rachel Field, “Babe, the Gallant Pig” by Dick King-Smith, “The Twenty-One Balloons” by William Pène du Bois, “The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane” by Kate DiCamillo
- **Historical Fiction** - “Homeless Bird” by Gloria Whelan, “The House of Sixty Fathers” by Meindert DeJong, “Twenty and Ten” by Claire Huchet Bishop, “Charlie’s House” or “A Lion to Guard Us” by Clyde Robert Bulla, “The Orphan Train Adventures” by Joan Lowery Nixon (series), “Dear America” by a variety of authors (series), “Prairie Songs” by Pam Conrad, “Ben & Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse AMOS” by Robert Lawson
- **Realistic Fiction** - “Circle of Gold” by Candy Dawson Boyd, “Miracles on Maple Hill” by Virginia Sorensen, “How to Eat Fried Worms” by Thomas Rockwell, “The Chocolate Touch” by Patrick Skene Catling, “Stone Fox” by John Reynolds Gardiner, “All-of-a-Kind Family” by Sydney Taylor, “The Shimmershine Queens” by Camille Yarbrough, “‘B’ Is for Betsy” (other Betsy titles) or “Little Eddie” (other Eddie titles) by Carolyn Haywood, “The Lemonade Trick” by Scott Corbett
- **Biography** - Houdini, Abraham Lincoln, Beverly Cleary, Helen Keller, Paul Revere, Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison, Harriet Tubman, Babe Ruth, John Adams, Marie Curie, Daniel Boone, Johnny Appleseed, Squanto, George Washington Carver
- **Sports** - books by Matt Christopher, “Stealing Home” by Mary Stolz, Sports Illustrated Kids
- **Books for fourth grade ONLY (we read these titles in third grade – don’t spoil the fun!):** Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald (series), “Sarah, Plain and Tall” by Patricia MacLachlan (series), books by Beverly Cleary

AUTHORS

Pick an author and search for books by that author at your local library. Once you try one book by that author, chances are you will become “hooked” and want to read them all!

Judy Blume, Eleanor Estes, Roald Dahl, Joan Lowery Nixon, Clyde Robert Bulla, Robert Lawson, Lois Lenski, Frances Hodgson Burnett, George MacDonald, Carolyn Haywood, Maud Hart Lovelace, Jean Fritz, Dr. Seuss, Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Andersen, Charles Perrault, Kate DiCamillo, Pam Muñoz Ryan, Ann Turner, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor, Dick King-Smith, E. B. White

AWARD WINNERS

Ask your librarian to recommend books that have won awards or ask your parents to Google them.

How many award-winning books can you devour? Choose from:

- Newbery Medal and Honor Books awarded by the Association for Library Service to Children to authors of distinguished contributions of American literature for children
- The Coretta Scott King Book Awards selections awarded to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults
- The Scott O’Dell Award for Historical Fiction titles awarded to authors for meritorious books published for children or young adults
- Boston Globe-Horn Books awarded in three categories: picture book, fiction and poetry, and nonfiction
- Laura Ingalls Wilder Award books honoring authors or illustrators whose work has made a lasting contribution to literature for children
- The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children selections that recognize excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children
- Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal choices awarded to authors and illustrators of distinguished informational books
- The Cook Prize titles honoring the best science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) picture books published for children
- Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award books administered by the Swedish Arts Council recognizing the highest quality work of authors, illustrators, oral storytellers, and reading promoters
- The Jane Addams Children’s Book Award selections recognizing children’s books of literary and aesthetic excellence that effectively engage children in thinking about peace, social justice, global community, and equity for all people
- Caldecott Medal books recognizing the most distinguished American picture books for children by the Association for Library Service to Children
- The Geisel Award books presented to the authors and illustrators of the most distinguished American books for beginning readers
- The E.B. White Read-Aloud Award books that embody the universal read aloud standards that were created by the work of author E. B. White
- The Irma Simonton Black and James H. Black Award titles for Excellence in Children’s Literature goes to outstanding books for young children

MAGAZINES

Sometimes it's fun to read short stories. Check out magazines from your local library!

- Ranger Rick
- Sports Illustrated Kids
- Zoobooks
- National Geographic Kids
- Time for Kids
- Highlights
- Cricket

POETRY

Check out a stack of poetry books from your local library.

Can you find poems by authors like Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky, Kenn Nesbitt, Roald Dahl, Sharon Creech, and Dr. Seuss? What other fun poetry can you find to enjoy?

PICTURE BOOKS

You're never too old to enjoy a good picture book. They are so much fun at any age! Check out a stack from the library. Enjoy the colorful, creative illustrations along with the story.

AVID READERS CLUB BOOKS

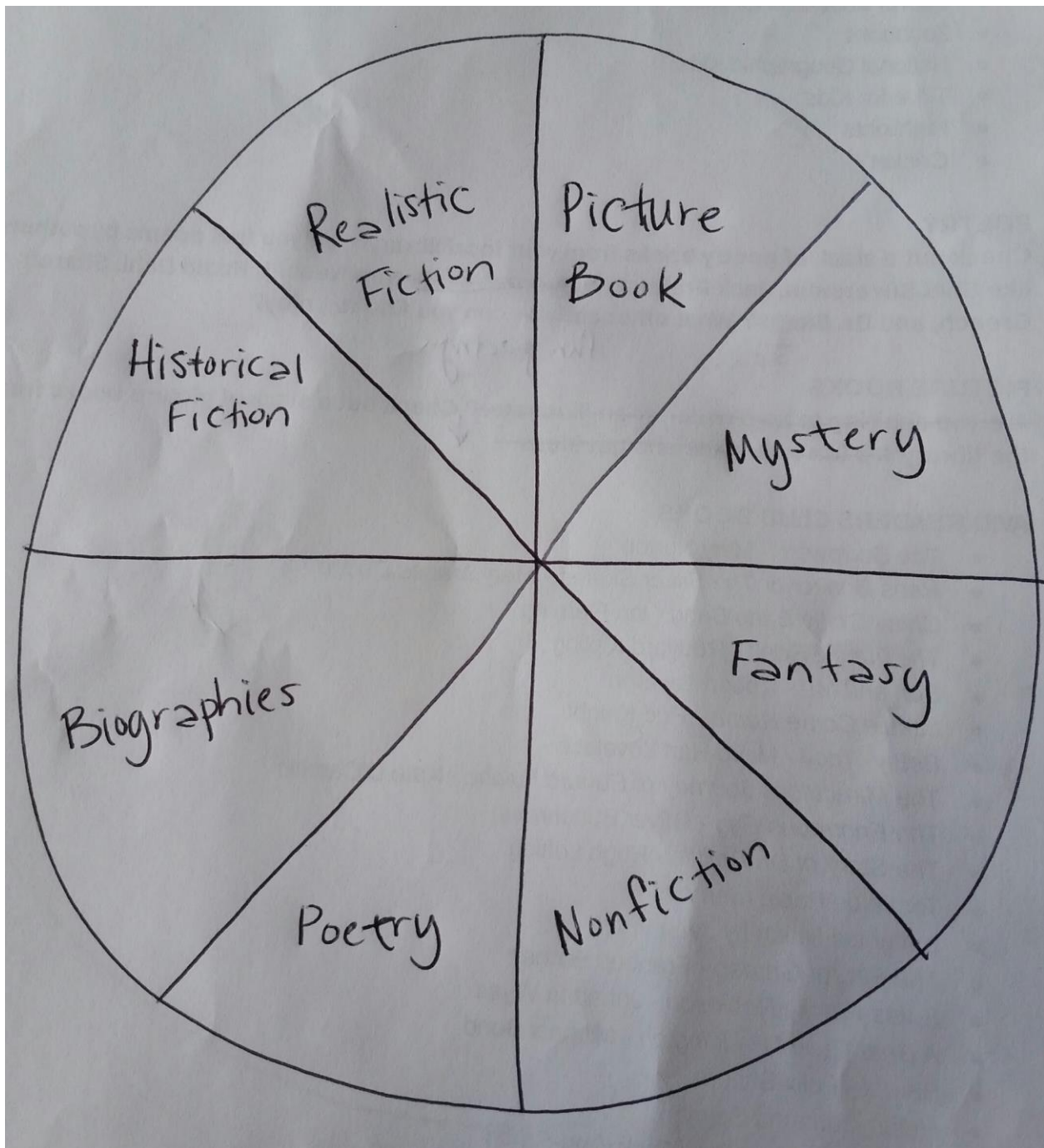
If you missed out on Avid Readers Club books, check out some titles from the library.

- "The Borrowers" by Mary Norton
- "Hans Brinker or The Silver Skates" by Mary Mapes Dodge
- "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" by Ian Fleming
- "The Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling
- "Ben & Me: An Astonishing Life of Benjamin Franklin by His Good Mouse AMOS" by Robert Lawson
- "Lassie Come-Home" by Eric Knight
- "Betsy-Tacy" by Maud Hart Lovelace
- "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" by Kate DiCamillo
- "The Enormous Egg" by Oliver Butterworth
- "The Story of Doctor Dolittle" by Hugh Lofting
- Tomie dePaola memoir series
- Historical fiction by Jean Fritz
- "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- "The Swiss Family Robinson" by Johann David Wyss
- "A Bear Called Paddington" by Michael Bond
- "Bambi, a Life in the Woods" by Felix Salten
- "Heidi" by Johanna Spyri
- "Babe: the Gallant Pig" by Dick King-Smith
- "Five Little Peppers and How They Grew" by Margaret Sidney

Super Readers Read Everywhere!

Attention Fourth Grade Super Readers: Now that you have graduated from third grade, you have learned that Super Readers not only read *everywhere*, but they read *everything*!

Ready for a challenge? Try reading a book (or several) in each of the categories on the wheel below. Color in each section of the pie as you try books from each category.



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