

# Trautwein Summer Reading Suggestions 2008

## **Kindergarten**

Any titles by Dr Seuss  
"Biscuit" series - Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
The Kissing Hand - Audrey Penn  
Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse - Kevin Henkes  
Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten - Joseph Slate  
My Teacher for President - Kay Winters  
The Night Before First Grade - Natasha Wing  
Old Black Fly - Jim Aylesworth  
Seymour Simon's Book of Trucks - Seymour Simon  
Today is Monday - Eric Carle  
What Will Fat Cat Sit On? - Jan Thomas

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday - Judith Viorst  
Froggy Learns to Swim - Jonathan London  
Henry & Mudge and the Funny Lunch - Cynthia Rylant  
"I Can Read" series - various authors  
If Dogs Rule the World - Faith McNulty  
Junie B. First Grader Aloha-ha-ah! - Barbara Parks  
Pirates Past Noon - Mary Pope Osborne  
The Relatives Came - Cynthia Rylant

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day - Judith Viorst  
"Cam Jansen" series - David Adler  
Chrysanthemum - Kevin Henkes  
Diary of a Worm - Doreen Cronin  
Freckle Juice - Judy Blume  
Harry the Dirty Dog - Gene Zion  
How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning - Rosalyn Schanzer  
My Lucky Day - Keiko Kasza  
The Salamander Room - Anne Mazer

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Attack of the Mutant Underwear - Tom Birdseye  
Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery - David Adler  
"Clementine" series - Sara Pennypacker  
Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective - Donald Sobol  
Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo - Who's Afraid of Fourth Grade? - Nancy E. Krulick  
"Magic Tree House" series - Mary Pope Osborne  
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers - Mordicai Gerstein  
A Series of Unfortunate Events - Lemony Snicket  
Skinnybones - Barbara Park

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bunnicula - James & Deborah Howe  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid - Jeff Kinney  
ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room - Donna M. Jackson  
My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers - Christine King Farris  
The New Kid on the Block - Jack Prelutsky  
Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims - Clyde Robert Bulla  
Stone Fox - John Reynolds Gardiner  
The Story of Laura Ingalls Wilder: Pioneer Girl- Megan Stine  
A Time for Andrew, a Ghost Story - Mary Downing Hahn

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis  
The Cricket in Times Square - George Selden  
Fifth Grade: Here Comes Trouble - Colleen O'Shaughnessy McKenna  
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O'Dell  
Julie of the Wolves - Jean Craighead George  
Maniac Magee - Jerry Spinelli  
Missing May - Cynthia Rylant  
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry - Virginia Hamilton  
Sign of the Beaver - Elizabeth George Speare  
Tuck Everlasting - Natalie Babbitt

These titles have been recommended by our teachers and librarian. Each grade level listing represents a wide range of interests and reading abilities. They are available at bookstores and public libraries. Many kids enjoy reading more than just fiction. Encourage children to read nonfiction on a variety of subjects that interest them. Magazines, graphic novels, and newspapers provide excellent reading opportunities for children. Have your child help you write shopping lists and search through newspaper ads for coupons. Just think of the reading and math possibilities! If you are planning a road trip, have your child help you read the map and plot your route.

To help your child find a book on an appropriate reading level, help your child do the "finger test." Open the book to any page and have the child begin reading. For every word he/she can't read or comprehend, he/she raises one finger. If the page is finished and fewer than three fingers are raised, that is a "just right" book. Three or more fingers indicate you should probably read the book to the child. To avoid the "summer slump," children should read at least 15 minutes a day. Be a good model and read for your own pleasure at the same time. Or, read to your child. None of our kids are too old to be read to, or to read to you! Enjoy your summer reading.