

# **Bierbaum Elementary School Suggested Summer Reading**

Children might want to read, or have read to them the following titles, or other titles by these authors, before entering the next grade.

## **Kindergarten**

Henry & Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant  
*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and other books by Eric Carle  
*Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom* by Bill Martin, Jr.  
*Red-Eyed Tree Frog* by Joy Cowley  
*Pete the Cat* by Eric Litwin or James Dean  
*Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems  
Any Fly Guy nonfiction titles by Tedd Arnold

## **1st Grade**

Black Lagoon books by Mike Thaler  
Cam Jansen books by David Adler  
*The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt  
*The Art Lesson* by Tomie DePaola  
*Super Storms!* & others in the SeeMore Readers series by Seymour Simon  
*If You Give a Pig a Pancake* series by Laura Numeroff  
Henry & Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant  
*Fly Guy* series by Tedd Arnold  
*Elephant and Piggie* books by Mo Willems

## **2nd Grade**

Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne  
Judy Moody or Stink books by Megan McDonald  
Sports Illustrated Kids Victory School Superstars books - various authors  
Franny K. Stein books by Jim Benton  
*Prickly Porcupines* or others in the Gross Out Defenses series from Bearport Publishing  
*Captain Awesome* books by Stan Kirby  
*Notebook of Doom* books by Troy Cummings  
*Weird School* books by Dan Gutman

## **3rd Grade**

A to Z Mysteries books by Ron Roy  
Boxcar Children books by Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Sports fiction books by Jake Maddox  
Ramona or Henry Huggins books by Beverly Cleary  
“Getting to Know the World’s Greatest” biographies books by Mike Venezia  
*I Survived* series by Lauren Tarshis

## **4th Grade**

Sports fiction books by Mike Lupica  
*Fudge* series by Judy Blume  
Any titles by Peg Kehret  
*Wonder* by R.J. Palacio  
*Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti  
*The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner  
*Moo* by Sharon Creech  
*Counting Thyme* by Melanie Conklin  
*Maxi's Secrets* by Lny Plourde  
*When Friendship Followed Me Home* by Paul Griffin  
*Soar* by Joan Bauer  
*Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier  
*Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan  
*Unbound* by Ann E. Burg  
*Ghost* by Jason Reynolds  
*Nine, Ten: A September 11th Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin

## **5th Grade**

Any series or individual titles by Gordan Korman  
Mystery books by Peg Kehret  
"Shadow Children" series by Margaret Peterson Haddix  
*Because of Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea  
*Who Was* biography series  
*Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery* by James Ponti  
*The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner  
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Teachers and librarians have long known that reading at least 15 minutes every day during the summer will help your child avoid the very real summer slump in skills. Encourage your child to read a variety of materials over the next few months. This will send him/her back to school in August ready to learn! The titles and series in this list are just suggestions. You might also look for past nominees in the Building Blocks Award for kindergarten kids, Show Me Reader Award for grades 1-3 and Mark Twain Award for grades 4-6. Ask your public librarian for help with these lists.

Help your child find interesting books and magazines to read by going to the bookstore, garage sales and the public library. The St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library both offer summer reading programs where kids can read and earn awards. Take advantage of these free programs to encourage your child to keep a reading habit over the summer. Asking an older child to read to a younger sibling is good for both kids. The older child practices fluency and reading aloud and the younger child has the pleasure of being read to. One of the best and most successful ways to get your child to read is to spend time reading yourself. When children see parents and other adults reading regularly, they are more likely to read for themselves. So in between your other activities this summer, find time to have everyone in your family read at least six books. The results in August may surprise you! Happy reading!