

Summer Brain Gain!

Summer Reading Recommendations

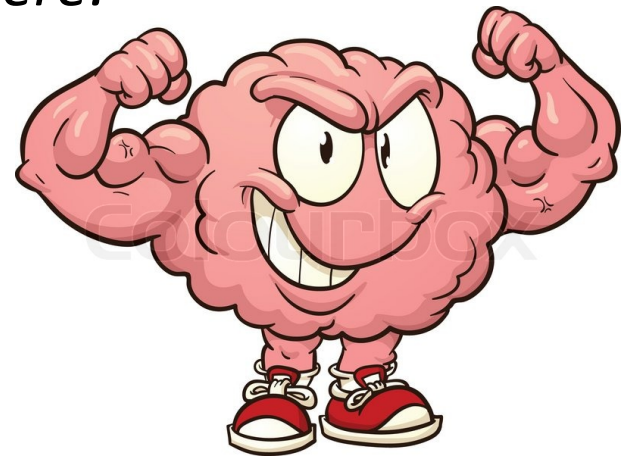
Parents - It is critical that children read year-round! Research has shown reading consistently over the summer can prevent summer learning loss. Please make time for your child to read every day this summer – with you, independently, or both – so that he or she can continue to grow as a reader!

Students -- As you read, log your books here:

<http://tinyurl.com/BrentReading>



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Guidelines for Recommended Summer Reading

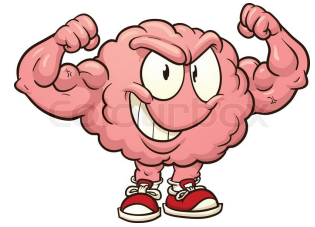
- Summer reading is incredibly important for reading level maintenance, so it is critical to make time for reading every day.
- These books represent only a small sample of titles that your child/children may enjoy. You should not feel compelled to either stick to or complete the list.
- Books on the PS/PK/K list, and many books on the first grade list, are intended to be read aloud with children.
- Books are placed on grade level lists based on a combination of criteria including topic, level, and appropriateness for developmental age. That said, they may not be right for all readers in that grade, and it will be beneficial to look at more than one list to find good choices for your child.
- These books are hand-selected by Brent staff! There are some classics, some currently popular titles, some fiction, and some non-fiction. It would be pages and pages long if we put down everything we would like for kids to read, so it is a representative sample. The idea is for families to go forth from here.
 - There is a separate list of poetry collections and anthologies, appropriate for a wide range of readers.
 - There is a separate list of fiction authors whose entire repertoire we love. These authors write at lots of levels, and all of what they write is good.
 - There is a separate list containing the names of non-fiction authors and series. We included non-fiction books in this way because sometimes we find authors that write great books on lots of subjects at lots of levels. Equally often, we find series that are assembled according to certain criteria, and the author is less important than a books' membership in the collection.
- **Record each book you read at the Brent On-line Reading Log: <http://tinyurl.com/BrentReading>**
- Enjoy the reading! We hope that family reading time is a favorite activity in your home and that you are looking forward to devoting lots of time to it this summer!

Rising PS, PK, and K Recommended Family Reading



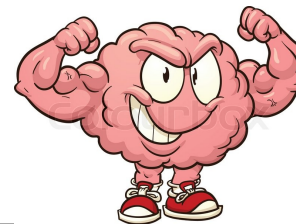
Title	Author	Description
Goodnight Moon	M. W. Brown	Poetry, Picture Book
How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?	J. Yolen	Fiction, Picture Book
Lola at the Library	A. McQuinn	Fiction, Picture Book
Mr. Tiger Goes Wild	P. Brown	Fiction, Picture Book
Abiyoyo	P. Seeger	Folk Tale, Picture Book
The Runaway Bunny	M. W. Brown	Fiction, Picture Book
The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog	M. Willems	Fiction, Picture Book
To Market, To Market	A. Miranda	Poetry, Picture Book
Make Way for Ducklings	R. McCloskey	Fiction, Picture Book
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?	C. McCloud	Non-Fiction, Picture Book
I Know an Old Lady that Swallowed a Fly	N. B. Westcott	Poetry, Picture Book
The Grouchy Ladybug	Eric Carle	Fiction, Picture Book
Waiting is Not Easy!	M. Willems	Fiction, Picture Book
Hop on Pop	Dr. Seuss	Rhyming Picture Book
Is Your Mama a Llama?	D. Guarino	Rhyming Picture Book

Rising First Grade Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Description
The Gruffalo	J. Donaldson	Fiction, Picture Book
The Kissing Hand	A. Penn	Fiction, Picture Book
Tacky The Penguin	H. Lester	Fiction, Picture Book
Swimmy	L. Lionni	Fiction, Picture Book
Dairy of a Worm	D. Cronin	Fiction, Picture Book
The Day the Crayons Quit	D. Daywalt	Fiction, Picture Book
Harold and the Purple Crayon	C. Johnson	Fiction, Picture Book
The Emperor's Egg	M. Jenkins	Non-Fiction
The Little House	V. L. Burton	Fiction, Picture Book
Olivia	I. Falconer	Fiction, Picture Book
Pierre: A Cautionary Tale in Five Chapters and a Prologue	M. Sendak	Fiction, Picture Book
Curious George	H. A. Rey	Fiction, Picture Book
Corduroy	D. Freeman	Fiction, Picture Book
Lots of Spots	L. Ehlert	Poetic Non-Fiction
Chameleon, Chameleon	J. Cowley	Non-Fiction

Rising Second Grade Recommended Summer Reading



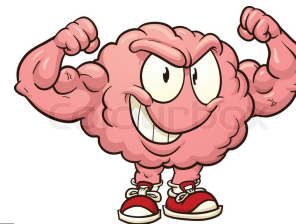
Title	Author	Description
Blueberries for Sal	R. McCloskey	Fiction, Picture Book
Strega Nona	T. dePaola	Fiction, Picture Book
Amazing Grace	M. Hoffman	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Storm	C. Rylant	Fiction, Chapter Book
Tikki Tikki Tembo	A. Mosel	Folk Tale, Picture Book
The Magic School Bus: Lost in the Solar System	J. Cole	Scientific Fiction
The Dream Stealer	S. Fleischman	Fiction, Picture Book
The Tale of Peter Rabbit	B. Potter	Fiction, Picture Book
The Skirt	Gary Soto	Fiction, Chapter Book
Madeline	L. Bemelmans	Fiction, Picture Book
The Story of Ferdinand	M. Leaf	Fiction, Picture Book
A Flag for Our Country	E. Spencer	Narrative Non-Fiction
The Long Way to a New Land	J. Sandin	Narrative Non-Fiction
Monarch Butterfly	G. Gibbons	Non-Fiction
Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto	N. Standiford	Narrative Non-Fiction

Rising Third Grade Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Genre
EllRay Jakes is NOT a Chicken!	S. Warner	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	P. Goble	Folk Tale, Picture Book
Maniac Monkeys on Magnolia Street	A. Johnson	Fiction, Chapter Book
Three Tales of My Father's Dragon	R. S. Gannett	Fiction, Chapter Books
Two for Joy	G. Amateau	Fiction, Chapter Book
Nikki & Deja	K. English	Fiction, Chapter Books
A Bad Case of Stripes	D. Shannon	Fiction, Picture Book
Gloria's Way	A. Cameron	Fiction, Chapter Book
Who is J. K. Rowling? (Who Is, Who Was series)	Pollack/Belviso	Fiction, Picture Book
A River Ran Wild	L. Cherry	Non-Fiction
Henry's Freedom Box	E. Levine	Non-Fiction
The Big Dipper and You	E. C. Krupp	Non-Fiction
Owls (Animal Predators Series)	S. Markles	Non-Fiction
National Geographic Readers: Dinosaurs	K. W. Zoehfeld	Non-Fiction
Our Solar System	S. Simon	Non-Fiction

Rising Fourth Grade Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Description
Bunnacula	J. Howe	Fiction, Chapter Book
My Side of the Mountain	J. C. George	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Hundred Penny Box	S. B. Mathis	Fiction, Chapter Book
Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear	L. Namioka	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Penderwicks	J. Birdsall	Fiction, Chapter Book
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	R. Dahl	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Cabin Faced West	J. Fritz	Fiction, Chapter Book
Queen of the Track: Alice Coachman	H. Lang	Non-Fiction
Math Curse	J. Scieszka	Math Picture Book
About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks	B. Koscielniak	Non-Fiction
Earthquakes	S. Simon	Non-Fiction
The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson	A. McGovern	Non-Fiction, Chapter Book
Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of An American Feud	S. T. Jurmain	Non-Fiction
Achoo! The Most Interesting Book You Will Ever Read About Germs	T. Romanek	Non-Fiction

Rising Fifth Grade Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Description
Joey Pizga Swallowed the Key	J. Gantos	Fiction, Chapter Book
Kira-Kira	C. Kadohata	Fiction, Chapter Book
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	R. O'Brien	Fantasy, Chapter Book
Clubhouse Mysteries: The Buried Bones Mystery	S. Draper	Fiction, Chapter Book
Out of My Mind	S. Draper	Fantasy, Chapter Book
Esperanza Rising	P. M. Ryan	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe (Chronicles of Narnia)	C. S. Lewis	Fantasy, Chapter Book
The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series)	R. Riordan	Fiction, Chapter Series
The Thing About Jellyfish	A. Benjamin	Fiction, Chapter Book
I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic (I Survived Series)	L. Tarshis	Historical Fiction Series
The Kid's Guide to Money	S. Otfinoski	Non-Fiction
The Dolphins of Shark Bay	P. S. Turner	Non-Fiction
Toys!: Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions	D. Wulffson	Non-Fiction
No Easy Way: The Story of Ted Williams and the Last .400 Season	F. Bowen	Non-Fiction
Older Than the Stars	K. Fox	Non-Fiction

Rising Sixth Grade Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Description
<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	J. Green	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Witch of Blackbird Pond	E. G. Speare	Historical Fiction
The Thing About Luck	C. Kadohata	Fiction, Chapter Book
Wonder	R. J. Palacio	Fiction, Chapter Book
Ender's Game	O. S. Card	Sci Fi, Chapter Book
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	R. Williams-Garcia	Fiction, Chapter Book
The City of Ember	J. DuPrau	Fantasy, Chapter Book
The Westing Game	E. Raskin	Mystery, Chapter Book
When You Reach Me	R. Stead	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Secret Garden	F. H. Burnett	Fiction, Chapter Book
The Kid's Guide to Social Action	B. Lewis	Non-Fiction
<i>The Red Pencil</i>	A. D. Pinkney	Non-Fiction, Verse
<i>I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition</i>	M. Yousafzai	Non-Fiction
Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope	B. Naidoo	Non-Fiction
Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Readers Edition	M. Pollan	Non-Fiction

Poetry Anthologies

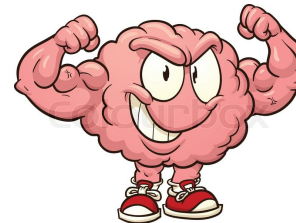
Recommended Summer Reading



Title	Author	Description
Where the Sidewalk Ends	Shel Silverstein	Collection
A Light in the Attic	Shel Silverstein	Collection
Honey, I Love	Eloise Greenfield	Collection
Something Big Has Been Here	Jack Prelutsky	Collection
Poetry for Young People (A Collection Organized by Poet)	Various Poets	Anthology
If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand	Kalli Dakos	Collection
Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry	X. L. Kennedy	Anthology
All the Small Poems and Fourteen More	Valerie Worth	Anthology
One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children	Michael Harrison	Anthology
Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young	Jack Prelutsky	Collection
Animal Poems	Valerie Worth	Collection
This Same Sky: A Collection of Poems from Around the World	Naomi Shihab Nye	Anthology
Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry	Jane Yolen	Collection
Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs	Douglas Florian	Collection
A Celebration of Bees	Barbara Esbensen	Guide

Favorite Fiction Authors List

Recommended Summer Reading



Author	Description	Some Sample Titles/Series Name
Eric Carle	Fiction, Picture Books	The Very Hungry Caterpillar; A House for Hermit Crab
Leo Lionni	Variety	An Extraordinary Egg; Swimmy; It's Mine!
Tomie dePaola	Fiction, Variety	26 Fairmont Ave; The Art Lesson; Strega Nona
Mo Willems	Fiction, Variety	Elephant and Piggie; Knuffle Bunny
James Howe	Fiction, Variety	Houndsley and Catina; The Misfits
Patricia Polacco	Fiction, Picture Books	Thank You, Mr. Falkner; Babushka's Doll
Eve Bunting	Fiction, Variety	Crow Call; A Train to Somewhere
Cynthia Rylant	Variety	Poppleton; When I Was Young in the Mountains
David A. Adler	Mystery/Non-fiction	Cam Jansen; A Picture Book of George Washington
Nikki Grimes	Fiction, Variety	Dyamonde Daniels Series; Words with Wings
Marjorie Sharmat	Mystery, Chapter Books	Nate the Great; A Big Fat Enormous Lie
Sharon Draper	Fiction, Chapter Books	Sassy; The Clubhouse Mysteries
Kate DiCamillo	Fiction, Chapter Books	Because of Winn Dixie; The Tale of Despereaux
Julia Alvarez	Fiction, Chapter Books	How Tia Lola Came to Stay; In the Time of Butterflies
Jacqueline Woodson	Variety	Each Kindness; Brown Girl Dreaming

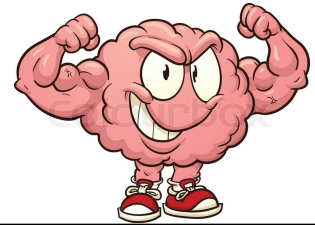
Favorite Nonfiction Authors/*Series* List

Recommended Summer Reading



Author/Series	Description	Some Sample Titles
Seymour Simon	Scientific	The Sun; Guts; Animals Nobody Loves
Gail Gibbons	Scientific	Apples; The Reasons for Seasons; Halloween
Mary Pope Osborne	NF Companions	NF Companions for the Magic Tree House Series
Mary Kay Carson	Biographies, Scientific	Who Invented Television?; The Bat Scientists
Nic Bishop	Scientific	Lizards; Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close
Linda Bozzo	Discover Dogs, Animal Care	I Like Labrador Retrievers; Guide Dog Heros
Mary Jo Rhodes	Undersea Encounters	Life on A Coral Reef; Octopuses and Squids
<i>ASPCA Pet Care Guides</i>	Animal Care	Hamster; Fish; Turtle
<i>Inside Series</i>	Extreme Weather	Inside Tornadoes; Inside Hurricanes
<i>If You Lived...</i>	Historical	If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution
<i>My America</i>	Narrative Historical	Freedom's Wings: Corey's Underground Railroad Diary
<i>National Geographic Kids</i>	Expository High-Interest Topics	National Geographic Readers: Penguins!
<i>Let's Read and Find Out (Science)</i>	High Interest Answers to Kids' Question	How People Learned to Fly; What Makes a Magnet
<i>Klutz</i>	Instructional Books	Scoubidou: A Book of Lanyard and Lacing

What the Teachers Are Reading: Summer Reading for Grown-Ups



Title	Author	Description (Rec)
The Nightingale	K. Hannah	Fiction (Multiple Teachers)
All the Light We Cannot See	A. Doerr	Fiction, Novel (Multiple Teachers)
The Orphan Train	C. B. Kline	Fiction, Novel (Ms. Maslin)
Where'd You Go, Bernadette?	M. Semple	Fiction, Novel (Ms. Farkas)
The Art of Racing in the Rain	G. Stein	Fiction, Novel (Ms. Isaacson)
The Aviator's Wife	M. Benjamin	Historical Fiction (Ms. Kraemer)
July's People	N. Gordimer	Historical Fiction (Ms. Ewbank)
Garlic and Sapphires	R. Reichl	Non-fiction (Ms. Byrns)
Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer	J. Swanson	Non-Fiction (Ms. Paxson)
Science Matters: Achieving Scientific Literacy	R. M. Hazen J. Trefil	Non-Fiction (Mr. Mangiaracina)
Love	L. Buscaglia	Non-fiction (Ms. Santora)
'Tis	F. McCourt	Memoir (Mr. Krohn)
Practice Perfect	D. Lemov	Non-Fiction Practical (Mr. Young)
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole	M. Barnett	Picture Book

FAQ About the Reading Log

Can we only enter books from this recommended list?

- *Read and enter whatever books your child is interested in! Don't feel constrained by the list – these are just suggestions.*

My child is too young to type. Does this mean he can't log?

- *Do whatever works for your family typing-wise, provided that the child is providing the thinking. The idea is to promote the concept that we think about what we read, and share that thinking with others, so that is the important part.*

Who reads the entries on the log?

- *Lots of us do! On our end, the log is open to teachers, Mr. Young, Ms. Ewbank, Ms. Cruz, and Ms. Bettina. We really enjoy checking in on our readers all summer long.*

Do we have to finish the whole book before we log it?

- *Not if it is a long chapter book. Some of our older readers log by chapter, others log when they finish. It depends on the book.*

Do we need to log the book when we read it? We're going on vacation and won't have internet.

- *Feel free to log the books that were read on vacation when you get back home. You can log them all, or log the "best of" – whatever is best for you.*

Is there a minimum or maximum number of books that need to be read in order to log?

- *Nope. In the past we've had some kids log one while others log close to 40. The most important thing is to read steadily throughout the summer.*

How can I get a list of all the books we've entered so far?

- *E-mail chloe.patterson@dc.gov to ask and she will mail you a copy of your list.*

In the book, *Rocks*, I learned about igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. It tells how each group of rocks is made and used. This book gives so much information on the three kinds of rocks.

- Rising 4th (*Rocks*)

I like the illustrations : there was the sun, the star, and the moon !!!

- Rising K (*Not for Sadie*)

In this story there's this kid name Greg who learns some of life lessons. He learns that he should appreciate what he gets from his family. He also learns that he should be okay with the kisses he receives from his aunts and grandmother because it shows that they love him.

- Rising 3rd
(*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*)

The cows want electric blankets. They find an old typewriter in the barn and write the farmer. The farmer says no so cows go on strike. Cows finally agree to return typewriter to farmer in exchange for blankets. Duck, who is returning the typewriter asks for a diving board for the pond.

- Rising 2nd (*Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type*)



Suggestions for

Reading Online

- <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
 - *This site was created by the Screen Actors Guild and features well known actors and actresses reading favorite books. For example, check out James Earl Jones reading To Be A Drum! No sign-up required.*
- <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading>
 - *This site has many many leveled books available to read or have read aloud! It's a British site, so the accents are lovely, but the authors aren't as familiar. Sign-up required.*
- <http://www.biguniverse.com/>
 - *This is a useful site for finding non-fiction books to page through. You can even write and create books here! Sign-up required.*

Finding Books

- www.betterworldbooks.com
 - *This site is where the DC Public Library hosts its on-going online sidewalk sale.*
- www.thriftbooks.com
 - *Used books sold online with free shipping. Most books are priced under \$4. Site has textbooks too!*
- www.dclibrary.org
 - *Check out all the summer reading programs at the SE and NE libraries – there is a ton going on!*
- Fairy Godmother (319 7th Street SE)
- Politics & Prose (5015 Connecticut Ave. NW)
- Capitol Hill Books (7th & C St. SE)
 - *Used books, usually ½ the cover price. Not a ton for kids, but several classics.*
- Friends of the Montgomery County Library Bookstores
 - *Three locations selling used books. Check the website for daily hours at each store:*
 - *Rockville: 4886 Boiling Brook Parkway*
 - *Gaithersburg: 604 Quince Orchard Road*
 - *Wheaton: 11701 Georgia Ave*