

# Fifth Grade Summer NEWS

## Summertime Skills

During the summer, it is a great time to prepare for 6th grade. 1) We have included some computer website to practice reading comprehension and math practice with fun math games. 2) We have included some favorite sixth grade authors and book titles. We hope you will come back for sixth grade prepared to do well!

Happy reading!

## Student Computer Sites

### Reading

[www.storyplace.org](http://www.storyplace.org) (Chinese fables, fiction and nonfiction)

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.kidsreads.com/reviews](http://www.kidsreads.com/reviews)  
(reviews of great books)

### Math

[www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com)

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

Summer Time Authors and some titles they have written:

### Beginning Chapter Books for Fluency

**Brown, Marc** – Arthur Books;



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**Byars, Betsy** - The Golly Sisters Go West; The Golly Sisters Ride Again; The Little Horse; Little Horse On His Own

**Lobel, Arnold** – Frog and Toad series; Mouse Soup; Mouse Tales

**Marshal, James** - Rats on the Roof; George and Martha; The Stupids Take Off; Miss Nelson; The Cut-ups Carry On; Fox Be Nimble; Wings A Tale of Two Chickens;

**Parks, Barbara** - Junie B. Jones series

**Rylant, Cynthia** - Henry and Mudge; In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen; Poppleton series

**Sachar, Louis** - Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control!

**Sharmat, Marjorie Wineman** - Nate the Great series

### Harder Picture Books:

**DeGross, Monalisa** - Donovan's Word Jar

**Fox, Mem** – Possum Magic

**Hutchins, Pat** - The Very Worst Monster

**Kellogg, Steven** – The Mysterious Tadpole; The Island of Skog; Can I Keep Him? The Missing Mitten Mystery; Best Friends

**MacLachlan, Patricia** – The Places I Love

**Peet, Bill** – Farewell to Shady Glade; Big Bad Bruce; The Wump World; Eli; Ella

**Polacco, Patricia** – The Keeping Quilt; My Rotten Redheaded Brother; When Lightning Comes in a Jar

**Teague, Mark** – One Halloween Night; Dear Mrs. LaRue; The Secret Shortcut

### Non-Fiction:

**Murphy, Frank** – Ben Franklin and the magic squares

### Biographies –

Let's Read About George Washington; Helen Keller; Squanto; Abraham Lincoln  
**Rappaport, Doreen** – Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King

**Kerley, Barbara** – The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: A True Dinosaur Story in Three Ages

**Stanley, Diane** – Michelangelo

Suggested Fourth Grade Reading List Popular books for 4th graders to enjoy during the summer...

### Author Title

**Aardema, Verna** - Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain

**Blume, Judy** Freckle Juice; Pain and the Great One; Tales of 4th Grade Nothing

**Christopher, Matt** - The Spy on Third Base

**Cleary, Beverly** Muggie Maggie; Dear Mr. Henshaw

**Coerr, Eleanor** - The Josefina Story Quilt

**Dahl, Roald** - The Fantastic Mr. Fox

**Donnelly, Judy** - The Titanic Lost...and Found

**Estes, Eleanor** - The Hundred Dresses

**Fleischman, Sid** – The 13<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Gardiner, John Reynolds** - Stone Fox, General Butterfingers

**LeGuin, Ursula** - Catwings

**Lobel, Arnold** - Aesop Fables

**Maccaronel, Grace** The Haunting of Grade Three

**MacLachlan, Patricia** - Three Names and Sarah, Plain and Tall

**Mathis, Sharon Bell** – The Hundred Penny Box

**Robert Bulla, Clyde** - The Chalk Box Kid

**Rockwell, Thomas** - How to Eat Fried Worms

**Rowowsky, Colby** - Not My Dog

**Silverstein, Shel** -The Giving Tree

**Van Allsburg, Chris** - Jumanji

**White, E.B.**- Stuart Little; Trumpet of the Swan;

### Favorite Series

**Lindgren, Astrid** - The Pippi Longstocking series

**Peterson, John** - The Littles series

**Stool, Donald** - Encyclopedia Brown

**Doaly, & Thornton** - Bailey School Kids

**Warner Chandler, Gertrude** - The Boxcar Children

### Collections

Animal Ark

Animorphs (fantasy)

Encyclopedia Brown (mystery)

Time Warp Trio Books

Magic Tree House Books

Matt Christopher Books (sports)

### Some more challenging books for advanced readers or read aloud

**Burnett, Frances** - The Secret Garden

**Byars, Betsy** - Trouble River; The Midnight Fox; Blossom Family Books  
**Cleary, Beverly** - The Mouse and the Motorcycle  
**Clements, Andrew** - Frindle  
**Creech, Sharon** - Ruby Holler  
**Curtis, Christopher Paul** - Mr. Chickee's Funny Money  
**Dahl, Roald** - Danny, Champion of the World; The Witches  
**Dalgliesh, Alice** - Courage of Sarah Noble  
**DeCamillo, Kate** Tale of Despereaux  
**George, Jean** - My Side of the Mountain  
**Hughes, Ted** - The Iron Giant  
**Jacques, Brian** - The Redwall Series  
**Lewis, C.S.** - The Narnia Series  
**O'Dell, Scott** - Island of the Blue Dolphins  
**Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds** - Shiloh  
**Paulsen, Gary** – My Life in Dog Years  
**Rowling, J.K.** - Harry Potter series  
**Reid Banks, Lynne** - The Indian in the Cupboard  
**Seldon, George** - The Cricket in Times Square  
**Sachar, Louis** – Wayside School is Falling Down  
**Van Draanen, Wendelin** – Shredderman: Secret Identity

#### Fourth and Fifth Grade Reading List

**Amato, Mary** – The Word Eater  
**Balliett, Blue** – Chasing Vermeer  
**Borden, Louise** – Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in World War II  
**Bruchac, Joseph** – Skeleton Man  
**Bunting, Eve** – Train to Somewhere; Summer of Riley  
**Byars, Betsy** – Wanted...Mud Blossom  
**Christopher, Matt** – Goalkeeper in Charge  
**Codell, Esme** – Sahara Special  
**Cox, Judy** – Weird Stories from the Lonesome Café

**Danziger, Paula** – Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit  
**De Paola, Tomie** – 26 Fairmount Avenue  
**DiCamillo, Kate** – Because of Winn-Dixie  
**Ellis, Deborah** – The Breadwinner  
**Gaiman, Neil** – The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish  
**Giff, Patricia Reilly** – Lily's Crossing  
**Grover, Wayne** – Dolphin Adventure; Dolphin Treasure  
**Gutman, Dan** – Babe and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure  
**Haskins, Lori** – Spooky America: Four Real Ghost Stories  
**Jones, Jennifer** – Dear Mrs. Ryan, You're Ruining My Life  
**Lord, Betsy Bao** – In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson  
**Lowry, Lois** – Gooney Bird Greene  
**Marsden, Carolyn** – The Gold-Threaded Dress  
**Orr, Wendy** – Nim's Island  
**Paulsen, Gary** – The Boy Who Owned the School; Bear Stone  
**Roy, Rob** – Who Cloned the President?  
**Scieszka, Jon** – Knights of the Kitchen Table  
**Tallchief, Maria** – Tallchief: America's Prima Ballerina  
**Thimmesh, Catherine** – Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions  
**Waugh, Sylvia** – Space Race  
**Zaunders, Bo** – Feathers, Flaps & Flops: Fabulous Early Flyers