

Fun Reading for our special Kindergarteners

Favorite Bible Heroes:

Noah, Jonah, David and Goliath
Saint series by Tomie dePaola

Let's start with some traditional fairy tales...

The Gingerbread Boy
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Cinderella
Rapunzel
Three Little Pigs
Borreguita and the Coyote
Seven Blind Mice
Two of Everything
Clever Tortoise

What about fairy tales with a twist?

The Runaway Tortilla (Kimmel)
Goldilocks Returns (Ernst)
Cinderella Skeleton ((San Souci)
Falling for Rapunzel (Wilcox)
Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig (Trivizas)

Nonfiction

Rookie Read Alouds (animals, holidays, science, etc.)
The Story of the Statue of Liberty (Maestro)
Owney, a Lucky Dog (Wales)
Friends (Thimmesh)
Journey around (cities) series by Martha Day Zschock
Owen and Mzee (Hatkoff)
Lola and Tiva (Hatkoff)
You Read to Me, I'll Read to You (Hoberman)
I See a Kookaburra! (Jenkins)
Popular subjects: Animals (can never have enough!), sports, poetry

Fiction

10 Minutes till Bedtime (Rathmann)
Dr. Seuss books
Ducky (Bunting)
My Lucky Day (Kasza)
Corduroy (Freeman)
No, David (Shannon)
Henry and Mudge series (Rylant)
Today I Feel Silly (Curtis)
Beatrice Doesn't Want To (Numeroff)
Books by Shel Silverstein
Bailey Goes to School (Bliss)
Duck & Goose (Hills)
Books by Karma Wilson

Fun Reading Ideas for Grades 1-2

Nonfiction

The Trojan Horse (Hutton)
Two Bear Cubs (San Souci)
Legend of John Henry (Lester)
Magic School Bus Series
Humphrey the Lost Whale (Tokuda)
Finding the Titanic (Ballard) – Titanic is a very popular subject!
Dorling Kindersley readers – Levels 1-4, different subjects, classics, etc.
Casey at the Bat (Thayer)
A Seed is Sleepy (Aston)
Stellina (Pericoli)
My Dog My Hero (Byars)
Saint series (Tomie dePaola)
I Wonder Why series - all different subjects
Who Was series (Biographies)

Realistic Fiction

Bullseye series – Step into classics
The Pain and the Great One (Blume)
Freckle Juice (Blume)
Officer Buckle (Rathmann)
Nate the Great series (Sharmat)
Black Lagoon series (Thaler)
Horrible Harry series (Kline)
Encyclopedia Brown series (Sobol)
Judy Moody and Stink (McDonald)
Nancy Drew Notebooks
Lassie Come Home (retold by Wells)

Clementine series
Captain Awesome series
Ivy & Bean series

Fantastic Fiction

Bats at the Beach (Lies)
Warton and Morton series (Erickson)
Esio Trot (Dahl)
Catwings (LeGuin)
Zathura (Van Allsburg)
Saving Mercy Watson series and Bink and Gollie (DiCamillo)
Diary of a Worm (Cronin)
The Amazing Bone (Steig)
Stellaluna (Cannon)
Meanest Doll in the World, trilogy (Martin)

Fly Guy series
Franny K. Stein series
Magic Tree House series
My Father's Dragon (Gannett)

Historical Fiction

Drums of Noto Hanto (James)
Owney, Mail Dog Pouch Pooch (Kirby)
Babe and I (Adler)
Mailing May (Tunnell)

Favorite Authors

Pilkey, Bunting, Polacco, Dahl, Egan, Silverstein, Munsch, Alex Beard

Reading Suggestions for Grades 3-4

Nonfiction

Magic School Bus series (Cole)
Discovery of Dragons (Base)
Lives of the (Musicians, Artists, etc.) (Krull)
In the Time of Knights (Tanaka)
The Alamo (Tanaka)
D-Day (Tanaka)
Christian the Lion (Knowles)
Sir Lancelot (Morris)
All Stations Distress (Brown) or Titanic (Hopkinson)
Leonardo's Horse (Fritz)
Polar the Titanic Bear (Spedden)
Who was series (Biographies)

Realistic Fiction

Frankly Frannie (Stern)
Moxy Maxwell (Gifford)
Spy Academy (West)
Mallory (Friedman)
Clue Crew (young Nancy Drew) series
Emma Dilemma (Hermes)
Lulu (McKay)
Odyssey (Osborne)

Matt Christopher sports series
Boxcar Children mystery series
Fourth grade rats (Spinelli)
The fabled fourth graders of Aesop
Elementary School (Fleming)
Lemonade War (Davies)

A Little older:

Julia Gillian (McGhee)
Swindle (Korman)
STAT series (Stoudemire)
Hank Zipzer (Winkler)
Penderwicks (Birdsall)
Homework Machine (Gutman)
Boys vs Girls (Naylor)
Sideways Stories (Sachar)
Long Shot (Lupica)
Dog's Life (Martin)
Worst-case scenario ultimate adventure series (just for fun!)

Hoot (Hiaasen)
Harriet the Spy (Fitzhugh)
Cornelia & Audacious Escapades
Frindle (Clements)
Million Dollar Shot (Gutman)
Toilet Paper Tigers (Korman)
Great Brain (Fitzgerald)
Kickoff (Barber)
Genius Files (Gutman)
Shiloh (Naylor)

Historical Fiction

I Survived series (Tarshis)
Dear America series
American Girl Mystery series
Nest for Celeste (Cole)
My Name is America series
A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt (DeYoung)
Bud Not Buddy (Curtis)
Invention of Hugo Cabret (Selznick)

Reading Suggestions for Grades 3-4 (continued)

Fantasy

One and only Ivan	Castle in the attic (Winthrop)
Half Magic (Eager)	Familiars (Epstein)
Doll People (Martin)	Dragon Keepers (Klimo)
Barnstormers series (Bildner)	Charlie Bone (Klimo)
Bless This Mouse (Lowry)	Guardians of GaHoole
Dragonbreath (Vernon)	Peter and the Starcatchers
Whatever After (Mlynowski)	Tuesdays at the Castle
Time Warp Trio (Scieszka;)	Gruffen (d'Lacey)
I Freddy (Reiche)	Dragon in the Driveway (Klimo)
Waiting for the Magic (Maclachlan)	Dying to Meet You (Klise)
Araminta Spookie (Sage)	Memory Bank (Coman)
Akiko series (Crilley)	Sisters Grimm (Buckley)
Magician trilogy or Charlie Bone series (Nimmo)	

Great Authors:

Clements, Cleary (Ramona series), Blume (Fudge series), Avi (Poppy series), Dahl, Bill Wallace, Dan Gutman, Gordon Korman, Ibbotson

Reading Suggestions for Grades 5-8

Nonfiction

Escape! (Fleischman)
Candy Bomber (Tunnell)
Eyewitness series (all subjects)
My Life in Dog Years (Paulsen)
Air Raid Pearl Harbor (Taylor)
Soul surfer (Hamilton)
Through My Eyes (Tebow)
Chasing Lincoln's Killer (Swanson)
Guts (Paulsen)
Kisses from Katie (Davis)

Realistic Fiction

Mother Daughter Bk Club (Frederick)
Science Fair (Barry)
Belly up (Gibbs)
Theodore Boone (Grisham)
Alex Rider (Horowitz)
Last Shot (Feinstein)
Bad Beginning (Lemony Snicket)
Chomp (Hiaasen)
Wonder (Palacio)
Allegra Biscotti (Bennett)
Underneath (Appelt)
My Life as a Book (Tashjian)
Candymakers (Mass)
Young Bond (Higson)

Historical Fiction

Listening for Lions (Whelan)
Clockwork Three (Kirby)
Ranger's Apprentice (Flanagan)
Boy at War (Mazer)
Airman (Colfer)
Mighty Miss Malone (Curtis)
False Prince (Nielsen)
Countdown (Wiles)
Black Duck (Lisle)
Moon Over Manifest
Apothecary (Meloy)
Between Shades of Gray (Sepetys)
Sophia's War (Avi)

Fantasy

Fire Within (d'Lacey)
Lost Years of Merlin (Barron)
Middleworld (Voelkel)
13th Reality (Dashner)
Inkheart (Funke)
Pegasus (O'Hearn)
Jake Ransom (Rollins)
Shadow Thieves (Ursu)
Nicholas Flamel (Scott)
Pendragon series (MacHale)
Quantum Prophecy (Carroll)
Ender's Game (Card)
Search for Wondla (DiTerlizz)
Beyonders (Mull)
Kingdom Keepers (Pearson)
Cabinet of Wonders (Rutkoski)
Dragon Keeper (Wilkinson)
Magyk (Sage)

Great Authors: Spinelli, Deborah Wiles, Brian Jacques, Ibbotson, Collins (Gregor series),
Tim Green, Gail Carson Levine, Riordan, Hahn, Shannon Hale, Wendy Mass