



“Go-pher” a Good Book!

Recommended Summer Reading

Grades 2 & 3

Excavate an Adventure

<i>Heroes of the Surf</i>	Carbone, Elisa
<i>Shiver Me Timbers</i>	Florian, Douglas
<i>Blazers: Pirates! series</i>	Jenson-Elliott, Cindy
<i>Horse Heroes: True Stories of Amazing Horses</i>	Petty, Kate
<i>Ghost Pirate Treasure</i>	Stilton, Geronimo
<i>I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005</i>	Tarchis, Lauren
<i>Nurk: The Strange, Surprising Adventures of a (Somewhat) Brave Shrew</i>	Vernon, Ursula

Imagine That

<i>Giants Beware!</i>	Aguirre, Jorge
<i>The Truth About Princesses</i>	Allen, Nancy
<i>Nursery Rhyme Comics: 50 Timeless Rhymes from 50 Celebrated Cartoonists</i>	Duffy, Chris ed.
<i>Lulu and the Brontosaurus</i>	Viorst, Judith
<i>Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs</i>	Willems, Mo

Laugh Out Loud

<i>The Dunderheads</i>	Fleischman, Paul
<i>The Dunderheads Behind Bars</i>	Fleischman, Paul
<i>Captain Awesome vs. Nacho Cheese Man</i>	Kirby, Stan
<i>Stink and the Midnight Zombie Walk</i>	McDonald, Megan
<i>Alien Eraser Unravels the Mystery of the Pyramids (Max Disaster)</i>	Moss, Marissa
<i>Mrs. Noodlekugel</i>	Pinkwater, Daniel
<i>The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich</i>	Trine, Greg

The titles selected were chosen especially for those students finishing second and third grade. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too!

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Underground Treasures

<i>Ivy + Bean Break the Fossil Record</i>	Barrows, Annie
<i>Gold! Gold from the American River!</i>	Brown, Don
<i>Barnum’s Bones</i>	Fern, Tracey E.
<i>How the Dinosaur Got to the Museum</i>	Hartland, Jessie
<i>The 5,000-Year-Old Puzzle</i>	Logan, Claudia
<i>Baby Mammoth Mummy: Frozen in Time!</i>	Sloan, Christopher



Just for Fun

<i>The Rabbit Problem</i>	Gravett, Emily
<i>The Incredible Book Eating Boy</i>	Jeffers, Oliver
<i>Seeing Symmetry</i>	Leedy, Loreen
<i>My Best Friend is as Sharp as a Pencil</i>	Piven, Hanoch
<i>Lemonade: And Other Poems Squeezed From a Single Word</i>	Raczka, Bob
<i>Pete and Penny’s Pizza Puzzles: Case of the Secret Sauce</i>	Rosenberg, Aaron
<i>A Superhero Cookbook: Simple Recipes for Kids</i>	Schette, Sara L.
<i>The Superheroes Employment Agency</i>	Singer, Marilyn
<i>Third Grade Angels</i>	Spinelli, Jerry
<i>Arty Facts series</i>	Various authors

Can't Read Just One

<i>Goofballs series</i>	Abbott, Tony
<i>Bink and Gollie series</i>	DiCamillo, Kate
<i>Life-size series</i>	Komiya, Teruyuki
<i>Nathaniel Fludd</i>	LaFevers, R. L.
<i>Beastologist series</i>	
<i>Gooney Bird series</i>	Lowry, Lois
<i>Clementine series</i>	Pennypacker, Sara
<i>Capital Mysteries series</i>	Roy, Ron
<i>Stella Batts series</i>	Sheinmel, Courtney
<i>Imagine series</i>	Thomson, Sarah and Rob Gonsalves

Dig into Reading

<i>The Ant's Nest: A Huge Underground City</i>	Aronin, Miriam
<i>A Rock is Lively</i>	Aston, Dianna Hutts
<i>Everything Ancient Egypt Mossy</i>	Boyer, Crispin Brett, Jan
<i>Egyptian Treasures</i>	Chambers, Catherine
<i>Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad</i>	Cole, Henry
<i>Wildlife Gardening</i>	Cox, Martyn
<i>How Does My Garden Grow?</i>	DK Publishing
<i>What in the World is a Green Garden?</i>	Gaarder-Juntti, Oona
<i>It's Moving Day!</i>	Hickman, Pamela
<i>You Wouldn't Want to Be a 19th-Century Coal Miner in England!: A Dangerous Job You'd Rather Not Have</i>	Malam, John
<i>The Secret Cave: Discovering Lascaux</i>	McCully, Emily
<i>Marty McGuire Digs Worms! Caves</i>	Messner, Kate Rau, Dana Meachen
<i>Thea Stilton and the Secret City</i>	Stilton, Thea
<i>Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web in Our Backyard</i>	Zoehfeld, Kathleen

Creatures Great and Small

<i>It's a Dog's Life: How Man's Best Friend Sees, Hears, and Smells the World</i>	Goodman, Susan E.
<i>Actual Size</i>	Jenkins, Steve
<i>Prehistoric Actual Size</i>	Jenkins, Steve
<i>Wiggly Earthworms</i>	Lunis, Natalie
<i>Lulu and the Duck in the Park</i>	McKay, Hilary
<i>Nat Geo Wild Animal Atlas: Earth's Astonishing Animals and Where They Live</i>	National Geographic
<i>National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry</i>	National Geographic
<i>Libby of High Hopes</i>	Primavera, Elise
<i>It's All About Me-ow: A Young Cat's Guide to the Good Life</i>	Talbott, Hudson



That's a Fact

<i>Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington</i>	Asim, Jabari
<i>Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas</i>	Bang, Molly
<i>Hanging Off Jefferson's Nose</i>	Coury, Tina
<i>North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration</i>	Dowson, Nick
<i>Huge Earthmovers</i>	Goldish, Meish
<i>Extreme Places: Could You Live Here?</i>	Hawes, Alison
<i>Castle: How It Works</i>	Macaulay, David
<i>You Wouldn't Want to Be a Pyramid Builder: A Hazardous Job You'd Rather Not Have</i>	Morley, Jacqueline
<i>Space, Stars, and the Beginning of Time: What the Hubble Telescope Saw</i>	Scott, Elaine
<i>Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog</i>	Sylver, Adrienne
<i>Easy Cookbooks for Kids series</i>	Various Authors
<i>Harlem's Little Blackbird</i>	Watson, Renee