

Summer Reading for 3rd - 5th Graders

The following books are the “**CORE**” summer reading books.

TITLE

Mr. Chickee’s Funny Money *

Children of the Lamp (The Akhenaten Adventure)*

Regarding the Sink: Where, Oh Where, Did Waters Go?*

Skulduggery Pleasant *

Julia Gillian (and the art of knowing) *

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**Look for other books
by these wonderful
authors, as well.**

NOTE: A star * means the book is part of a series or has sequels.

ADDITIONAL GREAT SUMMER READS

Nonfiction

Sparky: The Life and Art of Charles Schulz by Beverly Gherman

A colorful introduction to the world’s most famous cartoonist, with lots of pictures of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and his other creations.

The Dark Game: True Spy Stories by Paul Janeczko

Ever wonder why invisible ink works? How a code breaker deciphers a message? Or whether dentistry could affect a secret agent’s success? The answers to these questions and more can be found here. Delve into the lives of famous spies and enter a world of intrigue and danger.

T-minus: The Race to the Moon by Jim Ottaviani

What happens when you take two global superpowers, dozens of daring pilots, thousands of engineers and scientists, and then point them at the night sky and say “Go!”? **A SPACE RACE!** The whole world followed the countdown to sending the first men to the moon. This book tells the story.



Fiction

The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood

Widge finds himself in the middle of an adventure to steal and copy the play HAMLET from Shakespeare. He soon discovers that life in the Globe Theatre is much better than the other places he has apprenticed.

Waggit’s Tale by Peter Howe *

When a puppy gets lost in the park, he joins a well-organized pack of homeless dogs. His new friends name him Waggit for his lively tail and train him in the ways of survival. The dogs have staked out a secluded tunnel in a place much like Central Park, where they spend their days gathering food, protecting one another, spying on a rougher gang of dogs, and avoiding the “Great Unknown”—the pound.

The Secret of Zoom by Lynne Jonell

Laced into the rocks of the Starkian Ridge is a pink-and-green substance called *zoom*. Like most fuels, zoom makes things go, is definitely explosive, and worth buckets of money for the savvy prospector. What’s different is that it only responds to certain notes sung by a voice fueled by fear. So bad guy, Lenny Loompski, employs a group of starved, neglected, and terrified singing orphans to mine the precious substance. Until Christina catches wind of the orphans’ plight and embarks on a zoom-fueled thrill ride to save the day.

Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark by Ridley Pearson *

Using cutting-edge technology, Finn and his friends are transformed into hologram projections that guide guests through Disney World. But the new technology has unexpected effects, both thrilling *and* scary. Is it real? Is he dreaming? Finn learns the park is in grave danger. The scheming witch, Maleficent, and the mysterious Overtakers, are plotting to destroy Disney’s beloved realm, and more.

Ghostopolis by Doug TenNapel GRAPHIC NOVEL

When washed-up ghost wrangler, Frank, accidentally zaps Garth into the afterlife, he does everything he can to rescue him. Meanwhile, Garth explores the spirit world with a skeleton horse, terrifying and fantastic creatures, and family members he never expected to meet.

Sports Camp by Rich Wallace

When it comes to speed and endurance events, like running and swimming, Riley is better than he looks. He’s pretty sure he can bring in major trophy points in the final mile-long swim race across Lake Surprise in the competition for the Camp Trophy. But he doesn’t count on being followed by the shadow of Big Joe, the giant vicious snapping turtle of camp lore. Wasn’t that supposed to be a legend?