



Summer Reading Challenge, 2008

Gadsden District Schools in Partnership with
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.





Educators consider summer reading as a very important strategy in developing life-long reading habits, in maintaining literacy skills and in promoting reading for pleasure. Studies have repeatedly shown that children who continue to read during the summer months perform better when school resumes in the fall. But, when summer vacation starts, many children want to put away their books. They want to be outside, riding bikes, playing softball, or cooling-off in the neighborhood pool. Committing them to reading, even just a little each day, is a struggle especially when outdoor activities and the modern distractions of television, video games, and the Internet may seem more exciting.

Research has also shown that when parents are actively involved in learning at home, their children become more successful in and out of school. To insure that students improve or maintain their reading skills during the summer, this joint effort strives to promote literacy, enhance reading skills and assist with educational development. Parents want to know how to select books that interest children and how to create an atmosphere that encourages reading. Here are six ways to be sure that students become great summer readers:

1. Read every day.
2. Take turns reading out loud with someone.
3. Read books and magazines you enjoy.
4. Take a book everywhere you go.
5. Talk or write about what you've read.
6. Keep track of what you read with a reading log.

The Superintendent, the Gadsden School District and its partners invites each student to make reading a part of their summertime fun. Keep your children's reading skills honed, keep their minds fresh, and introduce them to some great literature this summer. Weekly trips to the library can be very rewarding to families as they select books from the summer reading list.

Every student entering grades K-12 is encouraged to participate in the summer reading challenge by reading the recommended number of books for their grade level. The books on the summer reading lists are available from your child's school media center, the Gadsden County Public Library, the bookmobile and/or bookstores.

-  **Kindergarten – 2nd grade students are asked to read at least 8 books**
-  **3rd - 5th grade students are asked to read at least 7 books**
-  **6th – 8th grade students are asked to read at least 6 books**
-  **9th – 12th grade students are asked to read at least 4 books.**

A **grand prize of \$150, a 2nd place prize of \$100 and a 3rd place prize of \$50** will be given to the students that have read the most books during the summer reading program. Students are to keep a reading log indicating the books read. To ensure that students have actually read the books on the reading log, they are required to complete a book report for books read during the summer reading program. The summer reading logs and book reports are to be returned to the students' homeroom teacher during the first week of school. The reading logs and book reports will be collected by the school media specialist and forwarded to the district media specialist to determine the prize winners.

Keep your kids occupied with a great book—or a few! Our suggested reading lists should keep them busy all summer long. These titles will encourage your kids to love reading, while improving their language arts skills.

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Gadsden District School's Summer Reading List (Grades PreK – 2)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>
Ant Plays Bear	Betsy Byars
A Kiss for Little Bear	Else Minarik
Alexander and the Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day	Judith Viorst
Amelia Bedelia (Series)	Peggy Parish
Are You My Mother?	P. D. Eastman
Arthur (Series)	Marc Brown
At the Crossroads	Rachel Isadora
Bark, George	Jules Feiffer
Beetle Boy	Lawrence David
Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See	Bill Martin
Bug, a Bear, and a Boy go to School	David McPhail
Buz	Richard Egielski
Chick and the Duckling	Mirra Ginsburg
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom	Bill Martin
Clifford, the Firehouse Dog	Norman Bridwell
Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck	Lisa Westberg Peters
Cook-A-Doodle-Do	Janet Stevens
Corduroy (Series)	Don Freeman
Curious George	H. A. Rey
David and the Giant	Emily Little
Dinosaur Babies	Lucille Recht Penner
Down by the Station	Will Hillenbrand
First Strawberries, The	Joseph Bruchac
Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed	Eileen Christelow
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
Flotsam	David Wiesner
Froggy Gets Dressed	Jonathan London
Gingerbread Man, The	Eric A. Kimmel
Giving Tree, The	Shel Silverstein
Go Away, Big Green Monster!	Ed Emberley
Gracias, Rosa	Michelle Markel
Greetings, Sun	Gershator David
Happy Birthday, Moon	Frank Asch
Hat, The	Jan Brett
Hello, Amigos	Tricia Brown
The Hello, Goodbye Window	Michael de Capua
Hey, Little Ant	Phillip Hoose
Honk	Pamela Duncan Edwards
Hop-Skip-Jump-A-Roo Zoo	Jane Belk Moncure
How Much is a Million?	David Schwartz
If Anything Ever Goes Wrong at the Zoo	Mary Jean Hendrick
If You Give a Moose a Muffin	Laura Numeroff
If You Give a Pig a Pancake	Laura Numeroff
If you Take a Mouse to the Movies	Laura Numeroff
Inch by Inch	Leo Lionni
Is Your Mama a Llama?	Deborah Guarino

Josefina Story Quilt
King Bidgood's in the Bathtub
Kitten's First Full Moon
Leo, the Late Bloomer
Little House, The
Little Miss Spider At Sunny Patch School
Lunch
Messy Bessey (Series)
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
Millions of Cats
Mirandy and Brother Wind
Miss Nelson is Missing
Mitten, The
Molly the Brave and Me
Mommy Works, Daddy Works
Mouse Soup
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters
Napping House
Octopus Followed Me Home
Oh, The Places You'll Go
Old Black Fly
Ollie Knows Everything
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
One, Two, Three=Uno, Dos, Tres
Owl Moon
Patchwork Quilt, The
Perfect the Pig
Pie Went By, A
Pocket for Corduroy
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?
Rainbow Fish, The
Rosie's Walk
Saturday Night At the Dinosaur Stomp
Scruffy
Sheep in a Jeep
Sheep Out to Eat
Shortcut
Sir Small and the Dragonfly
Smile If You're Human
Stellaluna
Swimmy
Ten, Nine, Eight
That's Mine, Horace
There's an Alligator Under My Bed
To Market, To Market
Tumble Bumble
Very Clumsy Click Beetle
Very Hungry Caterpillar
We're Going On A Bear Hunt

Eleanor Coerr
Audrey Wood
Kevin Henkes
Robert Kraus
Virginia Burton
David Kirk
Denise Fleming
Patricia McKissack
Virginia Burton
Wanda Gag
Patricia McKissack
Harry Allard
Jan Brett
Jane O'Connor
Marika Pederson
Arnold Abel
John Steptoe
Audrey Wood
Dan Yaccarino
Dr. Seuss
Jim Aylesworth
Abby Levine
Dr. Seuss
Pat Mora
Jane Yolen
Valerie Flournoy
Susan Jeschke
Carolyn Dunn
Don Freeman
Bill Martin
Marcus Pfister
Pat Hutchins
Carol Shields
Peggy Parish
Nancy Shaw
Nancy Shaw
Donald Crews
Jane O'Connor
Neal Layton
Janell Canon
Leo Lionni
Molly Bang
Holly Keller
Mercer Mayer
Anne Miranda
Felicia Bond
Eric Carle
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Michael Rosen





Gadsden District School's Summer Reading List (Grades 3 – 5)

<i>Title</i>	<i>Author</i>
All-of-a-Kind family	Sydney Taylor
Almost Starring Skinnybones and a Spool of Thread	Barbara Park
Bandit's Moon	Sid Fleischman
Bear Named Trouble	Marion Dane Bauer
Betsy-Tacy	Maud Hart Lovelace
Blue Ribbon Blues: a Tooter Tale	Jerry Spinelli
Boxcar Children, The (Series)	Gertrude Warner
Burning Questions of Bingo Brown	Betsy Byars
Cabin on Trouble Creek	Jean Van Leeuwen
Capture, The	Kathryn Lasky
Chair for My Mother	Vera Williams
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Roald Dahl
Charlotte's Web	E. B. White
Christopher Mouse: The Tale of a Small Traveler	William Wise
Courage of Sarah Noble, The	Alice Dalgliesh
Cricket in Times Square	George Selden
Drita, My Home Girl	Jenny Lombard
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul Curtis
Fame and Glory in Freedom, Georgia	Barbara O'Connor
Family Pictures = Cuadros de Famili	Carmen Lomas Garza
Friendship, The	Mildred Taylor
Frindle	Andrew Clements
Gold Cadillac, The	Mildred Taylor
Hello, Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	Betty MacDonald
House of Tailors	Patricia Reilly Giff
How Tia Lola Came to (Visit) Stay	Julia Alvarez
How to Eat Fried Worms	Thomas Rockwell
Indian in the Cupboard, The (Series)	Lynne Reid Banks
Little House on the Prairie	Laura Wilder
Maniac Magee	Jerry Spinelli
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Midnight for Charlie Bone	Jenny Nimmo
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo
Mississippi Bridge	Mildred Taylor
Misty of Chincoteague	Marguerite Henry
More Stories Julian Tells	Ann Cameron
Mouse and the Motorcycle, The	Beverly Cleary
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	Robert C. O'Brien
Muggie Maggie	Beverly Cleary
My Father's Dragon	Ruth Gannett
Mystery of the Plant that Ate Dirty Socks	Nancy McArthur
New Kid on the Block, The	Jack Prelutsky
No Dogs Allowed	Bill Wallace
Not-So-Jolly Roger, The	Jon Scieszka

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Our Sixth Grade Sugar Babies
Owls in the Family
People Could Fly, The
Poppy
President's Daughter
Project Mulberry
Sailor Returns, A
Sarah, Plain and Tall
Say What?
Seven Wonders of Sassafras Spring
Shiloh
Sideways Stories from Wayside School (Series)
Sixth Grade Can Really Kill You
Skinnybones
Stuart Little
Superfudge
Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Toothpaste Millionaire, The
Trumpet of the Swam, The
Twister Trouble
Wanderer, The
Wheel on the School
Whipping Boy, The
Whittington
Wildfire!
Worth
Year of the Panda, The

Eve Bunting
Farley Mowat
Virginia Hamilton
Avi
Kimberley Brubaker Bradley
Linda Sue Park
Theodore Taylor
Patricia MacLachlan
Margaret Peterson Haddix
Betty Birney
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Louis Sachar
Barthe DeClements
Barbara park
E. B. White
Judy Blume
Kate DiCamillo
Judy Blume
Jean Merrill
E. B. White
Joanna Cole
Sharon Creech
Meindert DeJong
Sid Fleischman
Alan Armstrong
Elizabeth Starr Hill
A. LaFaye
Miriam Schlein

