

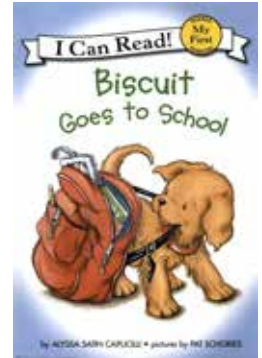
Grade K

In total, 276,599 kindergartners read 6,064,405 books with 2,094,691,020 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 7,192 words and girls read 7,581. Approximately 47% of books were read to students, 21% were read with students, and 32% were read independently.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade K

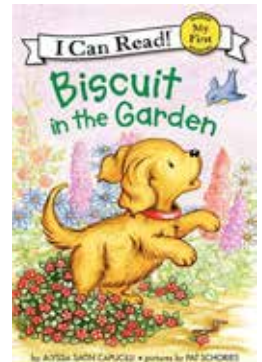
Rank	2015–16 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	1	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
2	2	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
3	3	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
4	4	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	5	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
6	6	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
7	7	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
8	10	Biscuit's Day at the Farm , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
9	8	Biscuit Wins a Prize , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
10	9	Biscuit and the Baby , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
11	12	Biscuit Meets the Class Pet , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
12	13	Biscuit and the Lost Teddy Bear , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.7, LG)
13	14	Biscuit and the Little Pup , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.7, LG)
14	11	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
15	15	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
16	31	Biscuit in the Garden , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
17	16	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! , Mo Willems (0.9, LG)
18	17	Big Egg , Molly Coxe (0.4, LG)
19	27	Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch , James Dean (1.2, LG)
20	19	Biscuit Visits the Big City , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
21	18	Bathtime for Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.1, LG)
22	29	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes , Eric Litwin (1.5, LG)
23	33	Can I Play Too? , Mo Willems (0.6, LG)
24	22	Biscuit's New Trick , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.0, LG)
25	21	Clifford Makes a Friend , Norman Bridwell (0.4, LG)

* The average ATOS level of the top 25 books kindergartners read was 1.0. ATOS level and interest level together inform book selection. ATOS level is an estimate of text difficulty reported on a grade-level scale. Interest level refers to the sophistication/maturity of a text's content, ideas, and themes: LG (lower grades, K–3), MG (middle grades, 4–8), MG+ (middle grades plus, 6 and up), and UG (upper grades, 9–12).



Top Book Overall

Biscuit Goes to School, Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)



Moved Up 15 Spots

Biscuit in the Garden, Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	I Am Water , Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)
2	From Head to Toe , Eric Carle (1.0, LG)
3	Jump, Pup! , Susan B. Neuman (0.5, LG)
4	I'm a Caterpillar , Jean Marzollo (0.9, LG)
5	Dogs , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
6	Fish , Helen Frost (0.5, LG)
7	Cats , Helen Frost (0.6, LG)
8	A Whisper Is Quiet , Carolyn Lunn (0.5, LG)
9	My Five Senses , Alikei (2.0, LG)
10	Birds , Helen Frost (0.6, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

I Am Water,
Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade K

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
2	How Many Marshmallows Does It Take to Beat a World Record? (3.8)	Nick News
3	The Puzzle of the Polar Bear with Green Hair (3.6)	Highlights Magazine
4	A Crow That Makes Tools (4.1)	Highlights Magazine
5	Pet Pig Rescues Family from Fire (4.1)	Nick News
6	Cascarones: A Mexican Easter Egg Tradition (4.8)	Highlights Magazine
7	Peach-Basket Ball (3.5)	Highlights Magazine
8	Flopping, Hopping Frogs! (3.6)	Highlights Magazine
9	How Bats "See" When It's Dark (4.5)	Highlights Magazine
10	Spider-Man Climbs Tall Buildings (3.7)	Cricket Media

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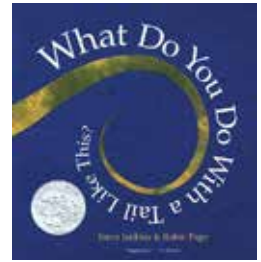
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Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This? , Steve Jenkins (3.0, LG) NF
2	The Birthday Pet , Ellen Javernick (2.3, LG)
3	Please Take Me for a Walk , Susan Gal (2.2, LG)
4	Hen Hears Gossip , Megan McDonald (1.5, LG)
5	Peter's Chair , Ezra Jack Keats (1.8, LG)

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NF = nonfiction title.



Kids' Highest Rated

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?, Steve Jenkins (3.0, LG)

Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade K

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
2	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
3	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
4	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)

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Top Independent Book

Biscuit Goes to School, Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)

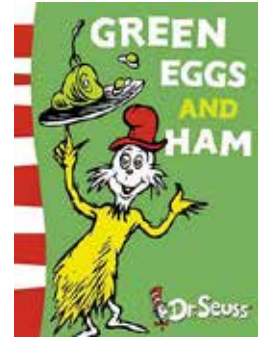
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Grade 1

In total, 976,645 first graders read 44,233,212 books with 25,471,818,738 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 25,276 words and girls read 25,867. Approximately 14% of books were read to students, 14% were read with students, and 72% were read independently.

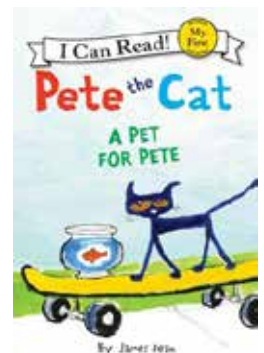
Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 1

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	1	1	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	2	4	7	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
3	4	3	3	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
4	3	2	2	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
5	5	5	4	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
6	6	7	6	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
7	11	42	6,330	Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School , Kimberly Dean (1.3, LG)
8	9	32	71	Pete the Cat: Pete's Big Lunch , James Dean (1.2, LG)
9	7	6	8	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
10	8	8	5	Biscuit Finds a Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
11	10	9	11	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
12	14	12	9	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)
13	12	10	15	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
14	13	11	10	Go, Dog. Go! , P.D. Eastman (1.2, LG)
15	40	215	✗	Pete the Cat: A Pet for Pete , James Dean (1.7, LG)
16	24	25	33	Fly Guy and the Frankenfly , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
17	20	17	17	Biscuit's Big Friend , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.8, LG)
18	17	26	29	Buzz Boy and Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.3, LG)
19	34	59	381	Pete the Cat: Pete at the Beach , James Dean (1.3, LG)
20	18	13	22	I Spy Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
21	33	39	60	Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes , Eric Litwin (1.5, LG)
22	16	15	26	Fly Guy Meets Fly Girl! , Tedd Arnold (1.4, LG)
23	15	21	14	Biscuit Wants to Play , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)
24	26	24	32	Super Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)
25	21	20	27	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)



Top Book Overall

Green Eggs and Ham, Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)



Moved Up 25 Spots

Pete the Cat: A Pet for Pete, James Dean (1.7, LG)

* The average ATOS level of the top 25 books first graders read was 1.4. ATOS level and interest level together inform book selection. ATOS level is an estimate of text difficulty reported on a grade-level scale. Interest level refers to the sophistication/maturity of a text's content, ideas, and themes: LG (lower grades, K–3), MG (middle grades, 4–8), MG+ (middle grades plus, 6 and up), and UG (upper grades, 9–12).

✗ Title did not rank within report time frame.

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 1

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	From Head to Toe , Eric Carle (1.0, LG)
2	I'm a Caterpillar , Jean Marzollo (0.9, LG)
3	Me on the Map , Joan Sweeney (1.8, LG)
4	Red-Eyed Tree Frog , Joy Cowley (1.3, LG)
5	I Am Water , Jean Marzollo (0.6, LG)
6	Fly Guy Presents: Sharks , Tedd Arnold (2.8, LG)
7	Jump, Pup! , Susan B. Neuman (0.5, LG)
8	Animal Babies , Bobbie Hamsa (1.0, LG)
9	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
10	Johnny Appleseed , Jane Kurtz (1.1, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

From Head to Toe,
Eric Carle (1.0, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 1

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	How Many Marshmallows Does It Take to Beat a World Record? (3.8)	Nick News
2	Kids Play to Win at Marbles (3.5)	Nick News
3	Students Swim to School (5.2)	Associated Press
4	Spider-Man Climbs Tall Buildings (3.7)	Cricket Media
5	Cascarones: A Mexican Easter Egg Tradition (4.8)	Highlights Magazine
6	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
7	Eating and Drinking in Outer Space (3.8)	Cricket Media
8	Let's Tour the White House Together (3.8)	Cricket Media
9	Girl Dreams of Going to Mars (4.5)	Nick News
10	There's an Easy Way to Get Kids to Eat Their Vegetables—Pay Them (4.1)	Smithsonian Articles

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Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 1

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale , Lydia Dabcovich (3.4, LG)
2	The Empty Pot , Demi (3.8, LG)
3	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
4	Bear and Bee , Sergio Ruzzier (1.0, LG)
5	Mystery Vine: A Pumpkin Surprise , Cathryn Falwell (1.8, LG)

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Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade 1

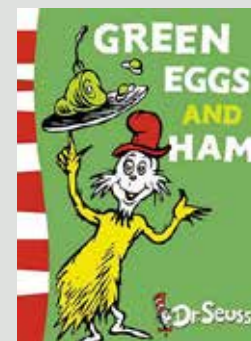
Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
3	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
4	Biscuit , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (1.4, LG)
5	Biscuit Goes to School , Alyssa Satin Capucilli (0.9, LG)

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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 1

Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2010 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2011 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2012 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2013 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2014 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2015 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2016 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2017 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2018 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

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Number 1 Book, 2009-2018

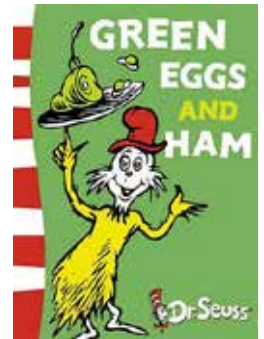
Green Eggs and Ham,
Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

Grade 2

In total, 1,334,064 second graders read 78,096,523 books with 112,698,778,673 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 82,451 words and girls read 83,146. Approximately 8% of books were read to students, 7% were read with students, and 85% were read independently.

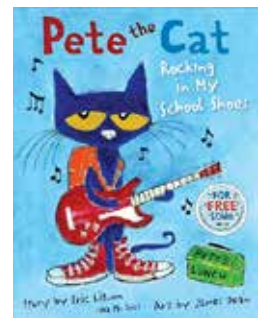
Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 2

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	2	2	1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	1	1	2	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
3	4	4	4	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
4	3	3	3	Officer Buckle and Gloria , Peggy Rathmann (3.4, LG)
5	5	5	6	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)
6	6	6	7	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
7	8	8	9	The Very Hungry Caterpillar , Eric Carle (2.9, LG)
8	7	7	8	If You Give a Moose a Muffin , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
9	9	9	10	If You Take a Mouse to School , Laura Numeroff (2.4, LG)
10	11	11	15	Hi! Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.5, LG)
11	10	10	5	The Foot Book , Dr. Seuss (0.6, LG)
12	12	14	24	Diary of a Spider , Doreen Cronin (2.5, LG)
13	13	12	12	If You Take a Mouse to the Movies , Laura Numeroff (2.1, LG)
14	17	18	11	Hop on Pop , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
15	15	13	19	Fly Guy vs. the Flyswatter! , Tedd Arnold (2.1, LG)
16	20	27	30	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)
17	14	16	21	There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed Fly Guy , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
18	16	15	14	Are You My Mother? , P.D. Eastman (1.6, LG)
19	19	21	16	Diary of a Worm , Doreen Cronin (2.8, LG)
20	18	19	18	If You Give a Pig a Party , Laura Numeroff (2.2, LG)
21	28	29	20	One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish , Dr. Seuss (1.7, LG)
22	31	38	48	Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes , Eric Litwin (2.2, LG)
23	21	25	26	Shoo, Fly Guy! , Tedd Arnold (1.7, LG)
24	25	22	29	Fly Guy and the Frankenfly , Tedd Arnold (1.6, LG)
25	22	24	22	Miss Nelson Is Missing! , Harry Allard (2.7, LG)



Top Book Overall

Green Eggs and Ham, Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)



Moved up 9 Spots

Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes, Eric Litwin (2.2, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 2



Top Nonfiction Book

The Tiny Seed, Eric Carle (2.7, LG)

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Tiny Seed , Eric Carle (2.7, LG)
2	Fly Guy Presents: Sharks , Tedd Arnold (2.8, LG)
3	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)
4	Super Storms , Seymour Simon (3.8, LG)
5	My Name Is Gabriela: The Life of Gabriela Mistral , Monica Brown (4.3, LG)
6	Fly Guy Presents: Space , Tedd Arnold (3.3, LG)
7	Jellies , Twig C. George (3.4, LG)
8	Animals Building Homes , Wendy Perkins (3.3, LG)
9	Tara and Tiree, Fearless Friends , Andrew Clements (2.0, LG)
10	Fly Guy Presents: Bats , Tedd Arnold (3.3, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 2

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Zones of Ocean Life (3.1)	Ranger Rick
2	Students Swim to School (5.2)	Associated Press
3	Why Do We Have a Groundhog Predict the Weather? (4.6)	Nick News
4	There's an Easy Way to Get Kids to Eat Their Vegetables—Pay Them (4.1)	Smithsonian Articles
5	Winter's New Tail (3.8)	Highlights Magazine
6	Kids Play to Win at Marbles (3.5)	Nick News
7	Texas Kids Bring Home Top National Chess Prize (3.7)	Nick News
8	The Science of Cookies (3.8)	Highlights Magazine
9	China's Latest Count Finds More Giant Pandas (4.8)	Associated Press
10	Backyard Wildlife: The Facts About Daddy Longlegs (4.0)	Ranger Rick

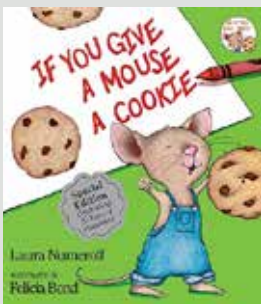
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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 2

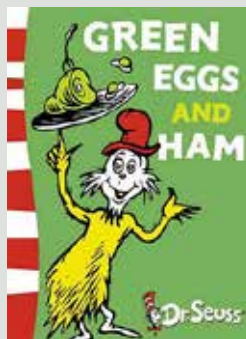
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
2010 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2011 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2012 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2013 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2014 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2015 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2016 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2017 Edition	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
2018 Edition	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

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Number 1 Book,
2009

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)



Number 1 Book,
2018

Green Eggs and Ham, Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)

Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 2

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Bedtime , Annette Smith (0.6, LG)
2	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon , Grace Lin (5.5, MG)
3	A New Friend , Wiley Blevins (0.2, LG)
4	Willy the Helper , Catherine Peters (1.0, LG)
5	Wolf Pup , Wendy Pfeffer (1.2, LG) NF

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NF = nonfiction title.

Top 5 Books Read Independently: Grade 2

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
2	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
3	Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type , Doreen Cronin (2.3, LG)
4	If You Give a Pig a Pancake , Laura Numeroff (2.5, LG)
5	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)

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Grade 3

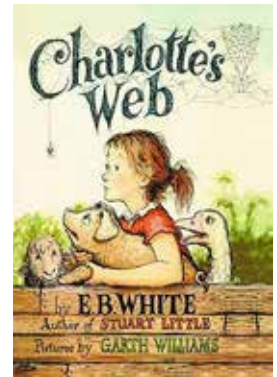
In total, 1,468,367 third graders read 73,697,211 books with 276,555,035,730 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 181,870 words and girls read 187,114.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 3

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	1	2	3	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
2	6	9	13	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
3	3	5	12	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs , Jon Scieszka (3.0, LG)
4	×	×	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
5	14	21	29	A Fine, Fine School , Sharon Creech (3.3, LG)
6	4	1	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
7	15	19	16	Wolf! , Becky Bloom (3.5, LG)
8	5	11	4	Green Eggs and Ham , Dr. Seuss (1.5, LG)
9	11	12	19	Tops & Bottoms , Janet Stevens (3.2, LG)
10	7	4	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
11	8	7	6	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
12	×	×	×	Dog Man , Dav Pilkey (2.6, LG)
13	2	×	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
14	10	8	7	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
15	12	6	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
16	21	14	33	Bad Kitty: School Daze , Nick Bruel (3.3, LG)
17	13	13	10	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
18	16	16	14	If You Give a Mouse a Cookie , Laura Numeroff (2.7, LG)
19	17	17	9	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
20	18	15	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
21	20	20	15	First Day Jitters , Julie Danneberg (2.4, LG)
22	19	18	11	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
23	22	26	35	A Bad Case of Stripes , David Shannon (3.8, LG)
24	25	28	23	Stone Fox , John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)
25	24	22	18	The Cat in the Hat , Dr. Seuss (2.1, LG)

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Top Book Overall

Charlotte's Web, E.B. White (4.4, MG)



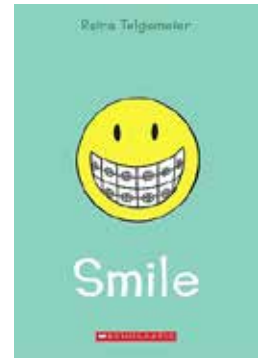
New to List

Dog Man, Dav Pilkey (2.6, LG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 3

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
2	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG)
3	Penguin Chick , Betty Tatham (3.4, LG)
4	Yonder Mountain: A Cherokee Legend , Robert H. Bushyhead (3.8, LG)
5	Young Thomas Edison , Michael Dooling (4.7, LG)
6	Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates , Jonah Winter (4.5, LG)
7	What Do Illustrators Do? , Eileen Christelow (3.7, MG)
8	Aero and Officer Mike: Police Partners , Joan Plummer Russell (4.8, LG)
9	The Story of Ruby Bridges , Robert Coles (4.4, LG)
10	Fly Guy Presents: Sharks , Tedd Arnold (2.8, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

Smile, Raina Telgemeier
(2.6, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 3

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Zones of Ocean Life (3.1)	Ranger Rick
2	Students Swim to School (5.2)	Associated Press
3	Dolphins Can Copy Humans and Solve Problems (3.4)	Associated Press
4	A Tax on Soda (3.3)	Associated Press
5	Winter's New Tail (3.8)	Highlights Magazine
6	A Discovery in Idaho (4.2)	Nick News
7	Researchers Are Tracking House Cats with Mini-Harnesses (3.6)	Smithsonian Articles
8	A Bigger Dinosaur! (3.6)	Nick News
9	Texas Kids Bring Home Top National Chess Prize (3.7)	Nick News
10	More Girls Playing Football (3.9)	Nick News

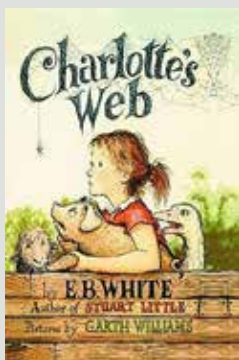
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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 3

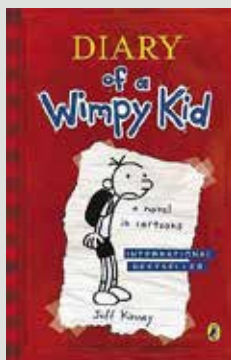
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
2010 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2011 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2012 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2013 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2014 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2015 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2016 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
2017 Edition	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
2018 Edition	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)

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**Number 1 Book,
2009, 2017, 2018**

Charlotte's Web,
E.B. White (4.4, MG)



**Number 1 Book,
2010–2016**

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid
series**, Jeff Kinney (MG)

Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 3

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon , Grace Lin (5.5, MG)
2	Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher , Bruce Coville (4.9, MG)
3	Peter Pan: Retold from the J.M. Barrie Original , Tania Zamorsky (4.7, MG)
4	The Wish Giver , Bill Brittain (4.4, MG)
5	The Year of Miss Agnes , Kirkpatrick Hill (4.5, MG)

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Top 5 Chapter Books: Grade 3

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Charlotte's Web , E.B. White (4.4, MG)
2	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid series , Jeff Kinney (MG)
4	Dog Man , Dav Pilkey (2.6, LG)
5	Bad Kitty: School Daze , Nick Bruel (3.3, LG)

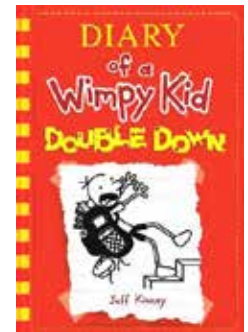
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Grade 4

In total, 1,447,437 fourth graders read 52,361,681 books with 436,317,675,638 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 286,984 words and girls read 307,828.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 4

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	✗	✗	✗	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2	1	✗	✗	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School, Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
3	2	1	✗	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul, Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
4	3	4	9	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume (3.3, MG)
5	5	3	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days, Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
6	4	2	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
7	6	6	7	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
8	7	9	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
9	8	5	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
10	9	7	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever, Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
11	10	8	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel, Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
12	11	10	6	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw, Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
13	12	11	10	Because of Winn-Dixie, Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
14	✗	✗	✗	Dog Man, Dav Pilkey (2.6, LG)
15	✗	✗	✗	Ghosts, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
16	14	21	198	Smile, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG) NF
17	15	12	✗	Sisters, Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG) NF
18	17	14	12	Frindle, Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)
19	13	13	11	Stone Fox, John Reynolds Gardiner (4.0, MG)
20	19	15	14	The Adventures of Captain Underpants, Dav Pilkey (4.3, MG)
21	16	17	15	Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell (5.4, MG)
22	45	52	83	Wonder, R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)
23	23	18	19	Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilets, Dav Pilkey (4.7, MG)
24	18	16	20	Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (4.4, MG)
25	21	20	17	The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Barbara Robinson (5.1, MG)



Top Book Overall

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)



New to List

Ghosts, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)

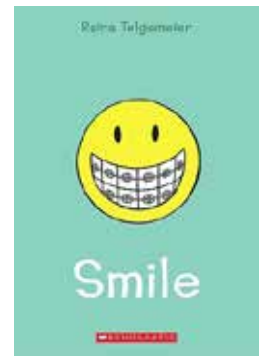
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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 4

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
2	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG)
3	The Story of Ruby Bridges , Robert Coles (4.4, LG)
4	El Deafo , Cece Bell (2.7, MG)
5	My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , Christine King Farris (5.0, LG)
6	Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , Doreen Rappaport (3.4, LG)
7	Snowflake Bentley , Jacqueline Briggs Martin (4.4, LG)
8	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes , Eleanor Coerr (4.1, MG)
9	Finding the Titanic , Robert D. Ballard (4.0, LG)
10	Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen , Marissa Moss (4.0, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

Smile, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 4

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Zones of Ocean Life (3.1)	Ranger Rick
2	A Discovery in Idaho (4.2)	Nick News
3	New Tarantulas Found! (4.2)	Youngzine
4	Under the Ice (5.0)	Highlights Magazine
5	The Joy of Giving to Others (5.7)	Highlights Magazine
6	Kids Want Everyone to Stop Saying the "R Word" (4.5)	Nick News
7	What Makes Day-Old Water Taste Odd? (4.6)	Smithsonian Articles
8	Dolphins Can Copy Humans and Solve Problems (3.4)	Associated Press
9	More Girls Playing Football (3.9)	Nick News
10	Scientists Find the Oldest Cat Fossil! (4.8)	Associated Press

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Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 4

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Journey to the Alamo , Melodie A. Cuate (4.5, MG)
2	The Buffalo Knife , William O. Steele (5.1, MG)
3	Danger Along the Ohio , Patricia Willis (5.4, MG)
4	One Crazy Summer , Rita Williams-Garcia (4.6, MG)
5	Mr. Terupt Falls Again , Rob Buyea (4.5, MG)

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Top 5 Chapter Books: Grade 4

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid series , Jeff Kinney (MG)
2	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Judy Blume (3.3, MG)
3	Because of Winn-Dixie , Kate DiCamillo (3.9, MG)
4	Dog Man , Dav Pilkey (2.6, LG)
5	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)

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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 4

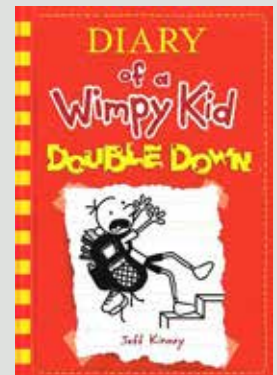
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Judy Blume (3.3, MG)
2010 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2011 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2012 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2013 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2014 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2015 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2016 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
2017 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2018 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

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Number 1 Book,
2009

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume (3.3, MG)



Number 1 Book,
2018

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

Grade 5

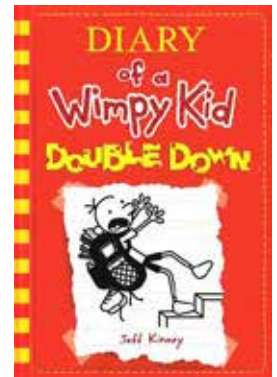
In total, 1,375,961 fifth graders read 37,371,386 books with 534,205,523,589 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 363,924 words and girls read 405,171.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 5

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	×	×	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2	1	×	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
3	2	1	×	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
4	11	12	13	Wonder , R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)
5	3	2	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
6	4	3	4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
7	5	6	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
8	6	4	2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
9	7	5	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
10	8	7	7	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
11	10	8	6	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
12	9	9	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
13	12	10	9	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
14	13	11	10	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
15	14	13	11	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)
16	×	×	×	Ghosts , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
17	17	19	94	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG) NF
18	18	14	×	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG) NF
19	19	24	19	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)
20	16	15	12	The Sign of the Beaver , Elizabeth George Speare (4.9, MG)
21	×	×	×	Tales from a Not-So-Friendly Frenemy , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
22	22	33	42	Esperanza Rising , Pam Muñoz Ryan (5.3, MG)
23	21	17	14	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)
24	15	23,864	×	Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen , Rachel Renée Russell (4.9, MG)
25	20	×	×	Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter , Rachel Renée Russell (4.4, MG)

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Top Book Overall

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)



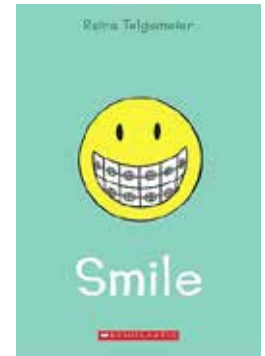
Moved Up 7 Spots

Wonder, R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 5

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
2	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG)
3	El Deafo , Cece Bell (2.7, MG)
4	The Story of Ruby Bridges , Robert Coles (4.4, LG)
5	Rosa , Nikki Giovanni (4.9, LG)
6	The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood , Jeff Kinney (6.5, MG)
7	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes , Eleanor Coerr (4.1, MG)
8	Camping with the President , Ginger Wadsworth (5.1, LG)
9	Who Was Rosa Parks? , Yona Zeldis McDonough (4.8, MG)
10	Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. , Doreen Rappaport (3.4, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

Smile, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 5

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Under the Ice (5.0)	Highlights Magazine
2	Pizza That Lasts Years (5.5)	Associated Press
3	Kids Want Everyone to Stop Saying the "R Word" (4.5)	Nick News
4	What Makes Day-Old Water Taste Odd? (4.6)	Smithsonian Articles
5	Any More Earths Out There? (6.4)	Highlights Magazine
6	Dolphins Can Solve Problems Like Humans (5.2)	Associated Press
7	Alaska Mom Wants Daughter's Name to Be Awesome (5.1)	Associated Press
8	A Discovery in Idaho (4.2)	Nick News
9	Eight-Year-Old Gets Rich on Whale Poop (5.6)	Youngzine
10	Eating Insects: Good for You and the World? (4.7)	Associated Press

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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 5

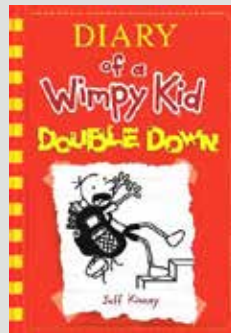
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson (4.6, MG)
2010 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2011 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2012 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2013 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2014 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2015 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2016 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
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Number 1 Book,
2009

Bridge to Terabithia,
Katherine Paterson
(4.6, MG)



Number 1 Book,
2018

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid:
Double Down**,
Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 5

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Apprentice , Pilar Molina Llorente (5.0, MG)
2	The Skin I'm In , Sharon G. Flake (4.1, MG+)
3	Mockingbird , Kathryn Erskine (3.6, MG)
4	Ninth Ward , Jewell Parker Rhodes (3.3, MG)
5	Fig Pudding , Ralph Fletcher (3.9, MG)

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Top 5 Chapter Books: Grade 5

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid series , Jeff Kinney (MG)
2	Wonder , R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)
3	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
4	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
5	Frindle , Andrew Clements (5.4, MG)

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Grade 6

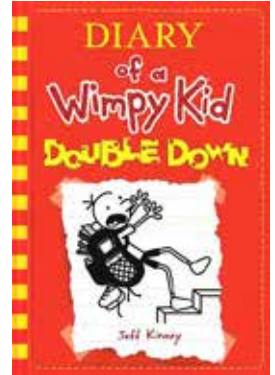
In total, 920,706 sixth graders read 15,178,050 books with 382,288,293,562 words during the 2016–2017 school year. On average, boys read 371,275 words and girls read 445,813.

Top 25 Books Overall: Grade 6

Rank	2015–16 Rank	2014–15 Rank	2013–14 Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	X	X	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2	2	2	2	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
3	1	X	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
4	5	12	14	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
5	3	1	X	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
6	6	4	6	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
7	4	3	1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
8	14	18	23	Wonder , R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)
9	7	7	7	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
10	10	9	8	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
11	9	10	11	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
12	8	5	3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
13	11	13	10	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
14	12	8	5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
15	13	14	12	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
16	15	15	15	Tuck Everlasting , Natalie Babbitt (5.0, MG)
17	17	6	18	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)
18	19	21	17	The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963 , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
19	X	X	X	Ghosts , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
20	20	23	27	Freak the Mighty/The Mighty , Rodman Philbrick (5.5, UG)
21	22	27	58	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG) NF
22	23	28	35	Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis (5.0, MG)
23	24	20	X	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG) NF
24	16	11	4	The Hunger Games , Suzanne Collins (5.3, MG+)
25	21	22	16	Holes , Louis Sachar (4.6, MG)

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X Title did not rank within report time frame. **NF** = nonfiction title.



Top Book Overall

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)



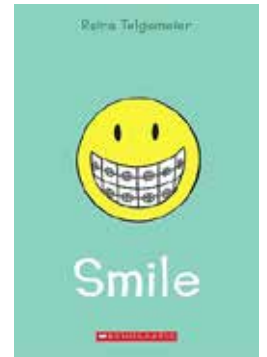
Moved Up 6 Spots

Wonder, R.J. Palacio (4.8, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Books: Grade 6

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	Smile , Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)
2	Sisters , Raina Telgemeier (2.4, MG)
3	El Deafo , Cece Bell (2.7, MG)
4	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes , Eleanor Coerr (4.1, MG)
5	The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary: How Greg Heffley Went Hollywood , Jeff Kinney (6.5, MG)
6	I Am Malala: Young Readers Edition , Malala Yousafzai (5.9, MG)
7	Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott , Russell Freedman (7.7, MG)
8	A Child Called "It": One Child's Courage to Survive , Dave Pelzer (5.8, UG)
9	Chasing Lincoln's Killer , James L. Swanson (7.5, MG+)
10	The Story of Ruby Bridges , Robert Coles (4.4, LG)



Top Nonfiction Book

Smile, Raina Telgemeier (2.6, MG)

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Top 10 Nonfiction Articles: Grade 6

Rank	Title (ATOS® level)*	Source
1	Any More Earths Out There? (6.4)	Highlights Magazine
2	Boy Builds Braille Printer Using Legos (6.5)	Associated Press
3	A Grand Canyon Beneath Greenland's Ice (7.1)	Nick News
4	Getting Animals to Shine On-Screen Is a Wild Job (6.6)	Associated Press
5	Under the Ice (5.0)	Highlights Magazine
6	Monarch Butterflies May Travel with Magnetic Compass (7.6)	Associated Press
7	The Joy of Giving to Others (5.7)	Highlights Magazine
8	Study Shows Most Kids Consume Caffeine (6.4)	Associated Press
9	Everybody in Most Languages Says "Huh?" (5.2)	Smithsonian Articles
10	What Would You Do If You Found a Bundle of Money? (5.5)	Nick News

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10 Years of Number 1 Books: Grade 6

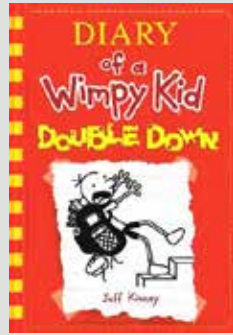
Report	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
2009 Edition	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
2010 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2011 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)
2012 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Ugly Truth , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2013 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever , Jeff Kinney (5.8, MG)
2014 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Third Wheel , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2015 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)
2016 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)
2017 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)
2018 Edition	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

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Number 1 Book,
2009

Hatchet, Gary Paulsen
(5.7, MG)



Number 1 Book,
2018

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down, Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

Kids' Highest-Rated Books: Grade 6

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*
1	The Skin I'm In , Sharon G. Flake (4.1, MG+)
2	The Lottery Rose , Irene Hunt (5.6, MG)
3	The Girl Who Owned a City , O.T. Nelson (4.7, MG)
4	The Gun/Payback , Paul Langan (4.7, MG+)
5	The Bully , Paul Langan (4.7, MG+)

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Titles that Bookend the School Year: Grade 6

Rank	Title, author (ATOS® level, interest level)*	
	First Book Read	Last Book Read
1	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School , Jeff Kinney (5.6, MG)	The Lightning Thief , Rick Riordan (4.7, MG)
2	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)	Hatchet , Gary Paulsen (5.7, MG)
3	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul , Jeff Kinney (5.4, MG)	Number the Stars , Lois Lowry (4.5, MG)
4	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hard Luck , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)	The Giver , Lois Lowry (5.7, MG)
5	Diary of a Wimpy Kid , Jeff Kinney (5.2, MG)	Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down , Jeff Kinney (5.5, MG)

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