

**Dear K-5 Parents and Guardians,**

**Thank you for supporting your child throughout the year by encouraging reading at home. Summer reading is crucial to maintaining students' literacy skills. You can continue this literacy support by making sure that your child has many opportunities to read and write throughout the summer.**

**The attached resource list includes some book suggestions and other related links for you and your family's reading enjoyment. As always, the Hingham Public Library is a wonderful resource for materials and programs to foster reading. Students in grades K-5 are invited to make choices from the attached resource list. This year, in addition to their choices, all students entering grades 4 and 5 are asked to read the following required selections:**

**Grade 5: *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup* by Sharon Creech**

**Grade 4: *Frindle* by Andrew Clements**

**To help your child select appropriate books for his/her reading level, follow the *Five Finger Rule*.**

- ❖ **Choose a passage (or book) of about 100 words**
- ❖ **When the reader comes to a word that he or she cannot pronounce correctly, a finger is put up**
- ❖ **If your child reaches the fifth finger, the book is too difficult. Choose a different book.**

**Remember to balance independent reading with read-alouds. If a book is too difficult for your child, feel free to read it to him/her and encourage a different book for independent reading. Fluent readers still like to be read to and to listen to audio books. For older readers, be cautious that your child is not choosing books beyond his/her maturity level. Both librarians and the reputable websites listed are great sources of information in this area.**

**Proficient readers read lots of different types of texts. Read books or brochures about places where you may travel. Keep a journal of a special day or vacation. The library contains a wonderful collection of age-appropriate newspapers and magazines that children can read in order to learn interesting facts and information about their world. Don't forget to encourage reading comprehension by talking with your children about their books or asking them questions about the stories they are reading. Finally, remember to be a role model for your children. It is important for them to see you reading! Relax and read for pleasure!**

**Thank you for your support. Have a summer filled with many reading adventures!**

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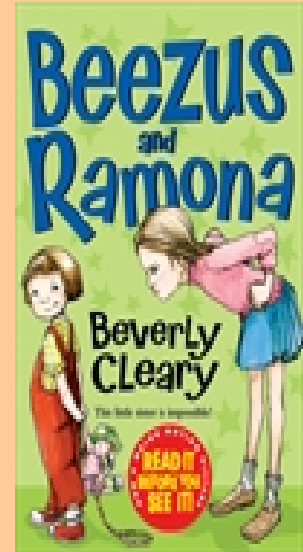
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## Summer Reading Resources K-5

### Book Lists

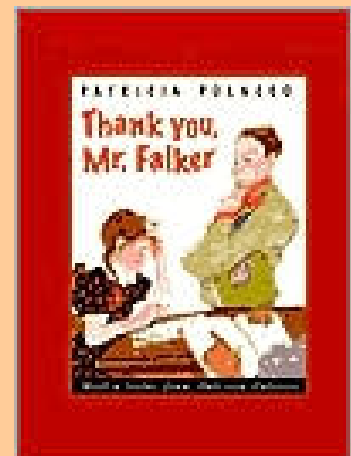
#### **For Families with Up-and-Coming Readers (Age 5 to 7)**

*Fancy Nancy* by Jane O'Connor  
*All Books* by Eric Carle  
*Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola  
*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* by Judi Barrett  
*Owen* by Kevin Henkes  
*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by John Scieszka  
*Sylvester and The Magic Pebble* by William Steig  
*Diary of a Fly* by Doreen Cronin  
*Here's a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry.* By Jane Yolen  
*Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates* by Jonah Winter  
*A Story For Bear* by Dennis Haseley  
*Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber  
*All Books* by Gail Gibbons  
*Scaredy Squirrel* by Melanie Watt  
*Elephant and Piggie* series by Mo Willems



#### **For Families with Growing Readers (Age 8 – 10)**

*Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White  
*39 Clues Series*  
*The Penderwicks* by Jeanne Birdsall  
*From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg  
*The Doll People* by Ann m. Martin & Laura Godwin  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*James and The Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl  
*The Wind In The Willows* by Kenneth Grahame  
*The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis  
*How To Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell  
*Sideway Stories From Wayside School* by Louis Sachar  
*Poppleton* by Cynthia Rylant  
*Thank You, Mr. Falker* by Patricia Polacco  
*Fables* by Arnold Lobel  
*My Weird School* Series by Dan Gutman



#### **For Families with Sophisticated Readers (Age 10 and older)**

*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien  
*The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd  
*Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Bud Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis  
*The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznik  
*Summerhouse Time* by Eileen Spinelli  
*Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* by Lynne Jonell  
*How To Steal A Dog* by Barbara O'Connor  
*The Wednesday Wars* by Gary Schmidt  
*Newsgirl* by Liza Ketchum  
*Where the Mountain Meets The Moon* by Grace Lin  
*Sticky Burr and the Prickly Peril* by John Lechner

## Other Reading Lists. . .

<http://www.kidsreads.com/lists/reading-lists.asp>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>

[http://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/buyingguide/2009summer\\_allages.pdf](http://www.readingrockets.org/content/pdfs/buyingguide/2009summer_allages.pdf)

<http://www.sldirectory.com/libsf/booksf/kidsbooks.html> (NCTE)

<http://www.joneslibrary.org/juv/bklists/mcba.html> (Massachusetts Children's Book Awards)

<http://www.harpercollinschildrens.com/Parents/WhatsNew.aspx>

<http://www.hbook.com/resources/books/summer.asp>

[http://www.haisln.org/images/HAISLN\\_1-2\\_2010\\_final.pdf](http://www.haisln.org/images/HAISLN_1-2_2010_final.pdf) (early readers - more recent titles)

[http://www.haisln.org/images/HAISLN\\_3rd-4th\\_2010\\_final.pdf](http://www.haisln.org/images/HAISLN_3rd-4th_2010_final.pdf) (intermediate readers - more recent titles)

<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm>

## Start a Series!

<http://www.kidsreads.com/series/index.asp>

Zach Files

Arthur

A-Z Mysteries

Magic Tree House

Frog and Toad

Geronimo Stilton

Ivy and Bean

Harry Potter

Clementine

Nate The Great

Warriors

Alex Rider

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid

Artemis Fowl

The Ink Trilogy

Percy Jackson & The New Olympians

Allie Finkle

The Mysterious Benedict Society

The Spiderwick Chronicles

The American Girl



## More Reading Ideas

Start a Book Club!

<http://www.kidsreads.com/clubs/index.asp>

<http://imaginationoup.net/2010/03/parent-child-book-clubs/>

Books Just For Boys

<http://www.kidsreads.com/features/great-books-boys.asp>



Summer Fun/Ideas

<http://homeschooling.about.com/library/blsumread.htm>

[http://www.hinghamlibrary.org/child\\_links.html](http://www.hinghamlibrary.org/child_links.html) (Check out what is at the library!)

Parent Tips

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/forparents/fr/readingmagic.htm>

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/od/forparents/a/resolutions.htm>

Reading Rockets: <http://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents> See Summer Learning

What Should I Read Next?

<http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/>

Preview A Book- Video Book Trailers

[http://www.homepages.dsu.edu/mgeary/booktrailers/late\\_elementary.htm](http://www.homepages.dsu.edu/mgeary/booktrailers/late_elementary.htm)