



Welcome to

4th

Grader!

Need a good summer reading suggestion? Try these!

These are only suggestions, and if you find a great book you think I might like to put on my list of next year please email it to me! Remember, be sure the books you're reading this summer are just right books!

- Johnny Swanson, *by Eleanor Updale*
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, *by Grace Lin*
- 100 Cupboards, *by N.D. Wilson*
- The Candymakers, *by Wendy Mass*
- Mal & Chad: The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever, *by Stephen McCranie*
- The Lemonade War, The Lemonade Crime, *by Jacqueline Davies*
- Worst Case Scenario Ultimate Adventure: Everest, *by David Borgenicht, Bill Doyle, Yancey Labat, and David Morton*
- Drizzle, *by Kathleen Van Cleve*
- Dragonbreath, *by Ursula Vernon*
- The Penderwicks Series, *by Jeanne Birdsall*
- Judy Moody, *by Megan McDonald*
- Owen Foote: Frontiersman; Super Spy; Mighty Scientist; Money Man; Soccer Star, *by Stephanie Greene*
- Tales of Despereaux, *by Kate DiCamillo*
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, *by Kate DiCamillo*
- Whales on Stilts: M.T. Anderson's Thrilling Tales, *by M.T. Anderson*
- Igrane the Brave, *by Cornelia Funke*
- The Mysterious Benedict Society, *by Trenton Lee Stewart*
- A Crooked Kind of Perfect, *by Linda Urban*
- A Whole Nother Story, *by Cuthbert Soup*
- The Magic Thief Series, *by Sarah Prineas*
- Turtle in Paradise, *by Jennifer Holm*
- When you Reach Me, *by Rebecca Stead*
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series, *by Jeff Kinney*
- Regarding the Fountain, *by Kate Klise*

Keep Kids Reading To Prevent Summer Slide

(StatePoint) Summer is a time for kids to relax, but all that free time can have a serious downside. Children suffer learning losses over the summer simply by being out of school, an effect known as the “summer slide.”

Kids can beat “learning loss” by reading four or more books each summer.

These losses can create even wider gaps between more and less proficient readers. And the challenge of maintaining skills gets greater after age eight when, studies show, reading frequency drops dramatically and continues to decline through the teen years.

But kids can combat the “summer slide” by reading six or more age-appropriate books each summer. Research indicates kids who do so fare better on reading-comprehension tests when they return to school than those who read one or no books.

Best of all, summer reading is inexpensive. Five books cost the same as a tank of gas, or you can get them free at the library.

“Encouraging a love of reading is one of the easiest things parents can do to keep kids ahead of the curve, and it’s a perfect, low-cost summer activity,” said Francie Alexander, Chief Academic Officer of Scholastic. “You can take books anywhere: on car rides or airplanes, or if you’re not traveling this summer, take a trip through books!”

* **Get Started and Carded:** Just like planning a vacation is part of the fun, get kids thinking about books to read over the summer. Visit the library and get a library card, as kids like “official” documents with their names on them.

* **Start a Series – Bet You Can’t Read Just One:** If you match the right child to the right book in a series, the reading habit will grow. Teachers, librarians or booksellers can advise you on the best series.

* **Books to Go:** Audio books are great for getting kids to experience more books through listening. They also make car trips more bearable and “are we there yet” is heard less often.

* **Start a Summer Book Collection:** Just like collecting rocks or seashells, collect books with summer themes. Put them in a fun box or container and take them out to celebrate summer.

* **Tech It Up:** Look for reading opportunities when your child is using the computer. Find books tied to Web sites, such as The 39 Clues, or visit Scholastic’s Summer Challenge site to read and earn points.

Scholastic, together with The National Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University and Save the Children, is launching the Scholastic Summer Challenge, a free Web site that gets kids excited about summer reading. Kids can visit the Web site to join the challenge and other kids to record their minutes spent reading, earn points for their team, play games and read for a cause, with donations going to Save the Children’s U.S. programs.

Parents can explore the site to get advice from education experts and find summer book lists and articles in English and Spanish.

10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES {FOR KIDS}

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your child to visit and explore on those hot summer days!

<p>Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!</p>	<p>Fun Brain www.funbrain.com Play games while practicing math and reading skills.</p>
<p>Nat. Geo for Kids www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.</p>	<p>PBS Kids www.pbskids.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!</p>
<p>Into the Book www.readingecb.org Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies.</p>	<p>Star Fall www.starfall.com Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories.</p>
<p>Seussville www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends.</p>	<p>Storyline Online www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!</p>
<p>ABC YA www.abcya.com Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!</p>	<p>Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!</p>