

# Pennington School's 2009 Rising First Grade Summer Reading List



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Students in grades 1-2 will receive an extra S+ for each book completed, for a total of five S+ grades.

# Summer Reading Log – Grades 1-2

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# Summer Reading List for Rising First Graders

- Brown, Marc. D.W. All Wet  
D.W. bosses her brother Arthur into carrying her on his shoulders at the beach because she says that she hates the water - until she gets a big wet surprise.
- Capucilli, Alyssa Satin. Biscuit. Read any book in the series.  
Read about the adventures of a little yellow dog.
- Cowley, Joy. Chameleon, Chameleon  
A colorful chameleon encounters friend and foe while making his way from one tree to another in search of a tasty insect dinner.
- Eastman, P.D. Are You My Mother?  
A little bird asks animals, planes, and boats, "Are you my mother?" until he finds his own mother.
- Eastman, P. D. Go Dog Go!  
A story about busy dogs of all sizes and colors, engaged in all manner of silly activities.
- Falconer, Ian. Olivia  
Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.
- Fleming, Denise In the Tall, Tall Grass  
Rhymed text presents a child's view of creatures found in the grass from lunch time till nightfall, such as bees, ants, and moles.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. You Read to Me, I'll Read to You : Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together  
Collection of short retellings of familiar Mother Goose fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for young children and adults to read together.
- Kraus, Robert. Leo, the Late Bloomer  
Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.
- Lakin, Patricia. Beach Day!  
Four crocodile friends have many adventures on the way to the beach.
- Lexau, Joan M. Go Away Dog  
An old dog's friendly persistence slowly convinces a young boy to take him home.
- LeSieg, Theo. Ten Apples Up on Top  
A lion, a dog, and a tiger balance apples on their heads.

- Martin, Bill. Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?  
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.
- McFarland, Lyn. Mouse Went Out to Get a Snack  
A hungry mouse finds a table full of delectable morsels in quantities, which illustrate counting from one to ten.
- McMullan, Kate. I Stink!  
A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.
- Rathmann, Peggy. 10 Minutes Till Bedtime  
A boy's hamster leads an increasingly large group of hamsters on a tour of the boy's house, while his father counts down the minutes to bedtime.
- Shannon, David. No David!  
A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.
- Shaw, Nancy. Sheep in a Jeep  
Five sheep go riding in a jeep.
- Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat  
Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games. Sequel: The Cat in the Hat Comes Back.
- Slonim, David. He Came With the Couch  
Winner of the 2007-2008 Virginia Readers' Choice Award. When a family acquires a new couch, they discover that something else comes along with it, and they gain a new friend in the process.
- Urbanovic, Jackie. Duck at the Door  
When Max the duck decides to stay behind when his flock flies south, Irene invites him to stay with her for the winter. Sequel: Duck Soup.
- Wiesner, David. Flotsam  
Winner of the 2007 Caldecott Medal. A young, science-minded boy goes to the beach to collect and examine anything floating that has been washed ashore. He discovers an underwater camera that contains a collection of unusual pictures.
- Willems, Mo. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus  
A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break.
- Willems, Mo. Are You Ready to Play Outside?  
Winner of the 2009 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award. Read any book in the Elephant and Piggie series.

# Pennington School's 2009 Rising Second Grade Summer Reading List



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# Summer Reading Log – Grades 1-2

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# Summer Reading List for Rising Second Graders

Adler, David A.                      Young Cam Jansen (series)

Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

Averill, Esther.                      The Fire Cat

Pickles, a handsome young cat, goes to work in the Fire Department.

Brett, Jan.                              The Umbrella

Carlos goes into the cloud forest to look for animals, but he manages to miss seeing them even though they have an adventure with his umbrella.

Cosby, Bill.                              The Best Way to Play

Little Bill and his friends clamor to get a new video game, but they find that they have more fun using their imagination while playing outside.

Cronin, Doreen.                      Click, Clack Moo: Cows that Type

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn they start making demands, and go on strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

DiCamillo, Kate.                      Mercy Watson to the Rescue

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. Series.

Frazer, Marla.                              A Couple of Boys have the Best Week Ever

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

Henkes, Kevin.                              A Good Day

A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome minor setbacks to have a very good day.

Hoberman, Mary Ann.                      You Read to Me, I'll Read to You : very short fairy tales to read together : (in which wolves are tamed, trolls are transformed, and peas are triumphant)

Short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for young children and adults to read together.

Hutchins, Hazel.                              A Second is a Hiccup

Playful rhyming text helps children comprehend units of time by presenting lively examples of what can happen in the span of a second, a minute, an hour, a day, a week, a month, a year, and a whole childhood.

- Krensky, Stephen.                    Lionel in the Summer  
Lionel enjoys the longest day of summer, celebrates the Fourth of July, has a lemonade stand, and travels on vacation with his family.
- Krosoczka, Jarrett.                Punk Farm  
At the end of the day, while Farmer Joe gets ready for bed, his animals tune their instruments to perform in a big concert as a rock band called Punk Farm. Sequel: Punk Farm : On Tour.
- Lobel, Arnold.                    Frog and Toad are Friends  
Tales recounting the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad.
- Martin, Bill and John Archambault    Chicka Chicka Boom Boom  
This rhyming alphabet book tells the story of what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree. Sequel: Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3.
- McDonald, Megan.                Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid  
The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.
- Merriam, Eve.                    12 Ways to Get to 11  
This book uses ordinary experiences to present twelve combinations of numbers that add up to eleven.
- Minarik, Else Holmelund.        Little Bear  
Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.
- Rylant, Cynthia.                Henry and Mudge. (series)  
Follow the adventures of Henry and his big dog Mudge.
- Rylant, Cynthia.                Poppleton. (series)  
Poppleton the pig makes a friend, reads a library book about adventure, and helps a sick friend get better.
- Schwartz, Alvin.                All of Our Noses are Here  
A collection of five stories about a family of silly people, based on noodle folklore from America, India, Japan, Korea, and the Arabian Nights.
- Silverman, Erica.                Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa  
Cocoa the horse herds the cows with Cowgirl Kate, helps her practice her roping skills, and wishes he could wear boots instead of horseshoes.
- Teague, Mark.                    How I Spent My Summer Vacation  
A schoolboy tells his class about his summer vacation, during which he joined a group of cowboys and stopped a cattle stampede.

Thomas, Shelley Moore.        Take Care, Good Knight

The three little dragons have agreed to take care of the old wizard's cats while he is away, but their inability to read his instructions causes problems until their friend, the Good Knight, saves the day.

Willems, Mo.                    Don't let the Pigeon Stay Up Late!

A pigeon fights yawns while coming up with many reasons why it should be allowed to stay up late.

Wiseman, Bernard.            Morris the Moose

Determined to prove that the cow he meets is really a moose, Morris the moose enlists the help of a rather confused deer and horse. Sequel: Morris Goes to School.

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# Summer Reading Log – Grades 3-4

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- Bishop, Nic.                      Nic Bishop Spiders  
Photographs and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders. Sequel: Nic Bishop Frogs.
- Brown, Marc.                      Arthur Meets the President  
Arthur's essay wins a contest and he has to read it to the President during a special ceremony at the White House.
- Blume, Judy.                      Freckle Juice  
Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.
- Cameron, Ann.                      The Stories Julian Tells  
Episodes in Julian's life which include getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend. Sequels: More Stories Julian Tells; Julian, Secret Agent; and Julian, Dream Doctor.
- Cole, Joanna.                      Magic School Bus (series)  
Travel along with Ms. Frizzle as she takes her class on field trips to experience first-hand the topics they are studying.
- Gag, Wanda.                      Millions of Cats  
An old man sets out in search of a pet for his lonely wife and returns with millions of cats, all claiming to be the most beautiful of the bunch!
- Henkes, Kevin.                      Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse  
Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing the class her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.
- Holm, Jennifer.                      Babymouse 3: Beach Babe  
A graphic novel about the summertime adventures of Babymouse, who tries surfing and snorkeling for the first time and learns a lesson when she wishes for someone "cooler" than her little brother, Squeak, to play with.
- Jenkins, Emily.                      Toys Go Out : Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Touchy Little Buffalo, and Someone called Plastic  
Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys. Sequel: Toy Dance Party: being the further adventures of a bossyboots Stingray, a courageous Buffalo, and a hopeful round someone called Plastic
- Lies, Brian.                      Bats at the Beach  
On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun on the beach. Sequel: Bats at the Library.

- Lowry, Lois. Gooney Bird Greene  
Gooney Bird Greene, an entertaining student who introduces challenging vocabulary words, tells "absolutely true" stories, and loves to be the center of attention. Series: Goony Bird and the Room Mother and Gooney, the Fabulous.
- McDonald, Megan. Judy Moody  
Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. Series.
- Mills, Claudia. 7 x 9 = trouble!  
Third-grader Wilson struggles with his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline. Virginia Readers' Choice Award 2004-2005.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. Magic Tree House (series)  
Travel through time with Jack and Annie.
- Prelutsky, Jack. Awful Ogre Running Wild  
A collection of poems recounting the awesome adventures Awful Ogre has during his summer vacation. Author, Prelutsky is the nation's first Poet Laureate.
- Rabe, Tish. Clam-I-Am  
This Cat in the Hat story is about all the things to see on the beach such as clams, crabs, and other creatures.
- Shannon, David. A Bad Case of Stripes  
In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.
- Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale : a Tale of a Peddler, Some Monkeys, and Their Monkey Business  
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
- Watt, Mélanie. Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach  
Scaredy Squirrel has a wild adventure when he ventures to the beach to get a seashell.
- Surf's up, Geronimo!  
Geronimo's idea for a vacation filled with sandy beaches and blue skies gets off to a bad start when he ends up in a fleabag hotel that's falling apart.

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# Summer Reading Log – Grades 3-4

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# Summer Reading List for Rising Fourth Graders

- Balliett, Blue. Chasing Vermeer 770L  
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.
- Byars, Betsy. The SOS File 600L  
The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.
- Bridsall, Jeanne. The Penderwicks: a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy 800L  
While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. Sequel: The Penderwicks on Gardam Street. 850L
- Butler, Amy. Virginia Bound 700L  
Thirteen-year-old orphaned beggar Rob Brackett is kidnapped from the streets of London and taken to the New World for a cruel tobacco farmer master, who also owns a Pamunkey Native American girl named Mattoume.
- Cleary, Beverly. Dear Mr. Henshaw 910L  
In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.
- Clements, Andrew. Frindle 830L  
When he decides to turn his teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.
- Dahl, Roald. Matilda 840L  
Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.
- Dalgliesh, Alice. The Courage of Sarah Noble 610L  
Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.
- Davies, Jacqueline. The Lemonade War 630L  
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

- Dowell, Frances O'Roark.      Phineas L. Macquire-Erupts!      810L  
 Fourth-grade science whiz Phineas MacGuire is forced to team up with the new boy in class on a science fair project, but the boy's quirky personality causes Phineas to wonder if they have any chance of winning. Sequel: Phineas L. MacGuire-Gets Slimed!      870L
- Estes, Eleanor.      The Hundred Dresses      870L  
 In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.
- Fleming, Candace.      Lowji Discovers America      510L  
 A nine-year-old East Indian boy tries to adjust to his new life in suburban America.
- Gifford, Peggy.      Moxy Maxwell Does Not Like Stuart Little      890L  
 With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth-grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson.      Say What?      740L  
 When their parents begin saying the wrong thing every time six-year-old Sukey and her older brothers misbehave, the children discover that it is a plot and fight back with their own wrong phrases. Virginia Readers' Choice Award 2005-2006.
- Horvath, Polly.      The Pepins and their Problems      920L  
 The reader is invited to help solve the Pepin family's unusual problems, which include having a cow who creates lemonade rather than milk and having to cope with a competitive neighbor.
- Lubar, David.      Punished      540L  
 Logan and his friend Benedict are playing tag in the library when a mysterious man punished him by making him speak only in puns.
- MacLachlan, Patricia.      Sarah Plain and Tall      560L  
 Newbery Medal winner. When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.
- Singh, Vandana      Younguncle Comes to Town      920L  
 In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father's youngest brother, Younguncle, who is said to be somewhat eccentric.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls.      Little House in the Big Woods      930L  
 A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier, as they help their mother with the daily chores, enjoy their father's stories and singing, and share special occasions when they get together with relatives or neighbors.
- Wiles, Deborah.      Each Little Bird that Sings      760L  
 Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching

events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.

You may also read a biography about any of these famous people who helped to shape our nation.

Tomas "Stonewall" Jackson  
Thomas Jefferson  
Robert E. Lee  
James Madison  
George Mason  
Pocahontas  
John Smith  
George Washington  
Arthur Ashe  
Harry F. Byrd, Sr.  
Patrick Henry  
Abraham Lincoln  
Nat Turner  
Maggie L. Walker  
L. Douglas Wilder  
Christopher Columbus  
Ulysses S. Grant  
Harriet Tubman  
John Brown  
James Armistead Lafayette

#### Lexile Levels

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Knowing a child's Lexile range can help to locate books that he/she might enjoy reading. Student interest and motivation for reading books that are age appropriate are critical factors to consider as book choices are made. Remember that nothing replaces conversation with the student, his teachers, and librarians in making great choices.

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# Pennington School's 2009 Rising Fifth Grade Summer Reading List



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Students in grade 5-8 will provide the author, title, publishing information, and an explanation of the general topic or plot of the book, along with a parent or guardian statement that the student has completed the required reading. A reading log is provided for that purpose and must be turned in the first week of school. For students who participate in the Prince William County Public Library's Summerquest program, that documentation will apply.

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All fifth grade students are asked to read, Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare (770L) as their final book of the summer. Bring it to school and be prepared to discuss the book with your class in September. Thank you to the Pennington PTO who has generously provided this book to our students.

# Summer Reading Log – Grade 5

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Use this format to record your summer reading.

Fixx, James F. The Complete Book of Running.  
New York: Random House, 1977.

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# Summer Reading List for Rising Fifth Graders

- Birney, Betty. The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs 790L  
Eleven-year-old Eben McAllister spends his summer searching his small town to see if he can find anything comparable to the real Seven Wonders of the World.
- Di Camillo, Kate. Because of Winn-Dixie 610L  
Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.
- Dorris, Micheal. Sees Behind Trees 840L  
A Native American boy with a special gift to “see” beyond his poor eyesight journeys with an old warrior to a land of mystery and beauty.
- Gannett, Ruth Stiles. My Father’s Dragon 990L  
A young boy is determined to rescue a poor baby dragon that is being used by a group of lazy wild animals and ferry’s them across the river on Wild Island.
- George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain 810L  
A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.
- Gutman, Dan. The Homework Machine 680L  
Four fifth-grade students—a geek, a class clown, a teacher’s pet, and a slacker—as well as their teacher and mothers, each relate events surrounding a computer programmed to complete homework assignments.
- Henkes, Kevin. Olive’s Ocean 680L  
On a summer visit to her grandmother’s cottage by the ocean, twelve-year-old Martha gains perspective on the death of a classmate, on her relationship with her grandmother, on her feelings for an older boy, and on her plans to be a writer.
- Hiaasen, Carl. Hoot 760L  
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy’s attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
- McKissack, Pat. A Picture of Freedom : the Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl 790L  
Read this or other books in the Dear America Series. Written in a diary format, each historical novel is extensively researched from actual letters and diaries, allowing readers to experience the daily lives of girls from different times in American history. A companion series—My Name Is America—follows the adventures of boys from America’s past.

- Osborne, Mary Pope. Magic Tree House. Read any book in the series such as Summer of the Sea Serpent (550L) or Revolutionary War on Wednesday. (320L)  
Travel through time with Jack and Annie.
- Peck, Richard. A Long Way from Chicago : a Novel in Stories 750L  
A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. Sequel: A Year Down Yonder. 610L
- Schanzer, Rosalyn. George vs. George : the American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides 1120L  
Explores how the characters and lives of King George III of England and George Washington affected the progress and outcome of the American Revolution.
- Scieszka, Jon. Time Warp Trio. Read any book in the series such as Summer Reading is Killing Me! 610L  
  
At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.
- Snicket, Lemony. A Series of Unfortunate Events. 1010L  
Read any book in the series.  
The depressing tales of murder, kidnapping, and lies; and the endless misfortunes of the Baudelaire children.
- Spinelli, Jerry. Maniac Magee : A Novel 820L  
  
Newbery Medal winner. After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats that awe his contemporaries.
- Staples, Suzanne Fisher. The Green Dog: A Mostly True Story 960L  
During the summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion. This book is based on the author's childhood in northeastern Pennsylvania.
- Stewart, Trenton Lee. The Mysterious Benedict Society 840L  
After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. Sequel: The Mysterious Benedict -Society and the Perilous Journey.
- Wright, Betty Ren. Christina's Ghost 620L  
Christina's summer in a spooky, isolated Victorian house with her grumpy uncle turns into a ghostly adventure.

Yee, Lisa.

Millicent Min, Girl Genius

800L

Eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

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# Summer Reading Log – Grades 6-8

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# Summer Reading List for Rising Sixth Graders

- Barry, Dave and Ridley Pearson. Peter and the Starcatchers 770L  
Peter, an orphan boy, and his friend Molly fight off thieves and pirates in order to keep the secret safe away from the diabolical Black Stache and his evil associate Mr. Grin. Sequels: Peter and the Shadow Thieves (780L) and Peter and the Secret of Rundoon. (820L)
- Broach, Elise. Shakespeare's Secret 620L  
Named after a character in a Shakespeare play, misfit sixth-grader Hero becomes interested in exploring this unusual connection because of a valuable diamond supposedly hidden in her new house, an intriguing neighbor, and the unexpected attention of the most popular boy in school.
- Bruchac, Joseph Code Talker: a novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two 910L  
After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.
- Codell, Esme Raji Sahara Special 660L  
Struggling with school and her feelings since her father left, Sahara gets a fresh start with a new and unique teacher who supports her writing talents and the individuality of each of her classmates.
- Cooney, Caroline Code Orange 850L  
While conducting research for a school paper on smallpox, Mitty finds an envelope containing 100-year-old smallpox scabs and fears that he has infected himself and all of New York City.
- Elliott, L. M. Under a War-torn Sky 640L  
After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.
- Hesse, Karen. Out of the Dust NP  
Newbery Medal Winner. In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.
- Konigsburg, E.L. The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place 840L  
Upon leaving an oppressive summer camp, twelve-year-old Margaret Rose Kane spearheads a campaign to preserve three unique towers her grand uncles have been building in their back yard for over forty years.
- Lord, Cynthia. Rules 780L  
Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her summer is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

- Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars 670L  
 Newbery Medal winner. In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
- Lowry, Lois. The Willoughbys 790L  
 Humorous tale of the four Willoughby children as they set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure. If you liked the Baudelaire orphans, you will love this book!
- Paulsen, Gary Lawn Boy 780L  
 Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.
- Ryan, Pam Munoz. Becoming Naomi Leon 830L  
 When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.
- Smith, Roland Cryptid Hunters 750L  
 Twins, Grace and Marty, along with a mysterious uncle, are dropped into the middle of the Congolese jungle in search of their missing photojournalist parents.
- Tolan, Stephanie. Listen! 910L  
 During her solitary convalescence from an accident, twelve-year-old Charley finds a wild dog, and spends her summer training him.

You may also choose to read a biography of someone who lived from the 1870's to the present.

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# Pennington School's 2009 Rising Seventh Grade Summer Reading List



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# Summer Reading List for Rising Seventh Graders

- Bryant, Jennifer. The Trial NP  
Living in Flemington, New Jersey, in 1935, twelve-year-old Katie Leigh Flynn describes, in a series of poems, the effect on her small town of the ongoing trial of Bruno Hauptmann for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh's baby son.
- Elliot, L.M. Annie Between the States 800L  
Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home.
- Gordon, Roderick and Brian Williams. Tunnels 990L  
When Will Burrows and his friend Chester embark on a quest to find Will's archaeologist father, they are led to a labyrinthine world underneath London, full of sinister inhabitants with evil intentions toward "Topsoilers" like Will and his father. Sequel: Deeper. 950L
- Grant, K.M. Blood Red Horse 930L  
A special horse named Hosanna changes the lives of two English brothers and those around them as they fight with King Richard I against Saladin's armies during the Third Crusades. Sequel: Green Jasper.
- Hiaasen, Carl. Flush 830L  
With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home.
- Horvath, Polly My One Hundred Adventures 810L  
Twelve-year-old Jane, has an eventful summer accompanying her pastor on Bible deliveries, meeting former boyfriends of her mother's, and being coerced into babysitting for a family of ill-mannered children.
- Kehret, Peg. The Ghost's Grave 790L  
Apprehensive about spending the summer with his Aunt Ethel when his parents get an overseas job, twelve-year-old Josh soon finds adventure when he meets the ghost of a coal miner.
- Law, Ingrid. Savvy 1070L  
Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"-- a magical power unique to each member of her family. 2009 Newbery Honor book.

- Matthews, L.S. Fish 980L  
As fighting closes in on the village where Tiger's parents have been working, the three of them and a mysterious guide set out on a difficult journey to safety.
- North, Sterling. Rascal 1140L  
The author recalls his carefree life in a small midwestern town at the close of World War I, and his adventures with his pet raccoon, Rascal.
- Patterson, James. Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment 700L  
After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. Series: School's Out—Forever (660); Saving the World and Other Extreme Sports; and The Final Warning.
- Paulsen, Gary. The Haymeadow 1010L  
14-year-old John comes of age and gains self-reliance during the summer he spends up in the Wyoming mountains tending his father's herd of sheep.
- Sachar, Louis. Small Steps 690L  
Three years after being released from Camp Green Lake, Armpit is trying hard to keep his life on track, but when his old pal X-Ray shows up with a tempting plan to make some easy money scalping concert tickets, Armpit reluctantly goes along. Sequel to Holes.
- Weeks, Sarah. So B. I t: a Novel 860L  
After spending her life with her mentally challenged mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.
- Yee, Lisa. Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time 650L  
After flunking sixth-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong must struggle to pass his summer-school class, keep his failure a secret from his friends, and satisfy his academically demanding father. Parallel novels: Millicent Min, Girl Genius (800L) and So Totally Emily Ebers. (660L)

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# Summer Reading List for Rising Eighth Graders

- Baldacci, David. Wish You Well 840L  
The lives of twelve-year-old Lou and her younger brother, Oz, change forever in 1940 when an accident involving their parents results in their being uprooted from their New York City home and moved to live with their great-grandmother in the mountains of Virginia.
- Cabot, Meg. Avalon High 800L  
Having moved to Annapolis, Maryland, with her medievalist parents, high school junior Ellie enrolls at Avalon High School where several students may or may not be reincarnations of King Arthur and his court.
- Carbone, Elisa Lynn Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607 820L  
Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.
- Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games 810L  
Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death.
- Flanagan, John. The Ruins of Gorlan 920L  
When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger. Series: The Battle for Skandia (920), The Burning Bridge (870L), and The Icebound Land (950).
- Grant, K.M. How the Hangman Lost His Heart 960L  
When her Uncle Frank is executed for treason against England's King George in 1746 and his severed head is mounted on a pike for public viewing, daring Alice tries to reclaim the head for a proper burial. She finds an unlikely ally in the soft-hearted executioner while incurring the wrath of the royal guard.
- Hobbs, Will. Crossing the Wire 670L  
Fifteen-year-old Victor Flores journeys north in a desperate attempt to cross the Arizona border and find work in the United States to support his family in central Mexico.
- Korman, Gordon. Schooled 740L  
Cap lives in isolation with his grandmother, a former hippie; but when she falls from a tree and breaks her hip, Cap is sent to a foster home where he has his first experience in a public school.

- Lester, Julius. Day of Tears : a Novel in Dialogue NP  
Presents an historical fiction written in first-person format that follows Emma, the slave of Pierce Butler, through a series of events in her life as her master hosts the largest slave auction in American history.
- Nelson, Pete. Left for Dead: a Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis 1260L  
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.
- Paulson, Gary. The Legend of Bass Reeves : Being the True Account of the Most Valiant Marshal in the West 950L  
Bass Reeves was born a slave and later became one of the most respected federal marshals in Oklahoma and Texas.
- Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief 740L  
Percy, expelled from six schools for being unable to control his temper, learns the truth from his mother that his father is the Greek god Poseidon. Sent to Camp Half Blood, he is befriended by a satyr and the demigod daughter of Athena who join him in a journey to the Underworld to retrieve Zeus's lightning bolt and prevent a catastrophic war. Series: The Sea of Monsters (740L), The Titan's Curse (630L), The Battle of the Labyrinth (590L) and The Last Olympian. Winner of the 2007-2008 Virginia Readers' Choice Award.
- Smith, Roland. Zach's Lie 580L  
When Jack Osborne is befriended by his school's custodian and a Basque girl, he begins to adjust to his family's sudden move to Elko, Nevada, after entering the Witness Security Program, but the drug cartel against which his father will testify is determined to track them down. Sequel: Jack's Run (720L).
- Spinelli, Jerry. Stargirl 590L  
Stargirl, a teen who animates quiet Mica High with her colorful personality, suddenly finds herself shunned for her refusal to conform. Sequel: Love, Stargirl (610).
- Westerfeld, Scott. Uglies 770L  
Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties, and realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like. Series: Pretties (860L), Specials (880L), and Extras (790L). Winner of the 2007-2008 Virginia Readers' Choice Award.