

Reading and Writing Day by Day

1. Read with your child every day.
2. Regularly listen to your child read to you.
3. Turn off the TV to read and help your child with homework.
4. Make sure your child often sees you reading newspapers, magazines and books.
5. Share family stories and make up your own bedtime stories.
6. Read street signs with your child, write shopping lists or letters together, and play word games as a family.
7. Visit the library with your child.
8. Talk to your child's teacher to find out what students are learning in class.
9. Encourage your child to write lists, stories and poems.
10. Talk with your child about favorite characters or events in books.
11. Ask your child what happened in books you read together.
12. Display your child's drawings and writings in your home.
13. Find books to match your child's interests (cars or animals or sports or pyramids, for example).
14. Encourage your child to act out stories in plays or puppet shows with friends, brothers or sisters.
15. Make summertime reading time! Encourage your child to read every day in the summer.
16. Play rhyming games, sing songs with rhymes and play with the sounds of words.

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS ENTERING 4th and 5th GRADE

POETRY

Butterfly Jar, Moss
Dinosaurs, Hopkins
Eats: Poems, Adoff
I Like You, If You Like Me, Livingston
Random House of Poetry for Children,
Prelutsky
Sad Underwear and Other Complications, Viorst
Sports Pages, Adoff

PICTURE BOOKS FOR OLDER KIDS

Anno's Journey, Anno
Baba Yaga and Vasilla the Brave, Mayer
Baseball Saved Us, Mochizuki
Doctor DeSoto, Steig
Gawain and the Green Knight, San Souci
Legend of Sleepy Hollow, San Souci
Pink and Say, Polacco
Train to Somewhere, Bunting

FOLKTALES

American Tall Tales, Osborne
Favorite Greek Myths, Osborne
Medieval Tales, Osborne
Native American Animal Stories, Bruchac

FICTION

Abels Island, Steig
Alien Secrets, Klause
Aliens Ate My Homework, Coville
Amber Brown is Feeling Blue, Danziger
Anastasia Krupnik, Lowry
Best School Year Ever, Robinson
Black Stallion, Farley
Castle in the Attic, Winthrop
Cat Ate My Gymsuit, Danziger
Charlie & the Great Glass Elevator, Dahl
Cybil War, Byars

Dead Man in Indian Creek, Hahn
Dinotopia, Gurney
Doll House Murders, Wright
Face in the Besseldorf Funeral Parlor,
Naylor
Fear Place, Naylor
Indian in the Cupboard, Banks
A Long Way from Chicago, Peck
Matilda, Dahl
My Daniel, Conrad
Number the Stars, Lowry
Poppy, Avi
Prairie Songs, Conrad
Red Dog, Wallace
Shiloh, Naylor
Soup, Peck
Strider, Cleary
Summer Reading Is Killing Me, Scieszka
Thank You Jackie Robinson, Cohen
Three Dog Winter, Van Steenwyk
Time for Andrew, Hahn
Tuck Everlasting, Babbitt
The Wainscott Weasel, Seider
Wait 'til Helen Comes, Hahn
Watsons go to Birmingham, Curtis
Windcatcher, Avi

ADVANCED FICTION

Amelia Takes Command, Moss
Battle for the Castle, Winthrop
The Boggart, Cooper
The Book of Three, Alexander
Clockwork, Pullman
Dear America, (series)
Ella Enchanted, Levine
The Giver, Lowry
Ghost of Fossil Glen, DeFelice
Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone,
Rowling
Hatchet, Paulsen

Advanced Fiction 4&5 (continued)

The Hobbit, Tolkein
Holes, Sachar
Indian School, Whelan
Lily's Crossing, Giff
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Lewis
Missing May, Rylant
My Brother Sam is Dead, Collier
My Palace of Leaves in Sarajevo, Lorbiecki
P. S. Longer Letter Later, Danziger/Martin
Poppy & Rye, Avi
Redwall, (series) Jacques
Rock River, Maynard
The Secret Garden, Burnett
Weasel, DeFelice
Where the Red Fern Grows, Rawls
Wind in the Willow, Grahame
Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle

NON FICTION BOOKS

Artists Workshop, (series) King
Autumn Across America, Simon
Castle, Macaulay
Close Encounters, Scott
Exploring the Titanic, Ballard
From the Bellybutton of the Moon, Alarcon
Janice Van Cleave's Dinosaurs for Every Kid,
Van Cleave
Jump the World, Pooley
Kid Who Invented the Popsicle, Wulffson
Light Magic and Other Science Activities,
Rising
Mars, Simon
Secret Knowledge of Grownups, Wisniewski
Sports, Hammond
Turn of the Century, Jackson
The "New" Way Things Work, Macaulay

BIOGRAPHY

Boss of the Plains, Carlson
Eleanor Roosevelt, Freedman
Escape from Slavery, Douglas
Good Queen Bess, Stanley
My Life in Dog Years, Paulsen
Shaka, King of the Zulus, Stanley
Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman, McKissack
Wright Brothers, Freedman
Zlata's Diary, Filipovic