

Region 1 Schools Suggested Summer Reading 2010

Students Entering 1st Grade



In honor of our state's 375th Anniversary this year, Governor Rell is encouraging students to read at least one book by a Connecticut author or a book set in Connecticut.

You can find a list of Connecticut authors here: <http://ct.webjunction.org/184/articles/content/434307>

And fiction set in Connecticut here: <http://ct.webjunction.org/510/-/articles/content/1090809>

Picture Books

- *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf
- *Sneaky Weasel* by Hannah Shaw
- *Not all Animals Are Blue* by Beatrice Boutignon
- *Curious George* by H.A. Rey
- *This is a Fine, Fine School* by Sharon Creech
- *There's a Nightmare in my Closet* by Mercer Mayer
- *Officer Buckle and Gloria* by Peggy Rathman
- *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* by Simms Taback
- *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale* by Mo Willems
- *Icky Bug Book* by Jerry Pallotta
- *Tops and Bottoms* by Janet Stevens
- *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
- *Tacky Goes to Camp* by Helen Lester
- *Alphabet Under Construction* by Denise Fleming
- *The Racecar Alphabet* by Brian Floca
- *Crazy Hair Day* by Barney Saltzberg
- *Dino-Soccer* by Lisa Wheeler
- *Miss Nelson is Missing* by Harry Allard
- *Dr. DeSoto* by William Steig
- *Daisy Comes Home* by Jan Brett
- *Supersister* by Beth Cadena
- *Epossumondas* by Colen Salley
- *Gingerbread Friends* by Jan Brett
- *There's a Big Beautiful World Out There!* by Nancy Carlson
- *Mr. Seahorse* by Eric Carle
- *Thunder-Boomer!* by Shutta Crum
- *Hey, Little Ant* By Phillip M. Hoose
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- *Toot and Puddle* by Holly Hobbie
- *Dog and Bear: Two's Company* by Laura V. Seeger
- *What Pete Ate from A-Z* by Maira Kalman
- *Pete's A Pizza* by William Steig
- *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff
- *I Stink!* by Kate McMullan
- *Sidewalk Circus* by Paul Fleischman
- *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub* by Audrey Wood
- *Buster* by Denise Fleming
- *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber
- *The Hello, Goodbye Window* by Norton Juster

Series Books

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| • Arnold, Tedd | Fly Guy | • Cole, Joanna | Magic School Bus |
| • Baker, Keith | Mr. and Mrs. Green | • DiCamillo, Kate | Mercy Watson |
| • Bemelmans, Ludwig | Madeline | • Lobel, Arnold | Frog and Toad |
| • Bridwell, Norman | Clifford | • London, Jonathan | Froggy |
| • Brown, Marc | Arthur | • Minarik, Else Holmelund | Little Bear |
| • Capucilli, Alyssa | Biscuit | • Murphy, Stuart J. | Math storybooks |

Authors Not To Be Missed

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| • Jan Brett | • Ruth Heller | • Laura Joffe Numeroff |
| • Marc Brown | • Kevin Henkes | • Beatrix Potter |
| • Eve Bunting | • Amy Hest | • H.A. Rey |
| • Janelle Cannon | • Holly Hobbie | • Cynthia Rylant |
| • Eric Carle | • Kathryn Lasky | • Dr. Seuss |
| • Donald Crews | • Leo Lionni | • David Shannon |
| • Doreen Cronin | • Arnold Lobel | • Marc Simont |
| • Jamie Lee Curtis | • Bill Martin, Jr. | • William Steig |
| • Tomie DePaola | • Emily McCully | • Bernard Waber |
| • Lois Ehlert | • David McPhail | • Rosemary Wells |
| • Ian Falconer | • Susan Meddaugh | • David Wiesner |
| • Mem Fox | • Robert Munsch | • Audrey & Don Wood |

Fairy Tales and Fable

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| • Chicken Little | • Little Red Riding Hood | • The Little Red Hen |
| • Goldilocks and the Three Bears | • Rapunzel | • The Three Little Pigs |
| • Jack and the Beanstalk | • The Boy Who Cried Wolf | • The Gingerbread Man |
| | • The Tortoise and the Hare | • The Ugly Duckling |

... and many others! Fairy tale spinoffs, such as *The Big Bad Wolf and the Three Little Pigs* are also fun to read.

Non-fiction Topics

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| • Solar system | • Dinosaurs | • Holidays |
| • Insects | • Jokes and riddles | • Animals |

How to Raise Readers

- ☺ Raising good readers takes time, not money.
- ☺ Take advantage of your local library's story hours, books, and summer programs.
- ☺ Find books on topics that interest your children.
- ☺ Don't stop with books. There are wonderful children's magazines available.
- ☺ Give your children plenty of opportunities to read.
- ☺ Establish quiet times and places at home for reading.
- ☺ Teach by example, READ yourself.
- ☺ Even if your children are proficient and eager readers, keep reading to them.
- ☺ Read to your children at a very early age.
- ☺ **Children who read or are read to, succeed!**