

# Summer Reading FAQ's

1. What's the goal?
  - to enjoy reading this summer
  - to return to school ready to read
  - to keep your reading "muscle" fit
  - to take AR tests on at least 5 books at your level
2. What's the best way to reach my goal?
  - READ EVERY DAY!
  - Have a reading plan. Choose a time of day that works best for you and your family.
  - Choose reading material that you want to read for 30 minutes or more at a sitting.
3. What books should I read?
  - Read books you like!
  - Read books you are able to read fluently on your own.
  - Remember, if you "stumble" over more than five words on a page, you should choose a different book. If you really want to read this book, enjoy it as a read-aloud with a parent, and discuss the tricky words and ideas.
  - A good guide in choosing books is the Accelerated Reader rating.
4. Do I have to read only "Accelerated Reader" books?
  - No! But...
  - You must come to school during the summer to take tests on at least 5 books.
  - Accelerated Reader helps you choose books to read independently. You can check the reading level of books at the website [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) which can be accessed through the Hill School library website.
  - Read magazines, graphic novels, and other genres if you want, but make sure to read for a sustained period of time every day! Build that muscle!



## Favorite Authors

Avi  
Judy Blume  
Betsy Byars  
Beverly Cleary  
Sharon Creech  
Roald Dahl  
Eoin Colfer  
Kate DiCamillo  
Eleanor Estes  
Sid Fleischman  
Jean Craighead George  
Adam Gidwitz  
Mary Downing Hahn  
James Howe  
Johanna Hurwitz  
Dick King-Smith  
Brian Jacques  
Catherine Jinks  
C.S. Lewis  
Kenneth Oppel  
Gary Paulsen  
Robert Newton Peck  
Tamora Pierce  
Rick Riordan  
Louis Sachar  
Bill Wallace  
Laura Ingalls Wilder

## Favorite Series

*A to Z Mysteries* by Ron Roy (3.0-4.1)  
*Animorphs* by KA Applegate (3.3-4.9)  
*Catwings* by Ursula Le Guin (3.7-4.3)  
*Childhood of Famous Americans* (3.4-6.7)  
*Dragons* (4.1-5.2) by Chris d'Lacey  
*Dragon Keepers* by Kate Klimo (4.1-5.3)  
*Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins (4.7-5.0)  
*Hardy Boys* by Franklin W. Dixon  
*Julia Gillian* by Alison McGhee (5.2-5.3)  
*The Littles* (3.3-3.6)  
*Little Wolf* by Ian Whybrow (3.9-4.4)  
*Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* by Betty MacDonald (4.9-5.5)  
*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett (4.6-5.6)  
*My Weird School* by Dan Gutman (3.3-4.4)  
*Nancy Drew* by Carolyn Keene  
*Percy Jackson and the Olympians* by Rick Riordan  
(4.1-6.7)  
*Pony Pals* (3.1-4.2)  
*Redwall* (5.0-6.3) by Brian Jacques  
*Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snicket  
(6.2-7.4)\*  
*Sisters Grimm* by Michael Buckley (4.8-5.3)  
*Spiderwick* by Tony DiTerlizzi (3.9-8.1)  
*Troll Fell* by Katherine Langrich (4.3-4.5)  
*Warriors and Seekers* by Erin Hunter  
*Who Was ... (Biographies)* by various authors (4.1-6.1)  
\* Rating inflated due to difficult vocabulary.  
Words are defined in the text.

## Great Books to Read Aloud that you may have missed

*Abel's Island* by William Steig (5.9)  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (5.4)  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls (4.7)  
*The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien (6.6)  
*Chronicles of Prydain* series by Lloyd Alexander  
(5.2-6.2)  
*Any book with rich language that is too advanced  
for your child to read independently,  
including classics you enjoyed as a child!*

Recommended  
Reads  
for  
4th  
Rising  
Graders

Summer Reading is...  
For fun...  
For learning...  
For challenging yourself.  
Choose great books from  
throughout your own range!