



Building Knowledge and Character

3rd-4th Grade Reading List

*Third and fourth graders may select books from the following list, as well as books from the 5th-6th Grade Reading List.

English/Language Arts

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Ahlberg, Janet & Allan	The Bear Nobody Wanted		
Alexander, Lloyd	The Arkadians	780	5.4
	The Beggar Queen	670	5.3
	The Black Cauldron	760	5.2
	The Book of Three	770	5.3
	The Castle of Llyr	790	5.4
	The Cat Who Wanted to Be a Man	670	5
	The Foundling	870	5.9
	The High King	900	6.1
	The Iron Ring	680	4.8
	The Kestral	710	5.2
	Taran Wanderer	870	6.2
	Time Cat: The Remarkable Journeys of Jason	660	4.7
	Westmark	690	5.3
Andersen, Hans Christian	The Little Mermaid: The Original Story		
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	910	5.6
Banks, Lynne Reid	The Adventures of King Midas		
	The Indian in the Cupboard	780	4.6
	The Mystery of the Cupboard	770	4.9
	The Return of the Indian	740	4.6
	The Secret of the Indian	870	5.2
Baum, L. Frank	Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz	1020	7.4
	The Emerald City of Oz	990	7.5
	Little Wizard Stories of Oz		6.9
	The Magic of Oz	1110	7.3
	The Marvelous Land of Oz		8
	Ozma of Oz	1070	7.4
	The Patchwork Girl of Oz		7.2
	The Road to Oz		7.2
	The Scarecrow of Oz		7.4
	Tik-Tok of Oz		7.9
	The Tin Woodman of Oz		7.6
	The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	1000	7
Barrie, J. M.	Peter Pan: The Complete and Unabridged Text	920	7.2
Barrows, Annie	Ivy & Bean Book 1	580	



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	Lewis Carroll Through the Looking Glass		7.6
Cleary, Beverly	Henry Huggins Muggie Maggie	670 810	
Cohlene, Terri	Turquoise Boy	680	
Collodi, Carlo	Pinocchio		5.3
Cooper, Susan	The Dark is Rising Greenwich The Grey King Over Sea, Under Stone Silver on the Tree	920 830 930 830 900	6.2 5.3 6.2 5.4 6
Dahl, Roald (any)	The BFG Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator Danny, the Champion of the World The Enormous Crocodile Esio Trot Fantastic Mr. Fox George's Marvelous Medicine The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me James and the Giant Peach The Magic Finger Matilda The Minpins The Missing Golden Ticket and Other Splendiferous Secrets The Twits The Vicar of Nibblewick The Witches	720 810 720 770 410 740 600 640 840 870 450 840 720 6 750 980 740	4.8 4.8 4.4 4.7 4 4.4 4.1 4 4.7 4.8 3.1 5 5.1 4.4 5.9 4.7
Dalgliesh, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	610	3.9
De Aneli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall	990	6.2
De la Mare, Walter	The Lord Fish		
de Saint-Exupéry	The Little Prince	710	5
DeJong, Meindert	The House of Sixty Fathers Hurry Home Candy Shadrach The Singing Hill The Wheel on the School	820 750 710 820	5.5 5 4.9 5.5
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn Dixie Tales of Despereaux	670 670	
Estes, Elenor	The Hundred Dresses The Middle Moffat The Moffats The Moffat Museum	870 650 800 700	5.4 4.6 5.2 5



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	Pinky Pye Rufus M. The Witch Family	890 710	5.9 5.2 5.4
Farley, Walter (any)	The Black Stallion The Black Stallion's Blood Bay Colt The Black Stallion Challenged The Black Stallion's Courage The Black Stallion and Flame The Black Stallion's Filly The Black Stallion's Ghost The Black Stallion and the Girl The Black Stallion Mystery The Black Stallion Returns The Black Stallion Revolts The Black Stallion and Satan The Black Stallion's Sulky Colt The Island Stallion The Island Stallion's Fury The Island Stallion Races Man o' War The Son of the Black Stallion The Young Black Stallion	680 870 800 860 920 810 900 890 830 850 770 820 870 880 880 930	5.2 6 5.6 5.8 6.4 5.8 6.6 5.5 5.5 6.1 5.3 5.4 5.2 5.8 5.5 5.8 6.1 6.7
Fink, Sam	The Declaration of Independence		
Fitzhugh, Louise	Harriet the Spy	760	
Fleischman, Sid	The Whipping Boy	570	
Frasier, Debra	Miss Alaineus	690	
Freedman, Russell	Give Me Liberty!		
Fritz, Jean	Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May?	1000	
Gannett, Ruth Stiles	The Dragons of Blueland Elmer and the Dragon My Father's Dragon	810 800 990	4.9 4.6 5.6
Gardiner, John Reynolds	Stone Fox	610	
George, Jean Craighead	Julie of the Wolves My Side of the Mountain On the Far Side of the Mountain	860 810 760	5.8 5.2 4.5
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller Savage Sam	910 940	5 5.7
Grahame, Kenneth	The Reluctant Dragon	1070	6.5
Gelprin, Mark	The City in Winter The Veil of Snows		
Hermes, Patricia	Our Strange New Land, Elizabeth's Jamestown Colony Diary Season of Promise The Starving Time	350 430 360	
Hoog, Mark	Dream Machine		



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	Field of Dreams The Gift Magic Mountain Treasure Island Your Song		
Howe, James	Bunnicula	700	
Hunt, Irene	Trail of Apple Blossoms		
Jacques, Brian (any)	The Angel's Command The Bellmaker Castaway of the Flying Dutchman Eulalia The Legend of Luke High Rhulain Loamhedge The Long Patrol Lord Backtree Mariel of Redwall Marlfox Martin the Warrior Mattimeo Mossflower Outcast of Redwall Pearls of Lutra Rakkety Tam Redwall Salamandastron Taggerung Triss	770 900 770 6 960 840 980 820 900 920 890 820 600 1010 980 950 800 890 770 850	5.2 5.7 5.4 5.5 5.7 5.5 6 5.3 6 5.5 5.7 5.5 5.5 5.2 5.1 6.3 6.1 5.5 5.6 5.7 5.2 5.8
Jansson, Tove (any)	Comet in the Moominland Finn Family Moomintroll Moominpappa at Sea Moominland Midwinter Moominpappa's Memoirs Moominsummer Madness Moominvalley in November The Summer Book The True Deceiver Tales from Moominvalley The Book About Moomin, Mymble, and Little My	740	5.4 5.2 5.6
Juster, Norton	The Phantom Tollbooth	1000	6.7
Kipling, Rudyard	Just So Stories Rikki-tikki-tavi	1060 810	6.4 4.4
Kjelgaard, Jim (any)	Big Red Irish Red Snow Dog	910 1080	5.6 7.4



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	Stormy	1030	6.9
L'Engle, Madeleine (any)	An Acceptable Time A Swiftly Tilting Planet A Wind in the Door A Wrinkle in Time Many Waters	710 850 790 740 700	4.5 5.2 5 4.7 4.7
Langley, Andrew	You Wouldn't Want to Be a Viking Explorer!	840	
Lawson, Robert	Ben and Me The Great Wheel Rabbit Hill	1010 990 1050	6.9 6.4
Lenski, Lois	Indian Captive Judy's Journey Strawberry Girl We Live in the Country	800 650	5.4 4.8
Levine, Gail Carson	Ella Enchanted	670	
Lewis, C.S.	The Horse and His Boy The Last Battle The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe The Magician's Nephew Prince Caspian The Silver Chair The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	970 890 940 970 870 840 970	5.8 5.6 5.7 5.4 5.7 5.7 5.9
Lindgren, Astrid	Pippi Longstocking	870	
London, Jack	Call of the Wild	1110	
Lofting, Hugh	The Story of Dr. Dolittle The Voyages of Dr. Dolittle	580 860	5.7
MacDonald, Fiona	You Wouldn't Want to Be a Crusader!	850	
MacDonald, George	The Golden Key The Light Princess	870 880	5.3 6.3
MacLachlan, Patricia	Cassie Binegar The Facts and Fiction of Minna Pratt Sarah, Plain and Tall	700 650 560	4.3 5.7
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Moby Dick or The White Whale		
McCloskey, Robert	Homer Price	1000	6.6
Montgomery, L. M. (any)	Anne of Avonlea Anne of Green Gables Anne's House of Dreams Anne of Ingleside Anne of the Island Anne of Windy Poplars Chronicles of Avonlea Rainbow Valley Rilla of Ingleside The Road to Yesterday	1020 990 930 940 910 940 980 1030 800	8.6 7.3 6.1 6 6.3 5.9 7.6 7.9



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Morey, Walt	Gentle Ben Kavik the Wolf Dog Scrub Dog of Alaska Year of the Black Pony	740 740 700	4.8 4.9 4.4
Mulock, Dinah Marie	The Little Lame Prince		
Myers, Christopher	Black Cat		
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds	Shiloh	780	
Nesbit, E.	The Deliverers of Their Country Long Ago When I Was Young Melisande		5.1
Norton, Mary	Bedknobs and Broomsticks The Borrowers The Borrowers Afield The Borrowers Afloat The Borrowers Avenged	750 780 910 850 770	4.8 5.3 6.4 6 5.3
North, Sterling	Rascal		7.1
O'Brien, Robert	Mrs. Frisby and Rats of NIMH The Secret of NIMH	790 780	5.1 5.1
Peck, Robert Newton	The Day No Pigs Would Die	690	4.4
Piven, Hanoch	What Presidents are Made Of	980	
Porter, Elanor	Pollyanna Pollyanna Grows Up	870	5.2 6.7
Peterson, John	The Littles book 1	590	
Prelutsky, Jack	The New Kid on the Block		
Rawls, Wilson	Summer of the Monkeys Where the Red Fern Grows	810 700	4.8 4.9
Rockwell, Thomas	How to eat Fried Worms	560	
Roop, Peter & Connie	Sojourner Truth	690	
Sachar, Louis	Holes Sideways Stories from Wayside School	660 460	
Salten, Felix	Bambi	700	4.9
Selden, George	The Cricket in Times Square Harry Cat's Pet Puppy The Old Meadow Tucker's Countryside	780 750	4.9 4.8 4.6 4.9
Seredy, Kate	The Good Master The Singing Tree The White Stag The Wonderful Year	640 770 1020	4.4 5 6.6
Steig, William	Abel's Island	920	5.9
Street, Pat	There's a Frog in My Throat!		
Travers, P. L.	Mary Poppins Mary Poppins Comes Back Mary Poppins Opens the Door	830	6.1 5.2 5.1



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	Mary Poppins in the Park		4.8
Verne, Jules	The Adventures of the Rat Family		
Warne, Gertrude Chandler	The Boxcar Children book 1	580	
White, E. B.	Charlotte's Web Stuart Little The Trumpet of the Swan	680 920 750	4.4 6 4.9
Wilde, Oscar	Stories for Children		
Wilder, Laura Ingalls (any)	By the Shores of Silver Lake Farmer Boy The First Four Years Little House in the Big Woods Little House on the Prairie Little Town on the Prairie The Long Winter On the Banks of Plum Creek These Happy Golden Years	820 820 1030 930 760 850 790 720 840	5.3 5.2 5.8 5.3 4.9 5.4 5.3 4.6 5.6
Winthrop, Elizabeth	The Castle in the Attic	750	4.9

History & Geography

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Adler, David	Heroes of the Revolution	890	
Bial, Raymond	Missions and Presidios		
Boyce, Natalie Pope	Ancient Rome and Pompeii	750	
Bruchac, Joseph	Many Nations	580	
Bulla, Clyde Robert	Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims		
Freedman, Russell	The Adventures of Marco Polo Confucius	1270 1080	
Fritz, Jean	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?	830 800	
Giblin, James Cross	George Washington	630	
Gross, Ruth Belov	If You Grew Up With George Washington	680	
January, Brendan	Colonial Life	770	
Kent, Deborah	African Americans in the Thirteen Colonies	990	
McGovern, Ann	The Secret Soldier	590	
Miller, Jay	American Indian Families American Indian Festivals American Indian Foods American Indian Games	760 700 880 770	
San Souci, Robert	N.C. Wyeth's Pilgrims	1030	



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Stemple, Heidi E. Y.	Roanoke: The Lost Colony	850	
Sullivan, George	Paul Revere	740	
Venezia, Mike	Andrew Jackson James Madison James Monroe John Adams John Quincy Adams Thomas Jefferson	620 980 1120 1130 1040	

Mathematics

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Burns, Marilyn	The Greedy Triangle	580	
Geisert, Arthur	Roman Numerals I to MM	570	
Neuschwander, Cindy	Sir Cumference and the Sword in the Cone	630	
Pinczes, Elinor J.	One Hundred Angry Ants	650	
Schwartz, David	Millions to Measure	470	
Tang, Greg	The Best of Times The Grapes of Math Math-terpieces	130	

Music

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Venezia, Mike	Aaron Copland George Gershwin George Handel John Philip Sousa Peter Tchaikovsky	930 830 920 890 970	

Science

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Avison, Brigid	I Wonder Why I Blink	800	
Baker, Lucy	Life in the Rainforests	980	
Berger, Melvin	Sound, Heat & Light: Energy at Work A Whale Is Not a Fish Why Do Volcanoes Blow Their Tops?	360 650 750	
Brimner, Larry Dane	Geysers		
Capeci, Anne	Food Chain Frenzy	610	
Cole, Joanna	The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field trip	490	
Davis, Gary W.	Coral Reef		



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Davis, Wendy	City Park	840	
Donald, Rhonda Lucas	Air Pollution The Ozone Layer Recycling Water Pollution	890 960 960 940	
Firth, Rachel	Astronomy First Encyclopedia of Science		
Forman, Michael H.	Arctic Tundra		
Gibbons, Gail	Galaxies, Galaxies! Stargazers Tell Me, Tree	880 640 580	
Goldstone, Bruce	Great Estimations		
Lassieur, Allison	The Moon The Sun		
Lauber, Patricia	Volcanoes and Earthquakes	840	
Leedy, Loreen	Postcards from Pluto	490	
MacLeod, Elizabeth	Alexander Graham Bell	890	
Markle, Sandra	Build a Room Alarm	880	
Murphy, Patricia J.	Hearing Sight	830 620	
Nelson, Sharlene & Ted	Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Movement	820	
Nunn, Laura Silverstein	Cuts, Scrapes, Scabs, and Scars		
Riley, Peter	Electricity Light and Color	890 910	
Rogers, Kirsteen (et al)	Light, Sound, and Electricity		
Simon, Seymour	Muscles	1030	
Squire, Ann	Rocks and Minerals	990	
Stangl, Jean	What Makes You Cough, Sneeze, Burp, Hiccup, Blink, Yawn, Sweat, and Shiver?	890	
Stewart, Melissa	Amphibians Birds Fishes Mammals A Place For Butterflies Reptiles	870 980 810	
Stille, Darlene R.	The Circulatory System The Respiratory System	760 750	
Sullivan, George	Thomas Edison	670	
Tocci, Salvatore	Aluminum Copper Experiments With Electricity Experiments With Rocks and Minerals Experiments With Solids, Liquids, and Gases Experiments With the Sun and Moon	690 710 680 690	



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	Gold Iron Oxygen	1130	
Trueit, Trudi Strain	Earthquakes Volcanoes	1190 1160	
Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth	Recycle Every Day!		
Wick, Walter	A Drop of Water	870	

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile	AR
Nardo, Don	Roman Amphitheaters	1010	
Ringgold, Faith	Tar Beach	790	
Venezia, Mike	Johannes Vermeer Mary Cassatt	940	