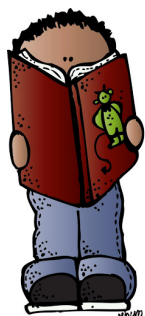


# Mrs. Leahy's Reading Tips



Make the most of the lazy, hazy days of summer by grabbing a good book and get lost in a whole new world or point of view! But remember, one person's opinion of a good book may not be your idea of a great read. Never fear, just follow the three reading tips I've listed below and you'll be sure to find a book that is "Just Right" for you!

- I. The Five Finger Method - read any page of a book that interests you. If there are five words you can't pronounce, or whose meaning you do not know, this book is not for you. You want a fun and interesting read not a "let me stop every five minutes to figure out what I'm reading" read!



- II. The "Window Shopping" Method - Read the front and back covers of a book along with the first couple of pages to see if your "sold" on the read!

- III. The Top Twenty Method - If a book doesn't interest you after reading 20 pages, don't force yourself to continue reading it because it will probably just put you to sleep! You can always pick it up another time. Remember, as you grow, your interests change and you become stronger. That goes for reading, too!

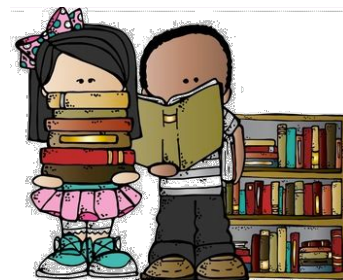


Now, turn the page and I'm sure you will find some books that might spice up your summer reading!





# Mrs. Leahy's Pre-K & Kindergarten Reading List



## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Countdown to Kindergarten by Alison McGhee  
Go Away, Big Green Monster! By Ed Emberley  
How I Became a Pirate by Melinda Long  
I Went Walking by Sue Williams  
I Like Me! By Nancy Carlson  
If Chocolate Were Purple by Jen Barton  
Little Tree by Loren Long  
Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson  
Mama Do You Love Me? By Barbara M. Joosse  
Monster Trouble by Lane Fredrickson  
My Busy Week by Lovey Sweetpie  
No, David! by David Shannon  
Planet Kindergarten! By Sue Ganz-Schmitt  
Owen by Kevin Henkes  
School Bus by Donald Crews  
Shark Detective by Jessica Olien  
The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach  
The Box Turtle by Vanessa Roeder  
The Hike by Alison Farrell  
The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn  
They All Saw a Cat by Brendan Wenzel  
Tiny T. Rex and the Impossible Hug by Jonathan Stutzman  
Tiny T. Rex and the Very Dark by Jonathan Stutzman  
Waiting by Kevin Henkes  
When I Build with Blocks by Niki Alling

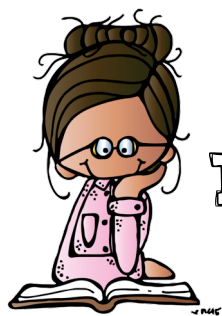
## **Suggested Book Series:**

Biscuit Book Series by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
Curious George Book Series by Margret Rey  
Elephant & Piggie Book Series by Mo Willems  
Froggy Book Series by Jonathan London  
Splat the Cat Book Series by Rob Scotton

## **Suggested Learning To Read Series:**

Hello Reader! Books,  
I Can Read Books, Puffin Easy-to-Read Books,  
Step Into Reading Levels 1-4

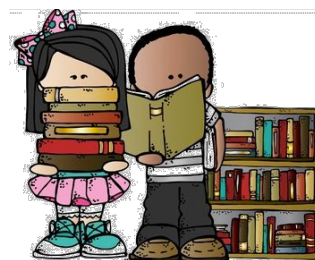




# Mrs. Leahy's First Grade Reading List

## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Alphabet City by Steven Johnson  
A Pirate's Guide to First Grade by James Preller  
A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker  
An Alligator Ate My Brother by Mary Olson  
Bats at the Library by Brian Lies  
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes  
Chu's First Day of School by Neil Gaiman  
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert  
Dino-Soccer by Lisa Wheeler  
Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard  
Grandma and the Pirate by David Lloyd  
Grandma in Blue with Red Hat by Scott Menchin  
Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus  
Lexie the Word Wrangler by Rebecca Van Slyke  
Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk  
No Dogs Allowed by Sonia Manzano  
Ruby the Copycat by Peggy Rathmann  
Swimmy by Leo Lionni  
Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens



## **Suggested Picture Book Series:**

Angelina Ballerina Book Series by Katherine Holabird  
Bad Kitty Book Series by Nick Bruel  
Franklin Book Series by Paulette Bourgeois  
Monkey & Robot Book Series by Peter Catalanotto  
Olivia Book Series by Ian Falconer  
Pigeon Book Series by Mo Willems  
Rocket Book Series by Tad Hills



## **Suggested Chapter Book Series:**

Flat Stanley Book Series by Jeff Brown  
Henry & Mudge Book Series by Cynthia Rylant  
Mr. Putter and Tabby Book Series by Cynthia Rylant  
Nate the Great Book Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
Poppleton Book Series by Cynthia Rylant  
Young Cam Jansen Book Series by David Adler

## **Authors with Varied Early Learning Themes and Interest Levels:**

Author: Aliko provides a variety of Science Based Themes  
Author: Eric Carle provides a variety of Science Based Themes  
Author: Tana Hoban provides a variety of Visual & Spatial Based Themes



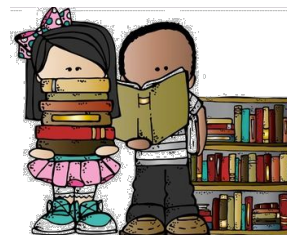




# Mrs. Leahy's Second Grade Reading List

## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Abuela by Arthur Dorros  
All The Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka  
Birthdays Around the World by Margiet Ruurs  
Because by Mo Willems  
Butterfly Boy by Virginia L. Kroll  
Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School by Mark Teague  
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin  
Fall is not Easy by Marty Kelley  
Fred Stays with Me! By Nancy Coffelt  
Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall  
I Don't Like Snakes by Nicola Davies  
Kidnap at the Catfish Café by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Late for School by Steve Martin  
Mother Bruce by Ryan T. Higgins  
Nerdy Birdy by Aaron Reynolds  
Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathman  
Rabbi Benjamin's Buttons by Alice B. McGinty  
Spaghetti Eddie by Ryan SanAngelo  
The Book With No Pictures by B.J. Novak  
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz  
The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster  
The Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes by Mark Pett  
Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie  
Trevor's Wiggly Wobbly Tooth by Lester L. Laminack  
Written and Drawn by Henrietta by Liniers



## **Suggested Picture Book Series:**

Arthur Book Series by Marc Brown  
Buddy and Earl Book Series by Maureen Fergus  
Fly Guy Presents Book Series by Tedd Arnold  
Magic School Bus Book Series by Joanna Cole

## **Suggested Chapter Book Series:**

Cam Jansen Book Series by David A. Adler  
Dory Fantasmagory Book Series by Abby Hanlon  
Dragon Masters Book Series by Tracey West  
Ivy & Bean Book Series by Annie Barrows  
Jigsaw Jones Book Series by James Preller  
Kung Pow Chicken Book Series by Cyndi Marko  
Nancy Clancy Book Series by Jane O'Connor  
Pee Wee Scouts Book Series by Judy Delton  
Puppy Patrol Book Series Jenny Dale

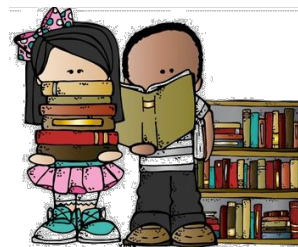




# Mrs. Leahy's Third Grade Reading List

## Picture Books:

Birthdays Around the World Mary D. Lankford  
Late for School by Steve Martin  
Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty  
The Boy Who Swallowed a Rainbow by Trevor Romain  
The Boy Who Thought He Was A Teddy Bear by Jeanne Willis  
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson  
The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig  
The Legend of Dust Bunnies, a Fairy's Tale by Michelle Eastman  
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi  
The Paper Kingdom by Helena Ku Rhee  
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka  
The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds  
Thesaurus Rex by Laya Steinberg



## Suggested Chapter Books:

Felita by Nicholasa Mohr  
Grace's Letter to Lincoln by Peter and Connie Roop  
How to be Cool in Third Grade by Betsey Duffey  
I Was a Third Grade Spy by Mary Jane Auch  
Sidewalk Story by Sharon Bell Mathis  
The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates by Susan Schreve  
Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli  
Wish by Barbara O'Connor

## Suggested Chapter Book Series:

A-Z Mysteries Book Series by Ron Roy  
Calendar Mysteries Book Series by Ron Roy  
Capital Mysteries Book Series by Ron Roy  
Dragon Slayer Academy Book Series by Kate McMullan  
Judy Moody Books Series by Megan McDonald  
Magic Tree House Book Series by Mary Pope Osborne  
Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Book Series by Carolyn Keene  
Owl Diaries Book Series by Rebecca Elliot  
Princess in Black Book Series by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale  
The Adam Joshua Capers Book Series by Janice Lee Smith  
The Buddy Files Mystery Books Series by Dori Hillestad Butler  
Third Grade Detectives Books Series by George Edward Stanley  
What Should Danny Do? The Power to Choose Book Series by Adir Levy

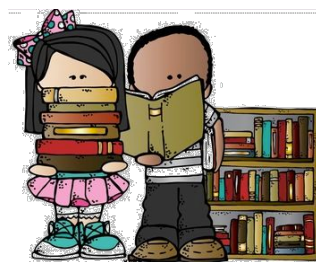




# Mrs. Leahy's Fourth Grade Reading List

## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal  
Big Moon Tortilla by Joy Cowley  
Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio  
Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine  
I'm Trying to Love Math by Bethany Barton  
Imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera  
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell Brown  
Math Attack! By Joan Horton  
Mr. Ferris and his Wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis  
Sybil's Night Ride by Karen B. Winnick  
The Bell Rang by James E. Ransome  
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson



## **Suggested Chapter Books:**

Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes  
Firefly Hollow by Alison McGhee  
Front Desk by Kelly Yang  
Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Julie Sternberg  
Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake by Julie Sternberg  
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie by Julie Sternberg  
Just My Luck by Cammie McGovern  
Mighty Jack by Ben Hatke  
Mighty Jack and the Goblin King by Ben Hatke  
Moo by Sharon Creech  
Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins  
Sanity and Tallulah by Molly Brooks  
Step up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami  
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson  
The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

## **Suggested Chapter Book Series:**

Book Scavenger Book Series by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman  
The Cilla Lee-Jenkins Book Series by Susan Tan  
Fantastic Frame Book Series by Lin Oliver  
Ghostville Elementary Book Series by Debbie Dadey & Marcia T. Jones  
Guys Read Book Series by John Scieszka  
Jake the Fake Book Series by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach  
Maximum Boy Series Dan Greenburg  
Mostly Ghostly & Nightmare Room Book Series R.L Stine  
Myth-o-Mania Book Series by Kate McMullan  
Pumpkin Falls Mysteries Book Series by Heather Vogel Fredrick  
Secrets of Droon Book Series by Tony Abbott



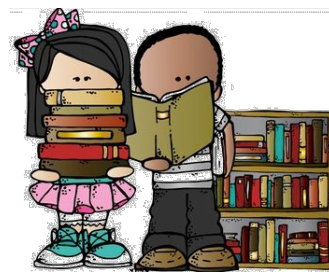




# Mrs. Leahy's Fifth Grade Reading List

## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki  
Love by Matt De La Pena  
Me and Jane by Patrick McDonnell  
Undeclared by Kwame Alexander



## **Suggested Chapter Books:**

Amina's Voice by Hena Khan  
Belle Teal by Ann M. Martin  
Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord  
Code 7:Cracking the Code for an Epic Life by Bryan R. Johnson  
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate  
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan  
Junebug and the Reverend by Alice Mead  
Jack on the Tracks-Four Seasons of Fifth Grade by Jack Gantos  
Just Juice by Karen Hesse  
Just Like Jackie by Lindsey Stoddard  
My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian by Elizabeth Levy  
Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy by Karen Foxlee  
Pax by Sara Pennypacker  
Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin  
Regarding the Fountain by Kate Klise  
The Diary of Chickabiddy Baby by Emma Kallok  
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate  
The Someday Birds by Sally J. Pla  
The War I Finally Won by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

## **Suggested Chapter Book Series:**

Fable Haven Book Series by Brandon Mull  
Hank Zipper Book Series by Henry Winkler and Oliver Lin  
I Survived Book Series by Lauren Tarshis  
Joey Pigza Book Series Jack Gantos  
Keeper of the Lost Cities Book Series by Shannon Messenger  
Mr. Lemoncello's Library Book Series by Chris Grabenstein  
The Land of Stories Book Series by Chris Colfer  
The (Fairly) True Tales Book Series by Liesl Shurtliff  
Time Warp Trio Book Series by Jon Scieszka  
The Jumbies Book Series by Tracey Baptiste  
The Last Kids on Earth Book Series by Max Brallier  
The Secret Zoo Book Series by Bryan Chic  
The City of Ember Book Series by Jeanne DuPrau





# Mrs. Leahy's Sixth Grade Reading List



## **Suggested Picture Books:**

Ballerina Dreams: From Orphan to Dancer by Michaela DePrince, Elaine DePrince  
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales  
The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad  
The Man Who Walked Between Two Towers by Mordicai Gerstein  
All Different Now: Juneteenth, the first Day of Freedom by Angela Johnson  
Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai  
On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne

## **Suggested Chapter Books:**

A Boy at War-A Novel of Pearl Harbor by Harry Mazer  
Afternoon of the Elves by Janet Lisle Taylor  
Al Capone Does My Shirts: A Tale from Alcatraz by Gennifer Choldenko  
Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk  
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia  
Hello Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly  
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai  
Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin  
Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis  
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai  
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia  
Orphan Island by Laurel Synder  
Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper  
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff  
Slump by Dave Jarzyna  
Soledad Sighs by Rigoberto Gonzalez  
Something Upstairs by Avi  
Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan  
Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster by Jonathan Auxier  
Swing Sideways by Nancy Turner Stevenson  
The Barn Burner by Patricia Willis  
The Ethan I Was Before by Ali Standish  
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin  
The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss  
The View from Saturday by E.L. Konisburg  
Under the Blood Red Sun by Graham Salisbury  
Wishtree by Katherine Applegate  
Words of Stone by Kevin Henkes

## **Suggested Chapter Book Series:**

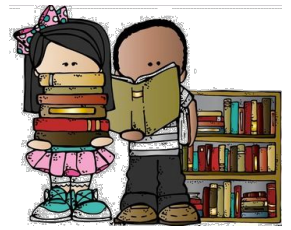
Help! I'm Trapped in Book Series by Todd Strasser  
Sammy Keyes Book Series by Wendelin Van Draanen  
Spell Casters Book Series Holly Warriner  
Chinatown Mystery Book Series Laurence Yep







# Mrs. Leahy's Additional Reading List & Suggestions



## Suggested Classics:

*Due to the fact that these may be difficult reads, they are best when read aloud.  
Also, obtaining them within the Classics for Young People Series may be a more sustainable option.*

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum  
The Little Lame Prince by Dinah Maria Craik  
The Secret Garden by Frances Burnett  
Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving  
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving  
The Call of the Wild by Jack London  
Anne of Greene Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery  
Treasure Island by Robert by Louis Stevenson  
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain  
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm by Kate Douglas Wiggin



## Suggested Multi-Level Series and Anthologies with Interest Levels from K-6:

Discovery Kids Dorling Kindersley Readers Eyewitness Readers Zoobooks	The Book of Monsters Retold by Fran Parnell The Book of Pirates Retold by Richard Walker The Book of Princesses Retold by Caitlin Matthews
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## A Few Picture Book/Chapter Book Authors Who Appeal to a Wide Range of Ages:

Chapter Book Authors:		Picture Book Authors:	
Natalie Babbitt Judy Blume Matt Christopher Beverly Cleary Andrew Clements Sharon Creech Kate DiCamillo	Karen Hesse Jake Maddox Mary Pope Osborne Barbara Park Katherine Paterson Louis Sachar Jerry Spinelli	Eve Bunting* Joanna Cole* Mem Fox Kevin Henkes* Oliver Jeffers Patricia Polacco Chris Raschka	Eileen Spinelli* Chris Van Allsburg Judith Viorst Audrey & Don Wood Jacqueline Woodson* Charlotte Zolotow

\*Authors who write both Picture Books and Chapter Books

