Sylvan Learning Recommended Summer Reading List

Grades K-2

Sports
- *Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team*, By Audrey Vernick
- *Clorinda Plays Baseball!,* By Robert Kinerk
- *Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball*, By David A. Adler

Adventure
- *Transformers Dark of the Moon: Optimus Prime’s Friends and Foes*, By Kirsten Mayer
- *Where the Wild Things Are*, By Maurice Sendak

Education
- *My Book about Me*, By Dr. Seuss, Roy McKie
- *Book Fiesta!: Celebrate Children’s Day/Book Day—Celebramos El día de los niños/El día de los libros: A Bilingual Picture Book*, By Pat Mora
- *Marco Goes to School*, By Roz Chast

Innovators
- *Goodnight iPad: A Parody for the Next Generation*, By Ann Droyd
- *My First Human Body Book*, By Patricia J. Wynne
- *Disney Pixar Storybook Collections*, By Annie Auerbach
- *Planting a Rainbow*, By Lois Ehlert

Arts
- *Sign Language: My First 100 Words*, By Michiyo Nelson
- *Where on Earth?*, By Dorling Kindersley Publishing Staff
- *Here’s a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry*, By Jane Yolen, Andrew Fusek Peters
- *Press Here*, By Hervé Tullet
- *Opuestos: Mexican Folk Art Opposites in English and Spanish*, By Cynthia Weill
- *Mousterpiece*, By Jane Breskin Zalben

History
- *Looking at Lincoln*, By Maira Kalman
- *Electric Ben: The Amazing Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin*, By Robert Byrd
- *Helen’s Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*, By Doreen Rappaport

Movies
- *The Man in the Moon (Guardians of Childhood)*, By William Joyce
- *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*, By Judi Barrett
- *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa: The Junior Novel*, By J.E. Bright
Grades 3-5

Sports
- *Sports Illustrated Kids 1st and 10: Top 10 Lists of Everything in Football*, By Sports Illustrated for Kids
- *The Everything Kids' Soccer Book: Rules, techniques, and more about your favorite sport!*, By Deborah W. Crisfield
- *Extreme Sports*, By John Crossingham, Bobbie Kalman
- *Combat Sports*, By Clive Gifford
- *A Nation's Hope: The Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis*, By Matt de la Peña
- *Hothead*, By Cal Ripken Jr., Kevin Cowherd

Adventure
- *Camp Out!: The Ultimate Kids’ Guide*, By Lynn Brunelle
- *Adventurers: 20th Century Lives*, By Jane Bingham
- *How to Be a Spy Kid*, By Kate Egan
- *The Mostly True Adventures Of Homer P. Figg*, By Rodman Philbrick
- *How to be a Detective*, By Dan Waddell

Education
- *Ocean Sunlight: How Tiny Plants Feed the Seas*, By Molly Bang, Penny Chisholm
- *The Everything Kids’ Science Experiments Book: Boil Ice, Float Water, Measure Gravity—Challenge the World Around You!* (Everything Kids Series), By Tom Robinson

Innovators
- Profiles #3: Tech Titans, By Carla Killough McClafferty
- *The Kid Who Invented the Popsicle: And Other Surprising Stories About Inventions*, By Don L. Wulffson
- *Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future with 20 Projects*, By Kathy Ceceri
- *Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor*, By Emily Arnold McCully

Arts
- *13 Artists Children Should Know*, By Angela Wenzel
- *The Art of Healthy Eating – Kids*, By Maria Emmerich
- *An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers*, By Natasha Wing
- *Uh-oh, Leonardo!: The Adventures of Providence Traveler*, By Robert Sabuda

History
- *Car Science*, By Richard Hammond
- *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*, By Kathleen Krull
- *The Boston Tea Party*, By Russell Freedman
- *If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution*, By Kay Moore

Movies
- *How to Train Your Dragon*, By Cressida Cowell
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, By Jeff Kinney
- *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, By Richard Atwater, Florence Atwater
- *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, By C.S. Lewis
- *Harry Potter Literary Series*, By J.K. Rowling
Sports
- How Did I Get Here?: The Ascent of an Unlikely CEO, By Tony Hawk
- A History of Rugby, By Paul Morgan
- Sports Illustrated Kids 3D Sports Blast!, By David E. Klutho
- The Batboy, By Mike Lupica
- The Go-for-Gold Gymnasts: Balancing Act, By Dominique Moceanu, Alicia Thompson
- Mystery at the Olympics: Rush for the Gold, By John Feinstein
- Tangerine, By Edward Bloor

Adventure
- My Life as a Stuntboy, By Janet Tashjian, Jake Tashjian
- How to Take the Grrr Out of Anger, By Elizabeth Verdick, Marjorie Lisovskis
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, By Mark Twain
- The Jungle Books, By Rudyard Kipling
- My Side of the Mountain, By Jean Craighead George
- The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure, By Martin W. Sandler

Education
- A Smart Girl’s Guide to Starting Middle School, By Julie Williams Montalbano
- Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly, By Gail Carson Levine
- See You Later, Procrastinator! (Get It Done), By Pamela Espeland, Elizabeth Verdick
- Confucius: The Golden Rule, By Russell Freedman

Innovators
- Schooled, By Gordon Korman
- Where’s My Stuff?: The Ultimate Teen Organizing Guide, By Samantha Moss, Lesley Schwartz
- New Junior Cookbook, By Better Homes and Gardens
- Battlefield of the Mind for Teens: Winning the Battle in Your Mind, By Joyce Meyer
- Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure, By Jim Murphy, Alison Blank
- Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream, By Tanya Lee Stone
- Spilling Ink: A Young Writer’s Handbook, By Anne Mazer, Ellen Potter

Arts
- Independence Day Origami, By Ruth Owen
- Acting for Young Actors: The Ultimate Teen Guide, By Mary Lou Belli, Dinah Lenney
- Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes, By David Roessel, Arnold Ramperaad
- Chuck Close: Face Book, By Françoise Mouly
- Talking with Artists: Volume Two, By Pat Cummings
- The Secret Life of Logos: Behind the Design of 80 Great Logos, By Leslie Cabarga
- Wideness & Wonder: The Life and Art of Georgia O’Keeffe, By Susan Goldman Rubin

History
- Who Is Bill Gates? (Who was…?), By Patricia Brennan Demuth
- The History of Moviemaking: Animation and Live-Action, from Silent to Sound, Black-And-White to Color, By Sheila Keenan
- The 100: A Ranking Of The Most Influential Persons In History, By Michael H. Hart
- Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship, By Russell Freedman
- Iceberg, Right Ahead!: The Tragedy of the Titanic, By Stephanie Sammartino McPherson

Movies
- Eragon, By Christopher Paolini
- War Horse, By Michael Morpurgo
- The Hobbit, By J.R.R. Tolkien
- Holes, By Louis Sachar
- Tuck Everlasting, By Natalie Babbitt
- A Wrinkle in Time, By Madeleine L’Engle
Grades 9-12

Sports
- The Football Coaching Bible, By American Football Coaches Association
- Sports in American History: From Colonization to Globalization, By G. Gens, L. Borish, G. Pfister
- Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip, By Jordan Sonnenblick
- Muhammad Ali: His Life and Times, By Thomas Hauser
- The Final Four, By Paul Volponi
- Boy21, By Matthew Quick
- Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself, By Jennie Finch, Ann Killion
- Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long-Distance Swimmer, By Lynne Cox

Adventure
- Looking for Alaska, By John Green
- The Things They Carried, By Tim O'Brien
- Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster, By Jon Krakauer
- Peak, By Roland Smith

Education
- The Secrets of College Success, By Lynn F. Jacobs, Jeremy S. Hyman
- Speak, By Laurie Halse Anderson
- Do You! 12 Laws to Access the Power in You to Achieve Happiness and Success, By R. Simmons, C. Morrow
- Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us, By Michael Moss
- A Short History of Nearly Everything, By Bill Bryson
- How to Succeed in High School and Prep for College, By Phyllis Zimbler Miller, M.B.A.
- Hippocrates: Father of Medicine, By Herbert Goldberg

Innovators
- The Fault in Our Stars, By John Green
- Perfect, By Ellen Hopkins
- Never Fall Down, By Patricia McCormick
- The Victorian Internet: The Remarkable Story of the Telegraph and the Nineteenth Century’s On-line Pioneers, By Tom Standage
- The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind: Creating Current of Electricity and Hope, By W. Kamkwamba, B. Mealer
- The Book of Styling: An Insider’s Guide to Creating Your Own Look, By Somer Flaherty
- Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different, By Karen Blumenthal

Arts
- The Color Purple, By Alice Walker
- Broadway Musicals Show by Show, By Stanley Green and Cary Ginell
- How to Write a Movie in 21 Days: The Inner Movie Method, By Viki King
- Plot & Structure, By James Scott Bell
- Art Explained: The World’s Greatest Paintings Explored and Explained, By Robert Cumming
- Jane Austen: A Life Revealed, By Catherine Reef

History
- A Short History of the World, By H. G. Wells
- America the Beautiful: Rediscovering What Made This Nation Great, By Ben Carson, M.D.
- The Wave, By Todd Strasser
- The Book Thief, By Markus Zusak
- The Forgotten 500: The Untold Story of the Men Who Risked All for the Greatest Rescue Mission of World War II, By Gregory A. Freeman
- Ghost Soldiers: The Epic Account of World War II’s Greatest Rescue Mission, By Hampton Sides

Movies
- The Secret Life of Bees, By Sue Monk Kidd
- Where the Heart Is, By Billie Letts
- Life of Pi, By Yann Martel
- The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game, By Michael Lewis
- The Hunger Games, By Suzanne Collins