

# Your **LUCKY** Reader Now

Grades 2-3

June 2007

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## Editors' Picks of the Month

Look for these titles in your Lucky  
June Book Club flyer.

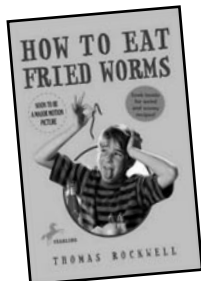
### How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell

#### Who it's for:

Readers who appreciate  
a good laugh

**Why we chose it:** When  
your child finishes the book,  
he can watch the movie.

**Parents say:** "A funny story  
we enjoy reading  
aloud together."



### Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why Commas Really Do Make a Difference!

by Lynne Truss

#### Who it's for:

Future grammarians and  
punctuation pros

#### Why we chose it:

Now kids can enjoy the  
made-for-adults #1  
bestseller!

#### Parents say:

"I'm so glad they made a  
children's version because this  
book is so helpful."



### Guinness World Records 2007

#### Who it's for:

Kids ready for new facts  
and fun tidbits

**Why we chose it:** Who  
doesn't like spouting  
off odd trivia in the  
summertime?

#### Parents say:

"Some of the stuff my son told me  
was so amazing, I looked it  
up too!"



## Keep Literacy Skills Sharp this Summer

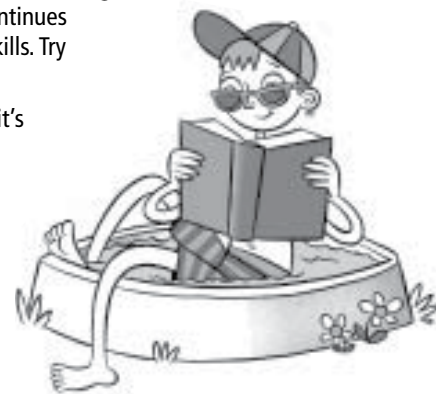
When school's out, it's important to provide plenty of learning opportunities at home to assure that your child continues developing vocabulary, plus reading and writing skills. Try these literacy-building tips:

• **Bring home irresistible material.** Whether it's another title in a favorite series, the newest comic book, or a hobby magazine, any kind of daily reading is good for your child's brain. The more interesting the subject is to him, the more likely he'll think that reading is natural and fun.

• **Play writing games together.** Save kids' crosswords, anagrams, or cryptograms from the newspaper. Pull them out during those "I'm bored!" moments, like rainy days or long car rides, for fun brain-stretching.

• **Pack a traveler's reading kit.** Before you go on vacation, give your child books about your destination, a map, and a writing journal in which he can keep track of the sites you visit or interesting things you do on the trip. He can add photographs, drawings, ticket stubs, and other paper mementos from the trip as well.

• **Turn off the TV.** Unplug at least one night a week and share other types of literacy-boosting entertainment — playing board games, telling stories, or simply reading together.



## Parent to Parent

My daughter doesn't like playing team sports but she loves reading about them and about famous athletes. Baseball biographies are great in the summer because we can go catch a game featuring a player she's read about!  
—Charlie P.

## Ask an Expert

**My child is a good reader in school, but will his ability slip if he doesn't keep it up during the summer months?**

Not if you challenge him to keep reading! Make it fun, and encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read throughout the day:

1. Morning: The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today's weather.
2. Daytime: Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your son likes the food channel, help him look for a recipe on the network's Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice.
3. Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading. Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him be more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.

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**Meet Our Expert:** Francie Alexander is a vice president at Scholastic, where her focus is on creating materials that help kids learn to read.

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# 15 Weeks of Fun in the Sun and Cool Reading Ideas

Keep your child's brain from melting with our Memorial Day to Labor Day activity guide.

## May 25-June 3

Catch the summer reading buzz with cool activities and must-read picks at <http://www.scholastic.com/summerreading/>.

## June 4-June 10

Plant a garden together. Find inspiration in books like *I'm a Seed and The Garden*.



## June 11-June 17

Celebrate our nation's symbols for Flag Day with *America the Beautiful: A Pop-Up Book* by Robert Sabuda.

## June 18-June 24

Make Dad a super-sized poster card for Father's Day with a list of things you love about him.

## June 25-July 1

Celebrate Superman's birthday on June 30. Make up a story about his latest adventure, or choose a comic book to read.

## July 2-July 8

Enjoy a week-long Independence Day celebration with great books about America. Ask your local librarian for top choices.

## July 9-July 15

Go outside and play catch, and then sit in the shade with a great biography, history, or fiction book. The All-Star game is this week, so make your pick baseball-themed.

## July 16-July 22

Get ready for Book 7 with a Potter party! The final book, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, is released on July 21.

## July 23-July 29

Send a letter to a relative. Begin with the line: "What I love about summertime..."

## July 30-August 5

Fly a kite! If you're motivated, get a do-it-yourself book and build the kite together.

## August 6-August 12

Throw a luau to commemorate the day Hawaii became part of the USA — August 12, 1898.

## August 13-August 19

If it's just too hot outside, mark your favorite funnies in a joke book and provide laughs for everyone indoors.

## August 20-August 26

Walk through a park with a nature guidebook and identify the creatures you see.

## August 27-September 2

Kick off Library Sign-Up Month this September by getting your own card and checking out the hottest fall books.

## September 3-September 9

Keep the summer fun alive with a journal. Draw pictures and write stories about favorite summer adventures!



## Find the Perfect Book for Your Child

If your child's school uses Guided Reading Levels (GRL) or a Grade Level Equivalency (RL), use this chart to find perfect on-level books from your Lucky June Book Club flyer.

Title	GRL	RL
Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower	2.2	L
Animal Ark Dog Pack	4.5	Q
Black Lagoon Adventures Pack #1-#4	3.1-3.6	M
The Boxcar Children Pack	3.1-3.8	O
Bunnica and Friends #1: The Vampire Bunny	2.6	L
Captain Underpants Pack	3.5-4.2	P
The Chronicles of Narnia Boxed Set	5.5-6.1	T
Dragon Slayers' Academy Pack	3.1-3.2	N-O
Flat Stanley Pack	3-4.4	M-P
Fourth Grade Stories Pack	3-5.1	M-S
Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist: The Invisible Fran	3.8	P
Geronimo Stilton Mummy Pack	2.9	N
Ghostville Elementary Pack	2.8-3.5	M
Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah!	2.0	L
Horrible Harry Pack	2.2-3.3	L
How to Eat Fried Worms	3.5	R
Judy Blume Pack	4.2-4.9	Q-R
Judy Moody Declares Independence	3.2	N
Junie B. Summer Fun Pack	2.1-2.6	M
My Weird School Pack	2.3-2.5	L
Rainbow Magic Sunny Pack	3.6	M
Ramona and Her Father	5.4	O
Riverside Kids: Busybody Nora	4.8	N
Stink Pack	2.5-3	L-N
The Tale of Despereaux	4.8	NR
Where the Sidewalk Ends	3.9	NR
The World According to Kaley	4.3	R

## Beyond Books

Encourage your child to make her own postcards. Even a day trip in your hometown can inspire cool ideas for drawings. Set her up with colored stencils, blank postcards (available at stationery stores) and a roll of stamps. She can write messages when she's done with her masterpieces, and then send them off to friends and family!

## Don't Forget!

June is Aquarium Month. Take a trip to the one closest to you, and check out the sea creatures. Help your child sound out new aquatic words on display signs, and pick up a couple of water-themed books the way home.

## Did You Know?

When you order, your child's class gets FREE books and resources!

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