



**St. Dominic Elementary School**  
**SUMMER'S COMING... WHAT A GREAT TIME TO READ!**  
**Suggestions for Summer Reading 2017**  
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Summer is a time to relax and have fun. It is also an excellent time to encourage your child to read. The following are some suggestions on helping your child pick the right book and a few apps and websites that will bridge reading with technology.

### **The Five Finger Test**

**"This book is too hard! This book is too easy!"** Making sure a book is at the right reading level for your child can be a challenge. Parents often seek a "just right" book: not too hard, but not too easy. When looking for books for your child to read on his own, try the 5-finger test:

- Open the book to the middle. Choose a full page of words. Read the page out loud, and hold up a finger each time you come to a word you don't know.
- One finger (thumb): Thumbs up! Great book choice, this will be easy reading for you.
- Two fingers (thumb and index finger): Makes an L, still Looking good! Enjoy.
- Three fingers (makes a W): **Warning!** This book may be best when read with someone.
- Four or more fingers (whole hand): Stop! This book may be too tough to enjoy alone. Ask an adult or older sibling to read this book to you.

Finding the right book may involve a little bit of extra work, but it's worth it in the end. (Reading Rockets -2012)

**Scholastic Book Wizard** You can search for books on your child's Guided Reading level. There is also the FREE Scholastic Book Wizard app available for iPhone or Android.

### **Suggested Apps for Reading**

**Epic! Unlimited Books for Kids** by Epic! Creations, Inc.

Level: Elementary

Thousands of e-books and audiobooks are available to students in the Epic! app. Books include picture books, graphic novels, biographies, nonfiction, mysteries and more



## **Metamorphabet** by Vectorpark

**Level:** Elementary

The alphabet “comes to life” and will capture the attention of readers of all ages in this animated alphabet book. As readers interact with the images, letters “morph” into engaging animations, depicting often rich and challenging vocabulary words. This is a book readers will not want to put down.

## **Phonics Island** by CFC s.r.o.

**Level:** Elementary

Lay the basics of your child’s literacy skills with this colorful, mysterious island full of phonics sounds. Children learn and have fun tracing letters, recognizing letter sounds, matching letters, and identifying beginning sounds. Embark on the adventure with adorable Abby the Monkey and her train to discover the secret of this island!

## **Novel Effect** by Novel Effect Inc.

**Level:** Elementary

Novel Effect transforms your favorite book into a screen free, sensory rich, magical experience that transports you into the story. Simply read a book out loud to your child, and our voice recognition system follows along with you and reacts immediately to your voice with exclusively composed music and sound effects.

## **Educational Websites**

[www.abcmouse.com](http://www.abcmouse.com)

[www.alisweb.org](http://www.alisweb.org) Nassau County Library catalog - By creating an account, you can search to see if your local library has the book you are looking for. If it does not, you can request the book from another library within Nassau County.

[www.alpha2.suffolk.lib.ny.us](http://www.alpha2.suffolk.lib.ny.us) Suffolk County Library catalog - By creating an account, you can search to see if your local library has the book you are looking for. If it does not, you can request the book from another library within Suffolk County.

[www.abcya.com](http://www.abcya.com)

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com)

[www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com)

[www.brainpopjr.com](http://www.brainpopjr.com)

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)

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