



## Brooklyn Avenue School

### **Summer 2016 Reading List** **(Students Entering First Grade)**

Here is a summer reading list for students about to enter first grade. This list is not extensive; it offers book series and genres that we suggest for summer reading. Please be sure to visit the library and encourage your child to read lots of good books. Likewise, reading aloud to your child has tremendous benefits!

#### **Book Series:**

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| • <u>Franklin</u> books              | Paulette Bourgeois       |
| • <u>Little Critter</u> books        | Mercer Meyer             |
| • <u>Arthur</u> books                | Marc Brown               |
| • <u>Curious George</u> books        | H.A Rey and Margaret Rey |
| • <u>Splat the Cat</u> books         | Rob Scotton              |
| • <u>Clifford</u> books              | Norman Bridwell          |
| • <u>Elephant &amp; Piggie</u> books | Mo Willems               |

#### **Books by these authors:**

- Mac Barnett (example: Extra Yarn)
- Brian Lies (example: Bats at the Library)
- Kevin Henkes (example: Chrysanthemum)
- Jon Scieszka (example: The True Story of the Three Little Pigs)

#### **Genres:**

- Fairy tales
- Fables

# • Non-fiction picture books (about animals, nature, sports...)

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When reading with your child, there are special techniques that will improve your child's reading comprehension. Below are some suggestions:

### Before Reading

- Look at the title and illustrations together. Predict what the story will be about.
- Discuss what you both already know about the topic.
- Read the first page and then ask your child to predict what might happen next.

### During Reading

- Encourage your child to picture in his/her mind what is happening in the story.
- Ask what might happen next in the story.
- Have your child change his/her predictions as the story evolves.
- Ask how a character might feel.
- Talk about the illustrations.

### After Reading

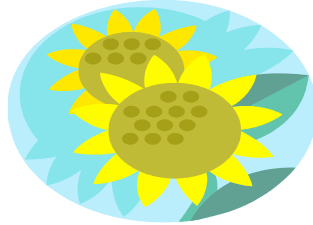
- Have your child retell the story and create a new ending together.
- Retell the story from another character's point of view.
- Let your child illustrate his/her favorite part.
- Ask if the main character is someone your child would like as a friend and why or why not.
- Ask your child if he/she has ever experienced some of the events or feelings that the main character had and to tell about them.
- Ask if the story turned out the way your child thought that it would. Talk about it.
- Ask your child what made this book interesting.

### Here are some suggested books and book series:

- ◆ Biscuit books by Allyssa Satin Capucilli
- ◆ Just for You and other books by Mercer Mayer
- ◆ Henry and Mudge: The First Book and other Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant
- ◆ Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog and other Mr. Putter and Tabby books by Cynthia Rylant
- ◆ Junie B. Jones is a Graduation Girl and other Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park
- ◆ Russell Sprouts and other books by Johanna Hurwitz
- ◆ Fox and Friends and other books by Edward Marshall
- ◆ Horrible Harry and Song Lee books by Suzy Kline

- ◆ I Want My Hat Back and other books by Jon Klassen
- ◆ Nate the Great books by Mitchell, Marjorie and Craig Sharmat
- ◆ Young Cam Jansen/Cam Jansen and other books by David Adler
- ◆ Non-fiction books about nature, animals, sports, famous people...

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## **Summer 2016 Reading List** **(Students Entering Fourth Grade)**

**Students entering the fourth grade are asked to read a minimum of three books as they enjoy their summer break. Here are some suggestions:**

- ◆ Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- ◆ James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- ◆ Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- ◆ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- ◆ Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- ◆ The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- ◆ The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
- ◆ Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- ◆ Blue Willow by Doris Gates
- ◆ The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- ◆ Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- ◆ Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
- ◆ Ghosts in the Fourth Grade by Constance Hiser
- ◆ Barack Obama by Jonah Winters
- ◆ My Life in Dog Years by Gary Paulsen
- ◆ The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Ren Wright
- ◆ I Survived books from the series by Lauren Tarshis
- ◆ Hank Zipzer books by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
- ◆ Ivy and Bean books by Annie Barrows
- ◆ A to Z Mysteries books by Ron Roy

- ◆ Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Park
- ◆ Amber Brown books by Paula Danziger
- ◆ Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
- ◆ Non-fiction books about nature, animals, sports, historical events, famous people...

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## **Summer 2016 Reading List (Students Entering Fifth Grade)**

**Students entering the fifth grade are asked to read a minimum of three books as they enjoy their summer break. Here are some suggestions:**

- ◆ Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- ◆ The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- ◆ Frindle by Andrew Clements
- ◆ No Talking by Andrew Clements
- ◆ The Homework Machine and other books by Dan Gutman
- ◆ Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder (this aligns with fifth grade curriculum)
- ◆ Wonder by R.J Palacio
- ◆ Savvy by Ingrid Law
- ◆ Scumble by Ingrid Law
- ◆ Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade by Barthe DeClements
- ◆ Joshua T. Bates Takes Charge by Susan Shreve
- ◆ There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by Louis Sachar
- ◆ The Runaway Dolls by Ann M. Martin
- ◆ Shredderman: Secret Identity by Wendelin Van Draanen
- ◆ Bad Girls by Cynthia Voigt
- ◆ Jack on the Tracks: Four Seasons of Fifth Grade by Jack Gantos
- ◆ The Good Dog by Avi
- ◆ Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler
- ◆ Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

- ◆ Percy Jackson and the Olympians series by Rick Riordan
- ◆ The 39 Clues series by assorted authors
- ◆ A Series of Unfortunate Events series by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler)
- ◆ The Spiderwick Chronicles series by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
- ◆ Running Out of Time series by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- ◆ The Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis
- ◆ Non-fiction books about nature, animals, sports, historical events, famous people...

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## **Summer 2016 Reading List (Students Entering Sixth Grade)**

**Students entering the sixth grade are asked to read a minimum of three books as they enjoy their summer break. Here are some suggestions:**

- ◆ Say Yes by Audrey Coulombis
- ◆ Racing the Past by Sis Deans
- ◆ Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- ◆ The Reappearance of Sam Webber by Jonathan Fuqua
- ◆ Joey Pigza Loses Control and Heads or Tails by Jack Gantos
- ◆ Pictures of Hollis Wood by Patricia Giff
- ◆ The Million Dollar Shot and The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
- ◆ Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- ◆ The Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica
- ◆ Shiloh and Shiloh Season by Phyllis Naylor
- ◆ The Same Stuff as Stars by Katherine Paterson
- ◆ Buddy is a Stupid Name for a Girl by Willo Roberts
- ◆ Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- ◆ Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- ◆ The Underneath by Kathi Appelt
- ◆ Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper by Michael Reisman
- ◆ Wonder by R.J Palacio
- ◆ Savvy and Scumble by Ingrid Law
- ◆ Bad Girls by Cynthia Voigt
- ◆ The Good Dog by Avi

- ◆ Hoot by Carl Hiassen
- ◆ The Dark Stairs by Betsy Byars
- ◆ Dangling by Lillian Eige
- ◆ Deep Down Popular by Phoebe Stone
- ◆ Percy Jackson and the Olympians and Heroes of Olympus by Rick Riordan
- ◆ The Spiderwick Chronicles series by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
- ◆ The Missing series by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- ◆ Ranger's Apprentice series by John Flanagan
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**(Students Entering Third Grade)**

Students entering the third grade are asked to read a minimum of three books over the summer and to complete the attached *book summary form* on a book of their choice. Here are some suggestions for summer reading:

- ◆ The Magic Finder by Roald Dahl
- ◆ Here Comes the Garbage Barge by Jonah Winter
- ◆ The Hero of Third Grade by Alice DeLaCroix
- ◆ Clementine is a not-so-common third grader! by Sara Pennypacker
- ◆ How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey
- ◆ I Was a Third Grade Spy by Mary Jane Auch
- ◆ Just Grace by Charise Mericle Harper
- ◆ Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary
- ◆ Marvin and the Meanest Girl by Suzy Kline
- ◆ Pee-Wee's Tale by Johanna Hurwitz
- ◆ Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt by Brian Dennis
- ◆ Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin
- ◆ Clever Jack Takes the Cake by Candace Fleming
- ◆ Zita the Space Girl by Ben Hatke
- ◆ Dragon Keeper by Kate Klimo
- ◆ Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy

- ◆ All of a Kind Family by Sydney Taylor
- ◆ George & Martha by James Marshall
- ◆ Hedgie's Surprise by Jan Brett
- ◆ A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats
- ◆ Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
- ◆ Bad Kitty series by Nick Bruel
- ◆ Humphrey the Hamster series by Betty G. Birney
- ◆ Dragon Keeper series by Kate Kilmo
- ◆ A Series of Unfortunate Events series by Lemony Snicket (Daniel Handler)
- ◆ Calvin Coconut series by Graham Salisbury
- ◆ The World's Greatest Soccer Players series by Matt Deoden
- ◆ Scaredy Squirrel series by Melanie Watt
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