

## Suggested Summer Reading List

The books contained in these lists have been chosen with the belief that good books belong in students' hands. The intent is that they will help shape the literary experiences of our students. Review the lists and help your child begin the journey to new worlds that will challenge thinking and stimulate the imagination!

### Kindergarten

The Little Red Hen

Hand Rhymes

Clap Your Hands

Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Corduroy

Swimmy

Who Took the Farmer's Hat?

We're Going on a Bear Hunt

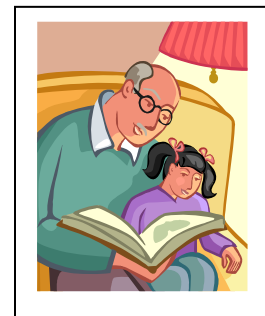
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Where Fireflies Dance

My Numbers = Mis Números

Cendrillon: A Caribbean Cinderella

Byron Barton  
 Marc Tolon Brown  
 Lorinda Cauley  
 Eileen Christelow  
 Don Freeman  
 Leo Lionni  
 Joan Nodset  
 Michael Rosen  
 Laura Joffe Numeroff  
 Lucha Corpi  
 Rebecca Emberley  
 Robert D. San Souci



### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

The Pot That Juan Built

Old Black Fly

Rap A Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles, Think of That!

Can You See the Wind?

Little Dog Poems

Kitten's First Full Moon

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest

The Hello, Goodbye Window

Arroz con Leche: Popular Songs and Rhymes from

Latin America

Norma Jean, Jumping Bean

I Ain't Gonna Paint No More!

Bouki Dances the Kokioko: A Comical Tale from Haiti

Nancy Andrews-Goebel  
 Jim Aylesworth  
 Leo Dillon  
 Allan Fowler  
 Kristine O'Connell George  
 Kevin Henkes  
 Steve Jenkins  
 Norton Juster  
 Lulu Delacre  
  
 Joanna Cole  
 Karen Beaumont  
 Diane Wolkstein

#### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Phonemic Awareness

Play a rhyming game that involves looking for pictures in the book and having the child make up words that rhyme with the picture. For example, if the book has a picture of a cat, have your child make up words like *bat*, *hat*, and *rat*.

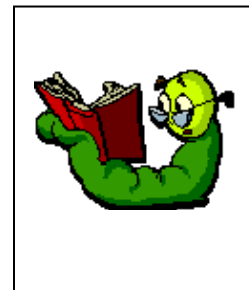
#### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Phonics

As you read the book together have your child point to words that end with the sounds *-at*, *-ed*, *-ig*. For example, *bat*, *bed*, *pig*.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Spinning Spiders  
More Than Anything Else  
Beautiful Blackbird  
Diary of a Worm  
The Bat Boy and His Violin  
Breakout at the Bug Lab  
What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?  
Baseball  
Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez  
Amelia Bedelia  
Mud  
Touch the Poem

Melvin Berger  
Marie Bradby  
Ashley Bryan  
Doreen Cronin  
Gavin Curtis  
Ruth Horowitz  
Steve Jenkins  
Mike Kennedy  
Kathleen Krull  
Peggy Parish  
Mary Lyn Ray  
Arnold Adoff



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

I Was a Third-Grade Science Project  
Stanley, Flat Again!  
Dandelions  
The Stories Julian Tells  
Our Wet World: Exploring Earth's Aquatic Ecosystems  
Amber Brown is Not A Crayon  
The Gadget War  
Hot Day on Abbott Avenue  
Leonardo's Horse  
Rosa  
Cool Crazy Crickets  
Brother Anansi and the Cattle Ranch  
Nathaniel Talking

Mary Jane Auch  
Jeff Brown  
Eve Bunting  
Ann Cameron  
Sneed B. Collard III  
Paula Danziger  
Betsy Duffey  
Karen English  
Jean Fritz  
Nikki Giovanni  
David Elliott  
James De Souza  
Eloise Greenfield

### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Fluency

Take turns rereading each page of the book. Read expressively in order to encourage your child to model your expressions or create new ones.

### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Comprehension

As you read the book together stop now and then and retell what you just read to the child. Ask your child if this make sense, if there are words they do not understand, and why the author tells the story in this way.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

William Shakespeare and the Globe

The Search For Delicious

Safari

Frindle

A Fine, Fine School

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread

The Whipping Boy

Yesterday I Had the Blues

The People Could Fly: The Picture Book

When Jessie Came Across the Sea

Just Like Josh Gibson

Aliki

Natalie Babbitt

Robert Bateman

Andrew Clements

Sharon Creech

Roald Dahl

Kate DiCamillo

Sid Fleischman

Jeron Frame

Virginia Hamilton

Amy Hest

Angela Johnson



### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Whales on Stilts!

Tuck Everlasting

On My Honor

Portraits of African-American Heroes

When Bugs Were Big, Plants Were Strange, and

Tetrapods Stalked the Earth

Through My Eyes

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Rushmore

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices

Squarehead

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

Rabbit Hill

M.T. Anderson

Natalie Babbitt

Marion Dane Bauer

Tonya Bolden

Hannah Bonner

Ruby Bridges

Beverly Cleary

Lynn Curlee

Paul Fleischman

Harriet Ziefert

E.L. Konigsburg

Robert Lawson

#### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Comprehension

Ask your child to think about the book and talk to you about any, or all, of the following:

- (1) What do you know after reading the story?
- (2) What do you feel about what you read?
- (3) What else does it make you think about?
- (4) What questions do you have?

#### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Vocabulary

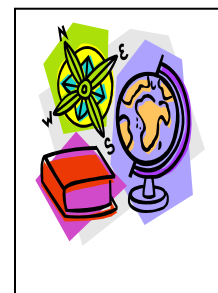
Ask your child to keep a word journal of 2 or 3 new words they have learned from reading this book.

- (1) Write the new word.
- (2) Copy the sentence in which it is used.
- (3) Write a definition in his/her own words.
- (4) Draw a small picture which reminds them what the word means.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Angelfish  
Because of Winn-Dixie  
Dive! My Adventures in the Deep Frontier  
Heartbeat  
Maniac Magee  
Silent to the Bone  
Sing Down the Moon  
Wenny Has Wings  
Whittington  
Yolanda's Genius

Lawrence Yep  
 Kate DiCamillo  
 Sylvia Earle  
 Sharon Creech  
 Jerry Spinelli  
 E.L. Konigsburg  
 Scott O'Dell  
 Janet Lee Carey  
 Alan Armstrong  
 Carol Fenner



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Adam Canfield of the Flash  
The Book without Words  
The Broken Blade  
Flush  
Kira-Kira  
Knots in My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid  
The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place  
Tangerine  
The Tears of the Salamander  
Under the Royal Palms

Michael Winerip  
 Avi  
 William Durbin  
 Carl Hiaasen  
 Cynthia Kadohata  
 Jerry Spinelli

E. L. Konigsburg  
 Edward Boor  
 Peter Dickinson  
 Alma Flor Ada

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Cuba 15  
The Face on the Milk Carton  
Fever  
Good Night, Maman  
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales  
The House of the Scorpion  
Crossing The Wire  
Maya Running  
Mortal Engines  
Truesight

Nancy Osa  
 Caroline B. Cooney  
 Laurie Halse Anderson  
 Norma Fox Mazer

Virginia Hamilton  
 Nancy Farmer  
 Will Hobbs  
 Anjali Banerjee  
 Philip Reeve  
 David Stahler

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- (1) Which character do you like best and why?
- (2) Which character did you like least and why?
- (3) Why did the author use this setting for the story?
- (4) What do you know after reading the story?
- (5) What do you feel about what you read?
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Ask your child to keep a running word log to record words from each chapter which fit into each of the following categories.

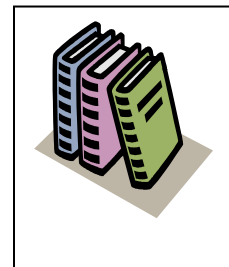
- (1) Multiple meaning words
- (2) Vivid verbs
- (3) Figurative language (simile, metaphor)
- (4) Words associated with book title
- (5) Sense images (smell, touch, taste, hear, see)
- (6) Words associated with main person in the story

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

After the First Death  
The Day They Came to Arrest the Book  
Hit the Road  
The Gospel According to Larry  
I, Juan de Pareja

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  
Mama Day  
Maus  
Nemesis  
Tonight by the Sea

Robert Cormier  
Nat Hentoff  
Caroline B. Cooney  
Janet Tashjian  
Elizabeth Borten de  
Trevino  
Maya Angelou  
Gloria Naylor  
Art Spigelman  
Isaac Asimov  
Frances Temple



### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bilko  
Ellen Foster  
Ender's Game  
A Gathering of Old Men  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents  
It's Not about the Bike  
Monster  
Obasan  
13 Little Blue Envelopes

Donald Woods  
Kaye Gibbons  
Orson Scott Card  
Ernest Gaines  
Douglas Adams  
Julia Alvarez  
Lance Armstrong  
Walter Dean Meyers  
Joy Kogawa  
Maureen Johnson

#### Family Opportunities to Help Develop Vocabulary

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- (1) Write each new word.
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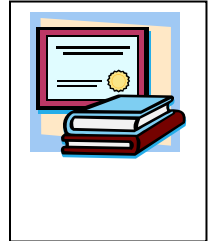
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- (6) What else does it make you think about?
- (7) What questions do you have for the author?
- (8) Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
- (9) Did this author help you realize anything about the way to live life well?

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The Autobiography of Malcolm X  
The Bean Trees  
Ceremony  
The Color of Water  
In Cold Blood  
Jubilee  
Kindred  
Slaughterhouse-five  
The Things They Carried  
Woman Hollering Creek

Alex Haley  
 Barbara Kingsolver  
 Leslie Silko  
 James McBride  
 Truman Capote  
 Margaret Walker  
 Octavia Butler  
 Kurt Vonnegut  
 Tim O'Brien  
 Sandra Cisneros



**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Beloved  
Breath, Eyes, Memory  
Chronicle of a Death Foretold  
The Handmaid's Tale  
Into Thin Air  
The Joy Luck Club  
The Poisonwood Bible  
Sugar Cane  
The Sun Also Rises  
Tuesdays with Morrie

Toni Morrison  
 Edwidge Danticat  
 Gabriel Garcia Marquez  
 Margaret Atwood  
 John Krakauer  
 Amy Tan  
 Barbara Kingsolver  
 Connie Mae Fowler  
 Ernest Hemingway  
 Mitch Albom

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