

Summer Reading Challenge and Recommendations

Students entering PreK, Kinder, and Primer

Goal: To encourage student reading over the summer AND BEYOND! Books can be added to this log if they are read by the student, read to the student, or listened to as an audiobook. Include both title and author in the square.

Complete the Tic-Tac-Toe board to have your name listed on the Summer Reading Extravaganza Wall at the beginning of the 2020 - 2021 school year! Books read do not have to be selected from the recommendations below, but they are a great start!

Name _____ Teacher _____

Read a Picture Book	Read a Funny Book	Have someone read you a book!
Read a Holiday Book	Read a Graphic Novel	Read ANY BOOK
Read a Non-Fiction Book	Read an Award Winner	Read a Fiction Book

Turn in to the library by August 31, 2020

Use an additional sheet if you read more!

Picture Books and Authors:

The National Institute for Early Education Research states “The evidence is strong in showing that rich language and literacy experiences early on are related to later learning. Reading (and re-reading) picture books contributes to these important early experiences.” Any picture books are wonderful for Early Childhood. Children can “read” independently or benefit from hearing a story read aloud. Many of these authors have more books than what are listed here that are good for Early Childhood students.

Andrea Beaty - *Rosie Revere, Engineer, Ada Twist, Scientist, and Iggy Peck, Architect*

Sandra Boynton - *Barnyard Dance, Belly Button Book*

Virginia Lee Burton - *The Little House, Katy and the Big Snow, Mike Mulligan*

Jan Brett - *The Mitten, The Hat, The Three Snow Bears, Hedgie's Surprise*

Eric Carle - *The Mixed Up Chameleon, The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Anna Dewdney - *Llama Llama stories*

Kevin Henkes - *Chrysanthemum, Wemberly Worried, Owen*

Ezra Jack Keats - *Snowy Day, Peter's Chair*

Jon Klassen - *We Found a Hat, This is Not My Hat, Shapes Trilogy*

Eric Litwin - *Pete the Cat stories*

Laura Numeroff - *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie stories*

H.A. Rey - *Curious George stories*

Peter H. Reynolds - *The Dot, Ish, Happy Dreamer, The Word Collector*

Amy Krause Rosenthal - *Uni the Unicorn, Spoon, Chopsticks, Yes Day!*

Dan Santat - *Beekle, After the Fall, Three Ninja Pigs, Are We There Yet?*

Dr. Seuss - *Green Eggs and Ham, The Foot Book, The Lorax*

Philip C. Stead - *A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Samson in the Snow, Lenny & Lucy*

William Steig - *Doctor De Soto, Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, The Amazing Bone*

Mo Willems - *Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, Pigeon*

Kobi Yamada - *What Do You Do With stories*

Jane Yolen - *How Do Dinosaurs stories*

Graphic Novels:

The images in graphic novels reinforce the story. The student needs to study the pictures in order to fully understand the text, and can make inferences about the story based on both the pictures and the dialogue. Brigid Alverson writes in *School Library Journal* that "Educators agree that graphic novels are useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills." Students also gain confidence in their reading skills by being able to decipher what is going on in the story before they have learned how to read every word.

Mac Barnett : *Jack* series

Ivan Brunetti : *WordPlay*

James Burks : *Beep and Bah*

Eleanor Davis : *Stinky AND Flop to the Top*

Charise Mericle Harper : *Bean Dog and Nugget*

Victoria Jamieson : *Pets on the Loose* series

Kevin McCloskey : *We Dig Worms!*

Claude Ponti : *Chick and Chickie Play All Day*

Barnaby Richards : *BLIP!*

Sergio Ruzzier: *Good Boy* and *Fox & Chick* series

Jeff Smith : *Little Mouse Gets Ready*

James Sturm : *Sleepless Knight AND Hocus Focus AND Ogres Awake!*

Mo Willems : *Pigeon* series

Everybody Fiction:

We have a section in the Good Shepherd Library that contains some of my very favorite titles for those kids who are wanting to read something that is just a little bit more than a picture book. These books are for the kids who are hoping to read chapter books but are not fully ready. I call them Everybody Fiction. When you are looking at the bookstore, look for a book with white pages (instead of a cream or beige), limited text with lots of space, and lots of pictures. It is hard to purchase these books without seeing them first, but I have listed some of the GSES Library's favorites.

Jack Chabert : *Eerie Elementary* series #1-#6

Troy Cummings : *Notebook of Doom* series #1-#13

Rebecca Elliot : *Owl Diaries* series #1-#8

Noah Z. Jones : *Princess Pink and the Land of Fake Believe* series #1-#4

Jordan Quinn : *Kingdom of Wrenly* series #1-#13

David Lubar : *Looniverse* series #1-#4

Megan McDonald : *Stink* series #1-#7

Cynthia Rylant : *Poppleton* series, *Henry and Mudge* series, *Mr. Putter and Tabby*

Tracy West : *Dragon Masters* series #1-#8

Jessica Young : *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* series #1-#3

Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children:

It is wonderful to read picture books aloud to your children as long as you can, no child is too old for a picture book! However, it is also beneficial to read longer books aloud to your children that take a few sittings to finish. Reading 20 minutes before bedtime is a great way to spend time with your kids, and also share stories they will always remember. Here are some chapter books that kids enjoy during Early Childhood. The content can sometimes be heavier however, so make sure and preview a book if it seems scary or too much for your child.

Avi : *The End of the Beginning*

Betty G. Birney : *Humphrey* series

Michael Bond : *A Bear Called Paddington*

Beverly Cleary : *Ralph, Socks, Two Times the Fun* (PK)

Kate DiCamillo : *Mercy Watson* series

Katherine Hannigan : *Emmaline and the Bunny*

Arnold Lobel : *Frog and Toad* series, *Mouse* series

A.A. Milne : *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh*

Elsie Holmelund Minarick : *Little Bear* series

Mary Pope Osborne : *Magic Tree House* series

Peggy Parrish : *Amelia Bedelia* series

John Peterson : *The Littles* series

George Selden : *The Cricket in Times Square*

E.B. White : *Stuart Little*, *Trumpet of the Swan*, *Charlotte's Web*

Short Story Collection : William J. Bennett's *A Children's Book of Virtues* (Marchant family favorite)

Texas 2 X 2 Recommended Reading List - Curated for kids age 2 - 2nd Grade

Cyril and Pat by Emily Gravett

Dandy by Ame Dyckman, illustrated by Charles Santoso

Duck! by Meg McKinlay, illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom

Fergal and the Bad Temper by Robert Starling

Give Me Back My Bones! by Kim Norman, illustrated by Bob Kolar

I Am a Tiger by Karl Newson, illustrated by Ross Collins

My Papi Has a Motorcycle by Isabel Quintero, illustrated by Zeke Pena

Not Quite Snow White by Ashley Franklin, illustrated by Ebony Glenn

Ogilvy by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by T. L. McBeth

Perfect by Max Amato

Saturday by Oge Mora

Seeds Move by Robin Page

The Goose Egg by Liz Wong

The Panda Problem by Deborah Underwood, illustrated by Hannah Marks

Truman by Jean Reidy, illustrated Lucy Ruth Cummins

Underwear by Jenn Harney

Watch Out for Wolf! by Anica Mrose Rissi, illustrated Charles Santoso