

2020 SUMMER READING LISTS

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Dear Prince Edward County Public School Families:

As summer approaches, we encourage our students to take some leisure time to enjoy reading. Attached is a list of books, which we strongly encourage our students to read. The list includes award winning books and books recognized by various literary journals as meaningful reading for students of various ages. We have included a list of wordless books that can be engaging and beneficial for readers of all ages as well as a list of books for rising kindergarteners and their families to share together. If your child enjoys reading a book at a lower or high-grade level, encourage him or her to do so. Reading familiar books reinforces fluency and enjoyment of reading. Children who participate in summer library programs score higher on fall reading achievement tests. Many of the books can be found in various formats, such as, ebook, audio book, braille, and large print formats

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Wordless Books:

There are many excellent wordless books available (such as the Good Dog, Carl series). Have your child “read” these to you by telling the story of the pictures. You can write down the words as the child dictates. Voila! Even a non-writer can write a story through dictation. Older children can actually write stories for wordless books on their own.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN READING LIST:

- The Listening Walk by Paul Showers
- Just Grandma & Me by Mercer Mayer
- The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle
- Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats



- The True Story of the 3 Little Pig by Jon Scieszka
- Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw
- The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas
- The Turn-Around, Upside-Down Alphabet Book by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- When I Get Bigger by Mercer Mayer
- Flower Garden by Eve Bunting
- A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Francis Bellamy
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.
- Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- The Napping House by Don and Audry Wood
- Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Capucilli
- I Love You Forever by Robert Munsch
- I'm Not Going to Get up Today by Dr. Seuss
- Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber
- Ten Apples Up on Top by Dr. Seuss
- Why Can't I Fly by Rita Gelman
- I Always, Always Get My Way by Thad Krasnesky
- Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey
- Panda and Polar Bear by Matthew Baek
- Where's Spot by Eric Hill
- On the Day You Were Born by Debra Frasier
- Will I Have a Friend? by Mariam Cohen
- A Visit to Grandma's by Nancy Carlson
- All About Myself by Mercer Mayer
- My Name is Alice by Jane Bayer
- Corduroy by Don Freeman

RISING KINDERGARTENERS:

ALL children can benefit from having books read to them. Any book lends itself to being a read aloud. Most children love to hear adults read to them. It creates a special time between the adult and the child. Choose books that you think they will love and even books 2-3 grade levels above your child's reading level. Children can listen to language at a high level than they can read. Let your child's interests and maturity guide you in selecting appropriate books. It only takes 20 minutes a day!



Kindergarteners will learn so many things this year. Some topics to consider when selecting books not on this list are the five senses, colors and shapes, basic needs and life processes of plants and animals, season of the year, conservation, famous Americans (Pocahontas, George Washington, Betsy Ross & Abraham Lincoln), holidays (Thanksgiving, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day & Independence Day), and good citizenship. Any book that rhymes or has repetition provides additional reading support to kindergarten students.

- Leo, the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus
- Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott
- Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
- Silly Sally by Audrey Wood
- Strega Nona by Tomie De Paola
- Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
- Tough Boris by Mem Fox
- Pete's A Pizza by William Steig
- Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel
- William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow

INCOMING FIRST GRADERS:

Summer reading is an enjoyable experience designed to keep reading skills active. Our goal is for your child to read enjoyable material frequently during these summer weeks. Please read fairy tales and folk tales to your children whenever possible. They are a rich and beneficial part of our literary heritage, and enhance the cultural literacy of our children.

Research has shown that the best way to improve reading skills is to READ. The following is a list of suggested authors. Other authors that a child enjoys are certainly appropriate. Difficulty of reading levels varies from author to author and book to book.

- Allard, Harry. Miss Nelson Is Missing!
- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. The Berenstain Bears.
- Blume, Judy. Freckle Juice.
- Birdwell, Norman. Clifford, the Big Red Dog.
- Brown, Jeff. Flat Stanley



- Cleary, Beverly. Ramona Quimby, Age Eight
- Cooney, Barbara. Miss Rumphius
- Dahl, Roald. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
- Hoban, Russell. Bedtime for Frances.
- Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Are Friends.
- McCloskey, Robert. Make Way for Ducklings.
- Mosel, Arlene. Tikki Tikki Tembo.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. Magic Tree House
- Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia
- Park, Barbara. Junie B. Jones
- Rey, H.A. Curious George.
- Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are.
- Seuss Dr., The Cat in the Hat.
- Sharmat, Marjorie W. Nate the Great.
- Silverstein, Shel. Where the Sidewalk Ends.
- Sobol, Donald J. Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective.
- Viorst, Judith. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.
- Warner, Gertrude. Boxcar Children.
- White, E.B. Charlotte's Web.
- Wilder, Laura I. Little House on the Prairie.
- William, Margery. The Velveteen Rabbit.

INCOMING SECOND GRADERS:

As part of the first grade curriculum, the children have covered such topics as community helpers, families, life long ago, motion-moving objects, solids/liquids/gases, plant and animal life needs, weather, and social relationships. You may wish to encourage your child to read any nonfiction books in these areas.

Looking ahead to the second grade, you may select books about Native Americans, lifelongs ago, China, Egypt (dress, food, customs, etc.), magnets, the butterfly life cycle (metamorphosis), the water cycle, and poetry.

Series: *green and red dots (2nd & 3rd grade levels)

- The Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
- Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat & Craig Sharmat
- Jigsaw Jones by James Preller
- Cam Jansen by David Adler
- Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik



- Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
- Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
- Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
- Arthur by Marc Brown
- Franklin by Paulette Bourgeois & Brenda Clark)

Series: *red and blue dots (3rd & 4th grade levels)

- Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
- The Littles by John Peterson
- The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey
- The Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi & Holly Black
- Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary by Judy Blume
- Amber Brown by Paula Danziger
- Geronimo Stilton by

Favorite Authors/Wonderful Stories: *various reading levels

- Eric Carle (The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Very Busy Spider, The Very Quiet cricket, etc.)
- Chris Van Allsburg (The Polar Express, Jumanji, The Widow's Broom, etc.)
- Patricia Polacco (Thank You, Mr. Falker, Mr. Lincoln's Way, Pink and Say, etc.)
- Tomie de Paola (The Art Lesson, Strega Nona, The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush, etc.)
- Janell Cannon (Stellaluna, Verdi, Crickwing, etc.)
- Audrey Wood (King Bidgood's in the Bathtub, The Napping House, Silly Sally, etc.)
- Ronald Dahl (The BFG, Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, etc.)
- Steven Kellogg (Paul Bunyan, Mike Fink, Johnny Appleseed, etc.)
- Jan Brett (The Mitten, The Hat, Annie and the Wild Animals, etc.)
- Dav Pilkey (Dragon Gets By, Dogzilla, Kat Kong, etc.)
- Laura Numeroff (If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, if You Give a Moose a Muffin, If You Give a Pig a Pancake, etc.)
- James Marshall (Miss Nelson is Missing, Miss Nelson is Back, Miss Nelson Has a Field Day, etc.)
- David Wiesner (Tuesday, Hurricane, June 29, 1999, etc.)



- Kevin Henkes (Wemberly Worried, Chrysanthemum, Sheila Rae, the Brave, etc.)
- Mary Hoffman (Amazing Grace, Boundless Grace, etc.)
- Margie Palatini (Moosetache, Mooseltoe, etc.)

INCOMING THIRD GRADERS:

As part of the second grade curriculum, the children have covered such topics as Native Americans, China, Egypt, magnets, the butterfly life cycle (metamorphosis), and the water cycle. You may wish to encourage your child to read a nonfiction book in these areas as well to reinforce what they have learned.

The third grade teachers suggest that incoming students read about explorers, Greece and Rome, biographics of famous Americans, food chains, food webs, simple machines, phases of the moon, animal adaptations/habitats, as well as folk and fairy tales from Europe, Asia and Africa.

- Aardema Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
- Atwater Mr. Popper's Penguins
- Avi Poppy
- Bell Mathis The Hundred Penny Box
- Blume Freckle Juice
Tales of the 4th Grade Nothing
- Christopher The Spy on Third Base
- Cleary Muggie Maggie
- Coerr The Josefina Quilt
- Dahl The Fantastic Mr. Fox
Danny, Champion of the World
- Donnelly The Titanic Lost... and Found
- Estes The Hundred dresses
- LeGuin Catwings
- Lobel Aesop Fables
- Maccaronel The Haunting of Grade Three
- MacLahlan Sarah, Plain and Tall
Three Names
- Robert Bulla The Chalkbox Kid
- Rockwell How to Eat Fried Worms
- Rowowsky Not My Dog
- Seldon The Cricket In Times Square



- Silverstein The Giving Tree
- Van Allsburg Jumanji
- White Stuart Little
 The Trumpet of the Swan
- Williams The Velveteen Rabbit

INCOMING FOURTH GRADERS:

Incoming fourth graders should try to select books from the following categories as well as books from the list:

- Earth, moon, and sun
 - Phases of the moon
 - Electricity
 - Plant parts
 - Different cultures of the world (to support 4th grade World Cultures course)
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- Because of Winn-Dixie
 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
 - Charlotte's Web
 - Esperanza Rising
 - The Double Life of Pocahontas
 - Frindle
 - James and the Giant Peach
 - Shiloh
 - The Tale of Despereaux
 - Ella Enchanted
 - Little House on the Prairie
 - My Brother Sam is Dead
 - Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
 - Fudge-a-Mania
 - Tanya's Reunion
 - Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
 - The Secret Garden
 - Stone Fox
 - Alien in the Classroom
 - The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe



- Sarah, Plain and Tall
- Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective
- By the Shores of Silver Lake
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle
- The Last Holiday Concert
- Lunch Money
- The BFG
- From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankenweiler
- Holes
- Things Not Seen
- All About Maps
- Magic Tree House: Tonight on the Titanic
- Magic Tree House: Revolutionary War on Wednesday
- Magic Tree House: Midnight on the Moon
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
- How to Eat Fried Worms
- A Wrinkle in Time
- The Sign of the Beaver
- The Black Pearl
- Island of the Blue Dolphins
- The Cricket in Times Square
- Caddie Woodlawn
- By the Great Horn Spoon
- Matilda
- The Hundred Dresses
- The War With Grandpa
- Freckle Juice
- Misty of Chincoteague
- Stuart Little
- My Father's Dragon
- Boxcar Children #1



MIDDLE SCHOOL

INCOMING FIFTH GRADERS:

Incoming fifth graders should try to select books from the following categories as well as books from the list:

- Biographies of George Washington, Patrick Henry and other famous Virginians
 - Books on the 13 colonies and life in Colonial times
 - Books on Virginia
 - Folk tales of other cultures
 - Classifications (vertebrate/non-vertebrates)
 - Ocean communities
 - Rock Cycle
 - Effects of weathering
 - Light and sound
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- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
 - Real Slam Dunk by Charisse K. Richardson
 - Circle of Gold by Candy Dawson Boyd
 - Koya Delaney and the Good Girl Blues by Eloise Greenfield
 - The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars
 - The Wright Brothers by Russell Freedman
 - Poppy by Avi
 - A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park
 - Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
 - Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
 - Lily's Crossing by Patricia Reilly Giff
 - Mississippi Bridge by Mildred D. Taylor
 - In the Year of the Boar by Bette Bao Lord
 - Hatchet by Gary Paulsen



INCOMING SIXTH GRADERS:

- ***Smile* by Raina Telgemeier:** Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached. And on top of all that, there's still more to deal with: a major earthquake, boy confusion, and friends who turn out to be not so friendly.
- ***Amulet Series* by Kazu Kibuishi:** The series follows the adventures of Emily Hayes (nicknamed Em), who after moving to their great-grandfather's house in the town of Norlen and then discovers and wears the magical amulet that uses magical powers. After entering the fictional world of Alledia with her younger brother, Navin and their mother, Karen, they befriend the allies and set off to defeat the villainous Elf King. This is a graphic series.
- ***Booked* by Kwame Alexander:** In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel THE CROSSOVER, soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read.
- ***Prisoner of War: A Novel of World War II* by Michael P Spradlin:** Survive the war. Outlast the enemy. Stay alive. That's what Henry Forrest has to do. When he lies about his age to join the Marines, Henry never imagines he'll face anything worse than his own father's cruelty. But his unit is shipped off to the Philippines, where the heat is unbearable, the conditions are brutal, and Henry's dreams of careless adventuring are completely dashed.
- ***Raymie Nightingale* by Kate DiCamillo:** Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, not only does Raymie have to do good deeds and learn how to twirl a baton; she also has to contend with the wispy, frequently fainting Louisiana Elefante, who has a show-business background, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three girls into an unlikely friendship — and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.



- ***Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection* by Matt Dembicki:** All cultures have tales of the trickster – a crafty creature or being who uses cunning to get food, steal precious possessions, or simply cause mischief. He disrupts the order of things, often humiliating others and sometimes himself. In Native American traditions, the trickster takes many forms, from coyote or rabbit to raccoon or raven. The first graphic anthology of Native American trickster tales, *Trickster* brings together Native American folklore and the world of comics
- ***The Baby-Sitters Club Series* by Ann M. Martin:** The BSC series is about a group of friends, girls between 11 and 13 years old, who live in the fictional, suburban town of Stoneybrook, Connecticut. These friends run a local babysitting service called the "Baby-Sitters Club." The original four members were Kristy (founder and president), Mary Anne (secretary), Claudia, and Stacey, but the total number of BSC members varies throughout the series. The books are told in first-person narrative from the perspective of the character named in the title who will confront common problems such as illness, sibling rivalry, peer conflicts, jealousy, and parents' divorce and remarriage.
- ***The Warden's Daughter* by Jerry Spinelli:** Cammie O'Reilly lives at the Hancock County Prison--not as a prisoner, she's the warden's daughter. She spends the mornings hanging out with shoplifters and reformed arsonists in the women's exercise yard, which gives Cammie a certain cache with her school friends
- ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelli Barnhill:** Once a year in the Protectorate there is a Day of Sacrifice. The youngest baby is taken by the Elders and left in the forest to die, thus appeasing the witch who threatens to destroy the village if not obeyed. Unbeknownst to the people, Xan, the witch of the forest, is kind and compassionate. She rescues the infants, feeds each one starlight, and delivers the shining infants to parents in the Outside Cities who love and care for them.
- ***All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook* by Leslie Connor:** Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in tiny Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident on Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home.



INCOMING SEVENTH GRADERS:

- A Boy at War, by Harry Mazer
- The Cay, by Theodore Taylor
- Devil's Arithmetic, by Jane Yolen
- Dragon's Gate, by Lauren Yep
- Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discover, by Russell Freedman
- Esperanza Rising, by Pam Munoz Ryan
- The Giver, Lois Lowry
- Hoops, by Walther Dean Myers
- Lily's Crossing, by Patricia Reilly Giff
- The Mystery on the Underground Railroad, by Carole Marsh
- Many Thousand Gone, by Virginia Hamilton
- Number the Stars, by Lois Lowry
- Taking Care of Terrific, by Lois Lowry
- Touching Spirit Bear, by Ben Mikaelson

INCOMING EIGHTH GRADERS:

- Jeanne DuPrau's **The Books of Ember** (series). The four Books of Ember tell the story of a city where it's always dark. There's no sun, no moon, no light at all unless the electricity is on. And the electricity is beginning to fail. (F)
- J.R.R. Tolkien's **The Hobbit**. A great modern classic and the prelude to *The Lord of the Rings*. Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum. (F)



- Bodeen, Stephanie A. **RAFT**. Fifteen- year-old Robie is flying home to a small atoll in Hawaii after visiting her aunt in Honolulu. The plane crashes into the Pacific, and now she must survive in a raft with an unconscious co-pilot, circling sharks, and a bag of *Skittles*. (F)
- Choldenko, Gennifer. **AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS**. In 1935, Moose Flanagan and his family move to Alcatraz Island where his father has found work in the prison housing such notorious criminals as Al Capone. Moose must balance the responsibilities of caring for his autistic sister while coping with the free-spirited warden's daughter. This is the first of a three book series. (F)
- Choldenko, Gennifer. **NO PASSENGERS BEYOND THIS POINT**. Unexpectedly living in a dreamland, the Tompkins children; India, Finn, and Mouse; search for clues to solve the puzzle to find their way back home. (F)
- Clements, Andrew. **THINGS NOT SEEN**. Bobby wakes up invisible. His parents and his new blind friend, Alicia, try to reverse his condition. Also, **Things Hoped For** and **Things That Are**. (F)
- Dasher, James. **THE MAZE RUNNER**. Fighting against a mysterious group named WICKED, Thomas and the other boys in the Glade must crack the secret code and find a way out of the moving maze before it's too late. The first book in the **Maze Runner** trilogy. (F)
- Deem, James M. **BODIES FROM THE ICE: MELTING GLACIERS AND THE RECOVERY OF THE PAST**. In 1991, mountain climbers found the body of Otzi, the oldest mummy recovered and thought to be over 5000 years old. (NF)
- Gaiman, Neil. **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**. After losing his family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard, where he will be raised by the groundskeeper and the ghosts that dwell there. As he grows up, he learns that his family's killer is still out there looking for him. (F)
- Korman, Gordon. **SCHOOLED**. Capricorn Anderson, homeschooled by his grandmother on their commune, enrolls in the local middle school with unexpected and humorous consequences. (F)
- Kurlansky, Mark. **WORLD WITHOUT FISH**. This book reveals an environmental problem that is not easily seen- the problem in the world's oceans. Find out how climate, biology, economics, and fishing are endangering the world's waters and what kids can do about it. (NF)



- Palacio, R. J. **WONDER**. Auggie is a normal boy. He likes Star Wars, video games, and he loves playing with his dog, but Auggie was born with a facial deformity that until now has prevented him from going to public school. Auggie wants nothing more than to be treated like an ordinary kid, but it's hard for his classmates to get past his extraordinary face. *Wonder* is Auggie's story, but it also includes chapters from his sister, classmates, and friends. Through these multiple perspectives, we see that Auggie's journey not only changes his life but the lives of everyone around him. (F)
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. **FLIPPED**. In alternating chapters, Bryce and Juli describe how their feelings for each other, themselves, and their families have changed over the years. (F)
- Yelchin, Eugene. **BREAKING STALIN'S NOSE**. Sasha dreams of his initiation into the Soviet Young Pioneers to show his loyalty to Stalin and the communist party. Sasha's disillusionment with the regime begins to grow when his father, an officer in the party, is arrested. (F)

(F)=Fiction

(NF)=Nonfiction



HIGH SCHOOL

HONORS ENGLISH 9:

Select one book from either of the lists below:

- Classics
 - The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
 - Animal Farm by George Orwell
 - I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelo
 - Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card
 - Anthem by Ann Rand

- 2019-2020 Virginia Readers' Choice
 - Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham
 - One of Us is Lying by Karen M. MManus
 - Spill Zone by Scott Westerfeld
 - The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater
 - In Other Lands by Sarah Rees Brennan
 - Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds
 - Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield
 - The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
 - Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary Novel of the Landmark Civil Rights Case by Patricia Hruby Powell
 - Warcross by Marie Lu

HONORS ENGLISH 10

Select one book from the following:

- The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
- In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
- A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier by Ishmael Beah

HONORS ENGLISH 11

AP English Language and Composition

Select either of the following books:

- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston



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HONORS ENGLISH 12

- His Majesty's Dragon by Naomi Novik
- The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- Atonement by Ian McEwan
- The Constant Princess by Philippa Gregory

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE

- 1984 by George Orwell

Happy Reading!