

Brookline Public Schools

Entering Grades 3/4

Summer Reading

Dear parents,

School vacation has arrived, a time to reflect on the achievements, academic and personal growth, and special interests that have developed over the past year. During the year, we encouraged our students to become thoughtful readers, engaging them in reading and writing activities that promote word study, reading fluency, comprehension, and personal response to literature. Since research strongly supports reading outside of school, it is important for your child to continue reading this summer on a daily basis. This will allow for practice and extension of the reading skills and strategies learned during the school year.

Summer is a time to relax and enjoy reading. This list is a starting point to help you select books that match your child's grade level, reading level, and interests. You will find a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Our goal is to develop readers who not only *can* read, but who *choose* to read as a pleasurable activity. Please explore these titles and others in Brookline's public libraries and bookstores. Enjoy your summer, and thank you for helping to create a partnership between home and school.

Sincerely,

The Summer Reading Committee

Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Armstrong, Alan	<u>Whittington</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u>
Prelutsky, Jack	<u>Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme</u>

Recommended Authors

Ann Cameron	Mary Pope Osborne	James Howe
Beverly Cleary	Patricia MacLachlan	Barbara Park
Marguerite Henry	Patricia McKissack	Allen Say

Too Good To Miss: Classics

Atwater, Richard	<u>Mr. Popper's Penguins</u>
Babbitt, Natalie	<u>The Search for Delicious</u>
Enright, Elizabeth	<u>The Saturdays</u>
Langton, Jane	<u>The Fledgling</u>
Norton, Mary	<u>The Borrowers*</u>
Selden, George	<u>The Cricket in Times Square</u>
White, E. B.	<u>Stuart Little</u>

Listen To This! Books for Families to Read Aloud

Edwards, Julie Andrews	<u>The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles</u>
Dahl, Roald	<u>Danny, the Champion of the World</u>
Ellis, Sarah	<u>The Several Lives of Orphan Jack</u>
Mowat, Farley	<u>Owls in the Family</u>
Steig, William	<u>The Real Thief</u>
Wise, William	<u>Christopher Mouse</u>

Got a Minute?: Short Chapter Books

Hopkinson, Deborah	<u>Billy and the Rebel</u>
King-Smith, Dick	<u>The Invisible Dog</u>
Marshall, James	<u>Rats On the Roof</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Marvin Redpost*</u>
Silverman, Erica	<u>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*</u>

It Could Happen: Realistic Fiction

Cameron, Ann	<u>Gloria's Way</u>
Cutler, Jane	<u>Leap, Frog</u>
George, Jean Craighead	<u>One Day in the Woods*</u>
Greene, Stephanie	<u>Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist*</u>
Lowry, Lois	<u>Gooney Bird Green*</u>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<u>Arthur, For the Very First Time</u>
Park, Barbara	<u>The Kid in the Red Jacket</u>
Staples, Suzanne Fisher	<u>The Green Dog</u>
Wallace, Bill	<u>Pick of the Litter</u>
Wiles, Deborah	<u>Love, Ruby Lavender</u>

Pageturners: Mystery and Adventure

Adler, David	<u>Cam Jansen*</u>
Avi	<u>Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?</u>
Bellairs, John	<u>The Curse of the Blue Figurine*</u>
Curtis, Christopher Paul	<u>Mr. Chickee's Funny Money</u>
Harlow, Joan Hiatt	<u>Star in the Storm</u>
Skurzunski, Gloria	<u>Out of the Deep*</u>
Yep, Laurence	<u>The Case of the Firecrackers*</u>
Warner, Gertrude C.	<u>The Boxcar Children*</u>

Out of this world: Fantasy and Science Fiction

Avi	<u>Poppy*</u>
Cameron, Eleanor	<u>The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet*</u>
Coville, Bruce	<u>My Teacher Is An Alien*</u>
Jones, Diana Wynne	<u>Stopping for a Spell</u>
Leguin, Ursula	<u>Catwings*</u>
Maguire, Gregory	<u>Seven Spiders Spinning*</u>
Rupp, Rebecca	<u>The Dragon of Lonely Island</u>
Yolen, Jane	<u>The Young Merlin Trilogy*</u>

* = Series book

Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Avi	<u>The Secret School</u>
Bulla, Clyde Robert	<u>A Lion to Guard Us</u>
Bruchac, Joseph	<u>The Arrow Over the Door</u>
Gauch, Patricia Lee	<u>Aaron and the Green Mountain Boys</u>
McKissack, Patricia	<u>Abby Takes a Stand</u>
Park, Linda Sue	<u>Seesaw Girl</u>
Ryan, Pam Munoz	<u>Riding Freedom</u>
Taylor, Mildred	<u>The Song of the Trees</u>
Wallace, Bill	<u>Red Dog</u>
Whelan, Gloria	<u>The Indian School</u>

Play Ball! Sports Books

Adler, David A.	<u>America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle</u>
Buckley, James	<u>The World of Baseball</u>
Cline-Ransome, Lesa	<u>Major Taylor: Champion Cyclist</u>
Golenbock, Peter	<u>Teammates</u>
Gutman, Dan	<u>Babe and Me*</u>
Teitelbaum, Michael	<u>Down to the Wire</u>
Winter, Jonah	<u>Beisbol: Latino Baseball Pioneers and Legends</u>

Laugh Out Loud! Humor

Delaney, Michael	<u>Birdbrain Amos</u>
Fine, Anne	<u>Diary of a Killer Cat</u>
Mason, Simon	<u>The Quigleys At Large*</u>
Pinkwater, Daniel	<u>Once Upon a Blue Moose</u>
McDonald, Megan	<u>Judy Moody*</u>
Robinson, Barbara	<u>My Brother Louis Measures Worms</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Sideways Stories *</u>
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Hey Kid, Want to Buy a Bridge?</u>

Look At This: Picture Books for Older Readers

Cherry, Lynne	<u>Armadillo From Amarillo</u>
Fleischman, Paul	<u>Weslandia</u>
McKissack, Patricia	<u>Mirandy and Brother Wind</u>
Mora, Pat	<u>Dona Flor</u>
Muth, Jon J.	<u>Zen Shorts</u>
Peet, Bill	<u>Cowardly Clyde</u>
Sweet, Melissa	<u>Carmine: A Little More Red</u>

Once Upon a Time: Folklore

Adler, Naomi	<u>The Barefoot Book of Animal Tales from Around the World</u>
Bruchac, Joseph	<u>Between Earth and Sky</u>
D'Aulaire, Ingri and Paul	<u>The D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths</u>
Hayes, Joe	<u>Pajaro Verde/The Green Bird</u>
Hickox, Rebecca	<u>The Golden Sandal</u>
Hurston, Zora Neal	<u>The Six Fools</u>
Johnson-Davies, Denys	<u>Goha, the Wise Fool</u>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<u>American Tall Tales</u>
Taback, Simms	<u>Kibitzers and Fools</u>

A Way With Words: Poetry

Berry, James	<u>Classic Poems to Read Aloud</u>
Florian, Douglas	<u>Beast Feast</u>
Gollab, Matthew	<u>Cool Melons - Turn To Frogs</u>
Grimes, Nikki	<u>A Pocketful of Poems</u>
Hollyer, Belinda	<u>The Kingfisher Book of Family Poems</u>
Janescko, Paul	<u>A Poke In the Eye</u>
Nicholls, Judith	<u>The Sun In Me</u>
Prelutsky, Jack	<u>The Dragons Are Singing Tonight</u>
Silverstein, Shel	<u>Runny Babbit</u>
Worth, Valerie	<u>All the Small Poems *</u>

True to Life: Nonfiction

Brenner, Barbara	<u>One Small Place By the Sea</u>
George, Jean C.	<u>Incredible Animal Adventures</u>
Herriot, James	<u>Oscar, Cat about Town</u>
Hopkinton, Deborah	<u>Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building</u>
Jenkins, Steve	<u>The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest</u>
McKendry, Joe	<u>Beneath the Streets of Boston: Building America's First Subway</u>
McMillan, Bruce	<u>Nights of the Pufflings</u>
Stewart, Melissa	<u>A Place for Butterflies</u>
TIME for Kids	<u>Science Scoops: Storms!*</u>

Life Stories: Biography

Armstrong, Jennifer	<u>Audubon: Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier</u>
Brown, Don	<u>Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa</u>
Chin-Lee, Cynthia	<u>Amelia to Zora</u>
Kerley, Barbara	<u>The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins</u>
Poole, Josephine	<u>Anne Frank</u>
Sis, Peter	<u>The Tree of Life: Charles Darwin</u>
TIME for Kids	<u>Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World*</u>