

Brookline Public Schools

Grade 5/6 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

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Hot Off the Presses: New And Notable

Birdsall, Jeanne	<u>The Penderwicks</u>
Bolden, Tonya	<u>Maritcha</u>
Delaney, Joseph	<u>Revenge of the Witch</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</u>
Funke, Cornelia	<u>Inkspell*</u>
Hale, Shannon	<u>Princess Academy</u>
Pullman, Philip	<u>Scarecrow and His Servant</u>
Sachar, Louis	<u>Small Steps*</u> (sequel to <u>Holes</u>)
Walker, Sally M.	<u>Secrets of a Civil War Submarine</u>

Recommended Authors

Roald Dahl	Cornelia Funke
Jack Gantos	E.L.Koningsburg
Lois Lowry	Katherine Paterson
Richard Peck	Mildred Taylor

It Could Happen: Realistic Fiction

Alvarez, Julia	<u>How Tia Lola Came to Stay</u>
Blume, Judy	<u>Fudge*</u>
Gantos, Jack	<u>Joey Pigza (series)</u>
Hannigan, Katherine	<u>Ida B</u>
Horvath, Polly	<u>Everything on a Waffle</u>
Koningsburg, E.L.	<u>From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</u>
McKay, Hilary	<u>Saffy's Angel*</u>
Naylor, Phillis Reynolds	<u>Shiloh</u>
Tolan, Stephanie	<u>Surviving the Applewhites</u>
Van Drannen	<u>Shredderman*</u>

Page-turners: Mystery/Adventure

Aiken, Joan	<u>The Wolves of Willoughby Chase*</u> (Wolves Chronicles)
Balliett, Blue	<u>Chasing Vermeer</u>
Fleischman, Sid	<u>The Whipping Boy</u>
George, Jean Craighead	<u>My Side of the Mountain*</u>
Hahn, Mary Downing	<u>Wait til Helen Comes</u>
Horowitz, Anthony	<u>Alex Rider Adventures*</u>
Langton, Jane	<u>Diamond in the Window*</u> (Hall Family Chronicles)
Smith, Dodie	<u>101 Damations</u>
Van Drannen, Wendelin	<u>Sammy Keyes*</u>
Wallace, Barbara Brooks	<u>Peppermints in the Parlor</u>

Out of this World: Fantasy/Science Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd	<u>The Book of Three*</u>
Byng, Georgia	<u>Molly Moon*</u>
Collins, Suzanne	<u>Gregor the Overlander*</u>
Cooper, Susan	<u>Dark is Rising*</u>
DiCamillo, Kate	<u>The Tale of Desperaux</u>
Duprau, Jeanne	<u>The City of Ember*</u>
Ferris, Jean	<u>Once Upon a Marigold</u>
Ibbotson, Eva	<u>Secret of Platform 13</u>
Juster, Norton	<u>The Phantom Tollbooth</u>
Levine, Gail Carson	<u>Ella Enchanted</u>
Martin, Ann	<u>The Doll People*</u>
Wrede, Patricia	<u>Dealing with Dragons*</u>

Way Back When: Historical Fiction

Curtis, Christopher Paul The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963
 Going, K.L. The Liberation of Gabriel King
 Horowitz, Anthony The Devil and His Boy
 Levine, Gail Carson Dave at Night
 MacLachlan, Patricia Sarah, Plain and Tall*
 Magorian, Michelle Goodnight, Mr. Tom
 Peck, Richard The Teacher's Funeral
 Peck, Robert Newton Soup*
 Speare, Elizabeth The Witch of Blackbird Pond
 Spinelli, Jerry Milkweed
 White, Ruth Belle Prater's Boy*

Play Ball!: Sports Books

Buckley, James America's Greatest Game: The Real Story of Football and the NFL
 Gutman, Dan Jackie and Me* (Baseball Card Adventures)
 Lupica, Mike Travel Team
 Lynch, Chris Gold Dust
 Ritter, John The Boy Who Saved Baseball
 Sullivan, George Don't Step on the Foul Line: Sports Superstitions
 Wolff, Virginia Euwer Bat 6

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Armstrong, William H. Souder
 Baum, Frank Oz*
 Brink, Carl Ryrie Caddie Woodlawn
 Burnett, Frances Hodgson The Secret Garden
 Grahame, Kenneth The Reluctant Dragon
 Lewis, C.S. Chronicles of Narnia*

McCloskey, Robert
 Merrill, Jean
 O'Dell, Scott
 Patterson, Katherine
 Steig, William
 Streatfield, Noel
 Taylor, Mildred
 Taylor, Sidney
 White, E.B.

Picture Books for Older Readers

McCully, Emily Arnold
 Paterson, Katherine
 Say, Allen
 Sis, Peter
 Van Allsburg, Chris
 Wiesner, David
 Woodson, Jacqueline

Once Upon a Time: Folklore

D'Aulaires
 Hamilton, Virginia
 Hodges, Margaret
 Osborne, Mary Pope

Homer Price
The Pushcart War
Island of the Blue Dolphins
The Bridge to Terabithia
Abel's Island
The Shoe Books*
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
All-of-a-Kind Family*
Charlotte's Web

Beautiful Warrior
The King's Equal
Tea With Milk
Tibet Through the Red Box
The Wretched Stone
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Show Way

D'Aulaires Book of Greek Myths
The People Could Fly
Merlin and the Making of the King
Favorite Medieval Tales

True to Life: Nonfiction

Armstrong, Jennifer Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World
 Curlee, Lynn Parthenon
 Fritz, Jean Leonardo's Horse
 Gorrell, Gena Working Like a Dog
 Lasky, Kathryn Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles
 Lourie, Peter Lost Treasure of the Inca
 Murphy, Jim An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793
 O'Connor, Jane The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China
 Sturges, Philemon Sacred Places
 Webb, Sophie My Season With Penguins: An Antarctic Journal

Life Stories: Biography

Bridges, Ruby Through My Eyes
 Codell, Esme Raji Sing a Song of Tuna Fish
 Freedman, Russell Lincoln: A Photobiography
 Goodall, Jane The Chimpanzees I Love
 Green, Michelle A Strong Right Arm
 Lalicki, Tom Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini
 Lobel, Anita No Pretty Pictures
 Paulsen, Gary My Life in Dog Years
 Robinson, Sharon Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America

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