

Brookline Public Schools

Entering Grade K/2

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

* = Series book

Hot Off the Presses: New And Notable

Bloom, Suzanne	<u>A Splendid Friend, Indeed</u>
Edwards, Michelle	<u>Stinky Stern Forever</u>
Freeman, Don	<u>Earl the Squirrel</u>
Giovanni, Nikki	<u>Rosa</u>
Juster, Norton,	<u>Hello, Goodbye Window</u>
Chris Raschka, Ill.	(Caldecott Winner, 2006)
Priceman, Marjorie	<u>Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon</u>
Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas*</u>
Silverman, Erica	<u>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa</u>
Van Leeuwen, J.	<u>Amanda Pig and the Really Hot Day*</u>

Recommended Authors

Marc Brown	Kevin Henkes
Tomi DePaola	Arnold Lobel
Gail Gibbons	Patricia McKissack
Pat Hutchins	Patricia Polacco
Angela Johnson	Cynthia Rylant
Ezra Jack Keats	Vera B. Williams

Listen to This!: Picture Books for Families to Read Aloud

Brown, Margaret Wise	<u>The Important Book</u>
Bryan, Ashley	<u>Beautiful Blackbird</u>
Fox, Mem	<u>Hattie and the Fox</u>
Graham, Bob	<u>Let's Get a Pup Said Kate</u>
Greenfield, Eloise	<u>Africa Dream</u>
Hoberman, Mary Ann	<u>You Read to Me, I'll Read to You</u>
Keats, Ezra Jack	<u>Whistle for Willie</u>
McCloskey, Robert	<u>Blueberries for Sal</u>
McKissack, Patricia	<u>Goin' Somewhere Special</u>
Polacco, Patricia	<u>The Keeping Quilt</u>
Waber, Bernard	<u>Ira Sleeps Over</u>
Szieszka, Jon	<u>The True Story of the Three Little Pigs</u>
Viorst, Judith	<u>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</u>

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Bridwell, Norman	<u>Clifford, The Big Red Dog</u>
Dr. Seuss	<u>The Cat in the Hat</u>
	<u>Green Eggs and Ham</u>
Krauss, Ruth	<u>The Carrot Seed</u>
Lobel, Arnold	<u>Frog and Toad*</u>
McCloskey, Robert	<u>Make Way for Ducklings</u>
	<u>Blueberries for Sal</u>
Sendak, Maurice	<u>Where the Wild Things Are</u>
Steig, William	<u>Sylvester and the Magic Pebble</u>
Williams, Margery	<u>The Velveteen Rabbit</u>

Early Chapter Books

Adler, David	<u>Cam Jansen*</u>
Blume, Judy	<u>The One in the Middle is the</u> <u>Green Kangaroo</u>
Byars, Betsy	<u>Beans on the Roof</u> <u>The Golly Sisters*</u>
Coerr, Eleanor	<u>Chang's Paper Pony</u> <u>Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express</u>
Cole, Joanna	<u>The Magic Tree House*</u>
Danziger, Paula	<u>Amber Brown*</u>
DePaola, Tomi	<u>26 Fairmont Avenue*</u>
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<u>The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room</u>
Guest, Elissa H.	<u>Iris and Walter*</u>
Parish, Peggy	<u>Amelia Bedelia*</u>
Park, Barbara	<u>Junie B. Jones*</u>
Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Henry and Mudge*</u> <u>Mr. Putter and Tabby*</u> <u>When I Was Young in the</u> <u>Mountains</u>
Sharmat, Marjorie	<u>Nate the Great*</u>

Poetry and Rhyme

Dotlich, Rebecca	<u>Lemonade Sun and Other Summer</u> <u>Poems</u>
Florian, Douglas	<u>Mammalabilia</u> <u>Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs</u>
Greenfield, Eloise	<u>Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems</u>
Prelutsky, Jack	<u>It's Raining Pigs and Noodles</u> <u>The New Kid on the Block</u>
Sidman, Joyce	<u>Song of the Water Boatman</u>
Silverstein, Shel	<u>A Light in the Attic</u> <u>Where the Sidewalk Ends</u> <u>Falling Up</u>
Wilbur, Richard	<u>The Pig in the Spigot</u>
Yolen, Jane	<u>Color Me a Rhyme: Nature Poems</u> <u>for Young People</u>

Folklore

Aliki	<u>Corn is Maize: The Gift of the</u> <u>Indians</u> <u>The Story of Johnny Appleseed</u>
Cherry, Lynne	<u>The Great Kapok Tree, A Tale of</u> <u>the Amazon Rain Forest</u>
DePaola, Tomi	<u>Adelita, a Mexican Cinderella Story</u> <u>The Legend of the Bluebonnet</u> <u>The Indian Paintbrush</u>
Kellogg, Steven	<u>Paul Bunyan</u>
Klimo, Shirley	<u>The Korean Cinderella</u>
Lester, Julius	<u>John Henry</u>
Tolstoy, Sharkey	<u>The Gigantic Turnip</u>
Wood, Audrey	<u>The Bunyans</u>
Young, Ed	<u>Lon Po Po</u>

Life Stories: Biography

Adler, David	<u>Picture Book of Jackie Robinson</u>
Coerr, Eleanor	<u>Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express</u>
Cooney, Barbara	<u>Eleanor</u>
Krull, Kathleen	<u>Wilma Unlimited</u>
Parlin, John	<u>Amelia Earhart: Pioneer of the</u> <u>Sky</u>

True to Life: Nonfiction

Carle, Eric	<u>A House for Hermit Crab</u>
Cowley, Joy & Bishop, Nic	<u>Chameleon, Chameleon</u>
Gibbons, Gail	<u>Sharks</u>
Guiberson	<u>Cactus Hotel</u>
Kramer, Steven	<u>Lightning</u>
Roop and Roop	<u>Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie</u>
Simon, Seymour	<u>Destination: Space</u>
Sturges, Philemon	<u>Bridges are to Cross</u>