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Including summer reading lists
and ideas to get you excited about all
you'll be learning next year!

SUMMER READING 2014

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Welcome to our 2014 suggestions for your summer reading enjoyment. The books selected have been grouped by age appropriateness and incoming grade level. We've also included books and suggested activities in social studies and science. Summer reading in these subjects can help our students build their vocabulary and background knowledge in all they'll be learning next year.

We encourage our students to choose books within each grade specific list that can be read smoothly, understood well, and enjoyed. Readers may want to read other books in a series, books by the same author or other books in the same subject area. Read favorite authors, reread favorite books, and try new genres.

Keep a list of your favorites to share when you return to school. Students entering grades 4 - 6 will be required to submit their list to their homeroom teacher during the first week of school. Grades 5 and 6 students will also complete and submit a story map. The important thing is to

KEEP READING, WRITING, AND THINKING!

VOCABULARY

Readers use knowledge about words to help them make sense of what they're reading. The more a reader knows, the more they are able to comprehend what they're reading or listening to.

Talk to and read with your child. Have conversations and ask questions about interesting words. Take the time to share new words and build your child's vocabulary. You'll be ENORMOUSLY, EXCEEDINGLY, EMINENTLY glad you did!

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BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

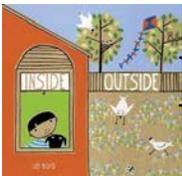
Interesting experiences give readers a broader framework for new information they might encounter in all they learn in science and social studies. In fact, 80% of reading comprehension depends upon the connections a reader makes. Go to the park, the zoo, or a historical landmark. When readers have lots of experiences to draw on, they have a better chance of making a connection with what they read and learn!

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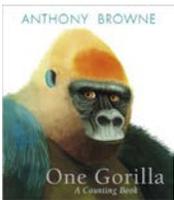
PRE K - K READ ALOUD SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR YOUNGEST READERS

By reading aloud to your child you are modeling what readers do. Children hear the wonderful 'language of books' and have rich opportunities for discussion. Please do not limit yourself to these suggested titles. You may find another favorite by these authors or your child may have a favorite of his or her own. The important thing is to read often with and to your child. Here are some suggestions to get you started:



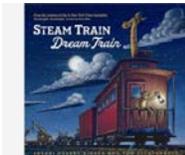
NEW! Inside Outside by Lizi Boyd

There's so much to see and talk about that you may not even notice that there's no text, just lively pictures!



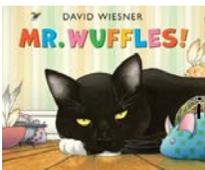
NEW! One Gorilla: A Counting Book by Anthony Browne

Although the subtitle is "a counting book," this is really a book about primates; from one gorilla all the way to the human race at the end!



NEW! Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Rinker

This rhythmic narrative tells of a train swaying along fully loaded with animals, off into the moonlit distance.



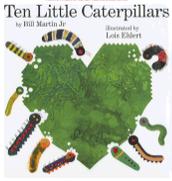
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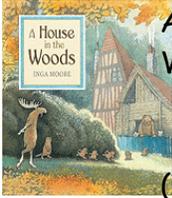
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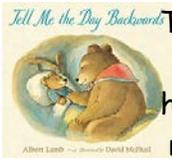
TEN LITTLE CATERPILLARS By Bill Martin, Jr.

Our youngest learners love the predictable pattern of 1-2-3, and this book gives them that, colors, and so much more: identification of the most common caterpillars, insects, butterflies, leaves, birds, and flowers.



A HOUSE IN THE WOODS By Inga Moore

What child has not built a "fort," whether under the table or out in the woods? In the same spirit, two pigs, a bear and a moose decide they should build a proper house. Lacking the skills themselves, they hire Beaver Builders (in hard hats) to build it in exchange for six plates of peanut butter sandwiches.



TELL ME THE DAY BACKWARDS By Albert Lamb

This story tells about a parent and child's bedtime tradition. Timmy Bear and his mama play a game they call Tell Me the Day Backwards. Timmy tries to remember everything that happened to him that day in reverse, from watching the sunset on the hill to the picnic supper before that, from being chased by bees to finding honey in an old tree stump, all the way back to waking up that morning.



GOODNIGHT, GOODNIGHT, CONSTRUCTION SITE By Sherri Rinker

What happens at a big construction site when the sun goes down? One by one, Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck, Bulldozer, and Excavator finish their work, say goodnight, make their way to a quiet place, and lie down to rest—so they'll be ready for another day of rough and tough construction play. Rhyming text and satisfying illustrations make this one a child will happily memorize after about three readings.

WHAT WILL YOU BE, SARA MEE? By K. Avraham

Beautiful story about a loving Korean family celebrating the baby's first birthday with a "fortune-telling" tradition.

NEVER SMILE AT A MONKEY by S. Jenkins

This nonfiction book about creatures both educates and amazes!

THREE LITTLE KITTENS by T. Ross

Every child needs a nursery rhyme book, and they will be thrilled with this one. Perfect for reading together, this humorous book is one to be treasured for many years to come.

DO YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND? By Eric Carle

A mouse searches everywhere for a friend.

ANNO'S COUNTING HOUSE by Musumasa Anno

One by one, ten children move from their old house into their new house.

WILL I HAVE A FRIEND? By Mirriam Cohen

A boy's worries on his first day of school are happily forgotten when he makes a new friend.

MOJO MEANS ONE: A SWAHILI COUNTING BOOK by Muriel and Tom Feelings

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM by Bill Martin, Jr.

In this bright and lively rhyme, the letters of the alphabet race each other to the top of the coconut tree.

GO AWAY BIG GREEN MONSTER! By Ed Emberley

By turning the pages, young children can assemble a monster and then make it go away again.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR by Eric Carle

A tale of a caterpillar as he eats and eats until . . .

FREIGHT TRAIN by Donald Crews

A multicolored freight train comes down the track, faster and faster until it's gone!

BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE? By Bill Martin, Jr.

On each page, we meet a new animal who nudges us onward to discover which creature will show up next.

TICKLE, TICKLE by Helen Oxenbury

Need we say more?

THE MOTHER GOOSE TREASURY by Raymond Briggs

Remember all the words of the nursery rhymes you learned as a child?

MY VERY FIRST MOTHER GOOSE by Iona Opie

A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including "Hey Diddle, Diddle," and "Pat-a-Cake".

KINDERGARTEN ABC by Jacqueline Rogers

Follow a kindergarten class through 26 days of the year.

FAVORITE PRE K - K KINDERGARTEN AUTHORS

Eric Carle

Dr. Seuss

Ezra Jack Keats

Mother Goose

Lois Ehlert

Leo Lionni

Donald Crews

Mem Fox

Norman Bridwell

Gail Gibbons

Pat Hutchins

Rosemary Wells

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- weather and the 4 seasons
- animals and their babies
- fossils and dinosaurs

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- working together in your classroom community
- celebrations, symbols, and national holidays
- maps and globes
- the work people do

- Take nature walks
- Meet the animals at the Worcester Ecotarium www.ecotarium.org
- Discover dinosaur footprints and cast your own dino footprint at Dinosaur State Park in Rocky Hill, CT. www.dinosaurstatepark.org
- Visit the Fire or Police Station
- Check out books at the Public Library

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Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

Rain by Peter Spier

Hide and Seek Fog by Alvin Tresselt

Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones by Byron Barton

Animal Families by Laurie Mack

Animals Animals by Eric Carle

Where Do Chicks Come From? (Let's-Read-and-Find... Science 1) by Amy E. Sklansky and Pam Papparone

Yoko Writes Her Name by Rosemary Wells

My Brother Martin by Christine King Farris

Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books by Kay Winters and Nancy Carpenter

Maps and Globes (Reading Rainbow Book) by Jack Knowlton and Harriet Barton

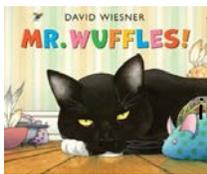
Henry Hikes to Fitchburg by D.B. Johnson

Jobs People Do by Christopher Maynard



SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR READERS ENTERING FIRST GRADE

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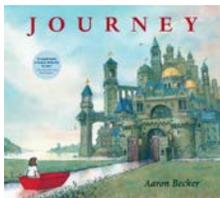
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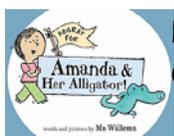
NEW! Journey by Aaron Becker

A bored girl picks up her red crayon, draws a doorway, and walks through into another world. A perfect book for a child who can follow an elaborate story, but may not yet be reading independently.



JUST A SECOND: A DIFFERENT WAY TO LOOK AT TIME By Steve Jenkins

Who among us, young and old, doesn't wonder about how fast some things happen, such as the beat of a hummingbird's wings, and how long it takes for others, such as flying to the nearest star? Steve Jenkins gives us very wonderful examples of what happens in one second, minute, day, week, month, and year.



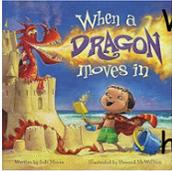
HOORAY FOR AMANDA & HER ALLIGATOR! By Mo Willems

6 1/2 surprising stories about 2 surprising friends. Amanda's alligator likes surprises, doesn't like waiting for Amanda, and as Amanda quickly points out, alligator has a thing or two to learn about comic timing. This story is simple, but surprisingly hilarious when read aloud.



E-MERGENCY! By Tom Lichtenheld

This clever picturebook will work best for a child who can read, or else as a read-aloud with an adult who will ham it up. The story is one of alphabet characters who must deal with the alarming development that E is injured (she came down the stairs a little too fast) and all her work must be done by the letter O. Cars suddenly honk "boop boop" instead of "beep beep," and try to observe the "spood limit". A balloon by E's hospital bed says "Got Woll Soon." Finally, E recovers -- just in time for ThE End.



WHEN A DRAGON MOVES IN By Jodi Moore

How exciting to have a dragon move into your perfect, newly-built sand castle! What fun to play together, beachcombing, toasting marshmallows, floating on his tummy, and flying a kite with his help! Nonetheless, a dragon without manners can get a person in trouble, what with raiding the picnic basket, kicking sand, and accidentally simmering the lemonade. Maybe a perfect sand castle isn't such a great idea after all.

HERBERT: THE TRUE STORY OF A BRAVE SEA DOG by R. Belton

This true story tells the story of a young boy's beloved dog and his real-life adventure at sea.

YUMMY: EIGHT FAVORITE FAIRY TALES by Lucy Cousins

Beware - these fairy tales are not for the faint of heart!

THE BILL MARTIN JR. BIG BOOK OF POETRY edited by Bill Martin, Jr.

Read a poem a day . . . all summer long!

BADGER'S FANCY MEAL by Keiko Kasza

Badger tries such creative meals as mole taco, rat burger, and rabbit banana-split.

ABC T-REX by Bernard Most

A young dinosaur, living a comfortably suburban lifestyle, eats his way through the alphabet.

CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM by Bill Martin, Jr.

In this bright and lively rhyme, the letters of the alphabet race each other to the top of the coconut tree.

I LIKE ME by Nancy Carlson

"I Like Me," says an emphatically cheerful girl-pig who demonstrates an imperturbable sense of self-esteem.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY CAT? By Eric Carle

A young boy encounters all sorts of cats while searching for the one he lost.

DO YOU WANT TO BE MY FRIEND? By Eric Carle

Do you want to be my friend? asks the little mouse, and hopefully follows a trail, finding at the end of it a rather unfriendly horse. But there's another trail, and another, and a strange, long, green one, too, that follows the mouse on his quest for a friend.

MOUSE TALES by Arnold Lobel

Seven mouse boys lie awake one night.... . . And they ask their Papa to tell them a story. Papa does better than that -- he tells them seven stories, one for each boy.

HATTIE AND THE FOX by Mem Fox

"I can see a nose, two eyes, two ears, two legs, and a body in the bushes!" cries Hattie. But no one is paying a bit of attention.

GEORGE AND MARTHA by James Marshall

Two lovable hippos teach the meaning of friendship in five brief stories.

GREEN EGGS AND HAM by Dr. Seuss

Sam-I-Am mounts a determined campaign to convince another Seuss character to eat a plate of green eggs and ham.

LEO THE LATE BLOOMER by Robert Kraus

Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.

CHRYSANTHEMUM by Kevin Henkes

Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts school and the other children make fun of it.

A LETTER TO AMY by Ezra Jack Keats

Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but wants it to be a surprise.

Informational Books:

WHAT DO INSECTS DO? By Susan Canizares

Photographs and simple text describe the many things that insects do.

THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND by Woody Guthrie

This lovely picture book celebrates one of America's most important treasures, the familiar folk song sung by people everywhere, of all ages and backgrounds.

FAVORITE FIRST GRADE AUTHORS

Beverly Cleary

Jan Brett

Ashley Bryan

Dr. Seuss

Kevin Henkes

Vera Williams

Mary Ann Hoberman

Marc Brown

Gail Gibbons

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE ONE

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- soil and why it's important
- matter (solids, liquids, gases)
- living/nonliving things (plants, ocean habitats, animals)

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- autumn and the harvest
- American symbols, holidays, events, leaders
- geography and mapping
- Ruby Bridges and the difference she made in the world

- Take nature walks
- Visit the Worcester Ecotarium
www.ecotarium.org
- Learn about matter and more at the Children's Discovery Museum in Acton
www.discoverymuseums.org
- Celebrate Independence Day and talk about why it is important
- Check out books at the Public Library, including folktales

Take summer field trips, talk about them, and follow up with good books!



Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

All Around the Seasons by B. Saltzberg

Johnny Appleseed by Jane Yolen

One Monday Morning by Schulevitz

Bread Bread Bread by Ann Morris

Everybody Cooks Rice by Dooley

Dirt: Jump Into Science by Steve Tomecek

Draw Ocean Animals by D. C. DuBosque

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson

The Magic School Bus Hops Home: A Book About Animal Habitats by Pat Relf

Apple Pie Fourth of July by Janet S. Wong

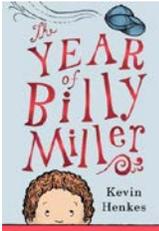
The Story of America's Birthday by Patricia A. Pingry

Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin, Jr.



SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR READERS ENTERING SECOND GRADE

The following titles are recommended summer reading books for students who will be entering second grade. Some children will not be able to read these books independently. If so, please read the books to or with your child. Please do not limit yourself to these suggested titles. Many of the authors listed have written other books that your child may also enjoy. Here are some suggestions to get you started:



NEW! The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Billy is a very normal kid, and he has very normal worries: will he be smart enough for second grade? By the end of the school year, Billy has handled so many challenges that he announces that it's the Year of Billy Miller!



NEW! Little Red Writing by Joan Holub

For a child who loves to tell stories, this is just the book! A brave pencil, Little Red, sets off along the Story Path, carrying a basket of nouns, encountering danger, and even more danger, along the way!



NEW! Locomotive by Brian Floca

Just the book for readers with an eye for nonfiction, this is the story of Transcontinental Railroad travel in picture book style. Text is written in blank verse, caption, diagram, and more.



I HAD A FAVORITE DRESS By Boni Ashburn

A fresh take on a classic folktale. When a little girl outgrows her favorite dress, her mother cuts it down into a blouse - and periodically recycles pieces into a tank top, a skirt, a scarf, sox, a hair bow, and finally into a self-portrait.



STARS By Mary Lin Ray

Stars may be unimaginably distant astronomical bodies in one sense, but in so many ways they are part of daily life. On a general or sheriff, they are symbols of authority. On school work they mark success. On pumpkin vines they promise future squash. In the sky, they foretell a clear night ahead.



THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF AWESOME MAN By Michael Chabon

Those who would be superheroes would do well to be like the caped Awesome Man, who can fly as high as a satellite and as straight as an arrow. Using his power grip, he can even hug mutant talking Jell-O from Beyond the Stars!

HERBERT: THE TRUE STORY OF A BRAVE SEA DOG by R. Belton

This true story tells the story of a young boy's beloved dog and his real-life adventure at sea.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BAD KITTY by Nick Bruel

Written in a graphic style, this funny book is perfect for the beginning chapter book set!

HENRY AND MUDGE: THE FIRST BOOK by Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

THREE BY THE SEA by Edward Marshall

Three friends relax after their picnic lunch by each telling his or her best story.

NATE THE GREAT by Marjorie Sharmat

Nate's brains, ingenuity, and keen powers of observation save the day!

GET READY FOR SECOND GRADE, AMBER BROWN by Paula Danziger

Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine.

THE RELATIVES CAME by Cynthia Rylant

This Caldecott-Honor book by Cynthia Rylant describes the memorable experience of a large group of relatives visiting their family one summer.

A CHAIR FOR MY MOTHER by Vera Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

MILLIONS OF CATS by Wanda Gag

Wanda Gag's classic tale of the very old man who went off in search of the prettiest cat in the world for his wife and returned instead with millions to choose from.

BRINGING THE RAIN TO KAPITI PLAIN by Verna Aardema

A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.

SLEEP OUT by Carol and Donald Carrick

Anxious to try out his new camping gear, Christopher sleeps out alone on his first night in the country and almost regrets that he didn't wait for his father to come along.

READ A RHYME, WRITE A RHYME selected by Jack Prelutsky

Recommended for all writers and future poets! Prelutsky has created an anthology of poems on 10 popular subjects combined with his own "poemstarts." Included with each poemstart are suggestions for various ways the reader might continue the poem. With large type and a big red stop sign, it is made abundantly clear that the reader get a pencil and paper to complete the poem.

Informational Books:

A WIZARD FROM THE START: THE INCREDIBLE BOYHOOD AND AMAZING INVENTIONS OF THOMAS EDISON by Don Brown

FACES OF THE MOON by Bob Crelin

Excellent, basic information about the moon and its changes including a 'fun way to remember moon facts'

MAMA MITI: WANGARI MAATHAI AND THE TREES OF KENYA by Donna Jo Napoli

The true story of a Kenyan woman who helped to bring trees back to a sadly deforested country

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL WE GO by Ellen Jackson

In easy-to-read text, describes what the first day of school might be like for a child in Kenya, Kazakhstan, Canada, Australia, Japan, china, Peru, Germany, India, Russia, and the United States.

SURPRISING SHARKS by Nicola Davies

A remarkable amount of information about sharks which emphasizes that sharks come in a variety of shapes and sizes and most are not dangerous.

FAVORITE SECOND GRADE AUTHORS

Vera Williams

Cynthia Rylant

Barbara Park

Beverly Cleary

Jan Brett

Aliki

Jack Prelutsky

Tomie dePaola

Eric Carle

Mem Fox

Chris Van Allsburg

Patricia Polacco

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE TWO

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- your 5 senses
- balance and motion
- insects
- simple machines

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- the Wampanoags (a Native American tribe from Massachusetts)
- geography (continents and oceans)
- immigration
- historical figures (Harriet Tubman, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks, Paul Revere, Amelia Earhart, and Martin Luther King, Jr.)

- Take nature walks: look for bugs!
- Visit the Worcester Ecotarium
www.ecotarium.org
- Visit the Children's Discovery Museum in Acton www.discoverymuseums.org
- Consider a day trip to Plimoth Plantation www.plimoth.org
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Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

Peterson First Guide to Insects of North America (Peterson First Guides) by C. Leahy,

R. Peterson, and R. White

Hello Ocean by Pam Munoz Ryan (visit the beach through your 5 senses)

The Children of the Morning Light: Wampanoag Tales as told by Manitonquat

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving by C. O'Neill

An Atlas of the World

Dear Juno by Soyung Pak

My Diary from Here to There by Amada Irma Perez

Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson and Diane Goode

Teammates by Peter Golenbock and Paul Bacon

An Apple for Harriet Tubman by Glennette Tilley Turner

Ant Cities by Arthur Dorros



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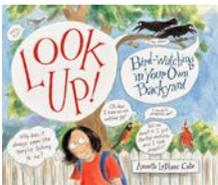
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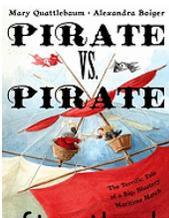
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NEW! Look Up!: Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard by A. Cate

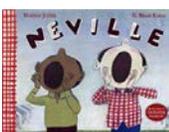
This is a terrific introductory book for anyone interested in natural history. Every single page is filled with details and plenty of tips for working out which bird is which, and what it's up to.



PIRATE VS. PIRATE: THE TERRIFIC TALE OF A BIG, BLUSTERY

MARITIME MARCH By Mary Quattlebaum

Bad Bart wants to be the richest and most fearsome pirate in the world, and he's getting close. His only serious competition is Mean Mo, and she's fully prepared to show him she's tougher, braver, stronger, and wealthier. Only after they've heaved cannonballs, swum with sharks, and piled up vast loot do they realize there's another solution to their competition.



NEVILLE By Norton Juster

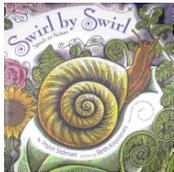
This is the story of a boy who might be 7, or 10, or even 12, and is not pleased about moving to a new neighborhood. His mother tells him to go out and make some friends, as though it's just that easy, which he knows full well it's not. Reluctantly he saunters down the street for about a block, and then calls out, "Neville!" Nobody answers. shouts draw more children, who begin speculating on who the mysterious Neville

might be, and how much they'd like to meet him. They wonder if he'll be around the following day. As dinnertime nears and children head for home, the boy smiles and heads for his own house, where his mother greets him by name: Neville, of course.



ME . . .JANE By Patrick McDonnell

The reader will eventually come to the Afterword that makes clear Jane is not Tarzan's girlfriend, but rather Dr. Jane Goodall. This is the story of a little girl who loves animals and trees, soft toys, reading, dreams, and finding out what happens next. Such little girls grow up to become women of intellect and accomplishment, and their happy childhood is as valuable to the world as to themselves.



SWIRL BY SWIRL By Joyce Sidman

Why do you pick up a snail shell and think its beautiful? Why does that shape occur in nature over and over again -- in rushing rivers, in a flower bud, even inside your ear? Spirals -- bold and beautiful but mysterious -- are everywhere. Any child who shows an interest in the natural world will find food for thought and observation in these brief verses.



JUNONIA By Kevin Henkes

Returning to the beach cottage—a cottage named Scallop—where she has always celebrated her birthday is a special occasion for Alice Rice. Who will see the first dolphin this time? The first pelican? What will have changed? Stayed the same? And will this be the year she finally finds a junonia shell? Alice's friends are all returning, too. And she's certain her parents have the best party planned for her. Alice can't wait. If Alice is lucky, everything will be absolutely perfect. Will Alice be lucky?

THE JUNKYARD WONDERS by Patricia Polacco

Based on a real-life event in Patricia Polacco's childhood, this book will inspire readers to find their inner genius

ALVIN HO: ALLERGIC TO CAMPING, HIKING, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS by Lenore Look

A hilarious look at a timid youngster who is afraid of almost everything

DIARY OF A FLY by Doreen Cronin

A fly's description of her day-by-day existence shows she has lots to learn about being an insect.

GOONEY, THE FABULOUS by Lois Lowry

The second graders make up fables based upon animals with the same first letter as their names.

ALSO:

A IS FOR AMBER SERIES by Paul Danziger

These books portray very real situations, fears, and apprehensions that readers encounter with lots of spunk and spirit from Amber, the main character.

JIGSAW JONES SERIES by James Preller

Puzzle-crazy Jigsaw Jones searches for clues and pieces them together to solve the mystery.

MAGIC TREEHOUSE SERIES by Mary Pope Osborne

This series is an interesting mix of fiction and nonfiction. Each book takes characters to another place and/or time to get a clue to solve a mystery or challenge.

AMERICAN GIRL SERIES

The heroines are strong and independent girls and some things in their lives are very different from today. But others - like families, friendships and feelings - haven't changed at all.

A-Z MYSTERIES by Ron Roy

Dink and his friends investigate a variety of mysterious occurrences in their hometown. This intriguing mystery series for young readers is a great introduction to the mystery genre.

FAIRY REALM SERIES by Emily Rodda

When Jessie finds the invisible door to the Fairy Realm, she enters a magical world of elves, fairies, gnomes, miniature horses, mermaids, storytelling furrybears, fearsome griffins and unicorns.

THE NANCY DREW NOTEBOOKS by Carolyn Keene

If Nancy Drew isn't a born detective, she at least acquired her sleuthing skills at an early age--age eight, to be exact. This series turns back the clock to reveal a familiar heroine.

THE WITCHES by Roald Dahl and other books by this favorite grade three author

This Roald Dahl classic tells the scary, funny and imaginative tale of a seven-year-old boy who has a run-in with some real-life witches!

THE PRINCESS TALES by Gail Carson Levine

Once upon a time . . . Gail Carson Levine waved her magic wand over three well-known fairy tales, and presto! They were transformed -- and sparkingly funny-in these delightful retellings.

SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES SERIES by Tony DiTerlizzi

When the Grace children go to live at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some very unusual experiences.

SPORTS BOOKS by Matt Christopher

The author has written numerous books about any sport that would interest a child.

PINK AND SAY by Patricia Polacco

Pink, an African-American soldier in the Civil War, rescues Say and takes him home for his mother to nurse back to health. The strength of friendship permeates this family story.

BABE THE GALLANT PIG by Dick King-Smith

The fast-paced animal fantasy of an extraordinary pig that wants to be a shepherd. If you liked *Charlotte's Web*, you'll love Babe.

Informational Books

Follow your interests! What information are you craving to know? What do you wonder? What do you want to know more about? Read about snakes, insects, history, biographies and autobiographies, or sports. Nonfiction or informational books deal with actual, real-life subjects; so find a topic you're curious about and - READ! READ! READ!

CLEMENTE! by Willie Perdomo

This is not just a story about the sports hero, but also a lovely tale about family, perseverance and culture

MIRROR MIRROR: A BOOK OF REVERSIBLE VERSE by Marilyn Singer

These poems are read two ways: up and down!

EMMA'S POEM: THE VOICE OF THE STATUE OF LIBERTY by Linda Glaser

Tells, in art and words, the history behind the inscription behind the Statue of Liberty

SURVIVAL AT 40 BELOW by Debbie S. Miller

The author takes the reader to northern Alaska to observe animals collecting and storing food, preparing for eight months of snow

FAVORITE THIRD GRADE AUTHORS

Patricia Polacco

Jon Scieszka

Chris Van Allsburg

David Adler

Roald Dahl

Matt Christopher

Beverly Cleary

Judy Blume

Gail Carson Levine

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE THREE

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- trees
- the life cycle of the frog
- matter
- the water cycle

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- the Pilgrims and the Puritans
- geography and mapping of New England
- the American Revolution in Massachusetts
- Westborough: change over time

- Take nature walks
- Visit a local pond
- Consider a day trip to Plimoth Plantation www.plimoth.org
- Check out books at the Public Library
- Take a walking tour of Westborough including a visit to the Historical Society
- Walk the Freedom Trail in Boston

Take summer field trips, talk about them, and follow up with good books!



Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

Frog (Watch Me Grow) by Dk

First Guide to Trees (Peterson Field Guides) by George A. Petrides

The Magic School Bus Wet All Over: A Book About The Water Cycle by Pat Relf

Three Young Pilgrims by Cheryl Harnes

Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen

A River Ran Wild: An Environmental History by Lynne Cherry

The American Girls Collection (Welcome to Felicity's World 1774: Growing Up in Colonial America, Welcome to Addy's World 1864: Growing Up During America's Civil War)

Colonial Days by David C. King

Early American Crafts and Occupations Coloring Book by Peter Copeland

...If You Lived in Colonial Times by Ann McGovern

Let It Begin Here!: Lexington & Concord: First Battles of the American Revolution by Dennis Brindell Fradin and Larry Day

Katie's Trunk by Ann Turner and Ronald Himler



SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR READERS ENTERING FOURTH GRADE

The following titles are recommended summer reading books for students who will be entering fourth grade. Please do not limit yourself to these suggested titles. Reread some favorites of your own or challenge yourself by reading a new genre. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:



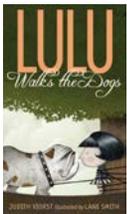
NEW! Little Red Writing by Joan Holub

For a child who loves to tell stories, this is just the book! A brave pencil, Little Red, sets off along the Story Path, carrying a basket of nouns, encountering danger, and even more danger, along the way!



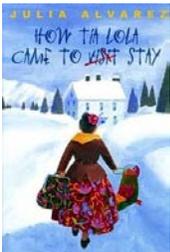
NEW! Kenny & the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi

Kenny is a little rabbit with a very big problem. His two best friends are heading into a battle of legendary proportions—with each other! In one corner, there's Graeme, a well-read and cultured dragon with sophisticated tastes. In the other there's George, a retired knight and dragon slayer who would be content to spend the rest of his days in his bookshop. A light-hearted retelling of Kenneth Graeme's classic tale.



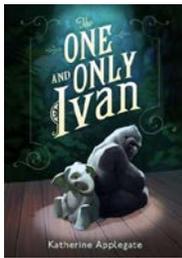
NEW! Lulu Walks the Dogs by Judith Viorst

Lulu needs money and decides on a dog walking enterprise. The only problem is that Lulu is terrible with dogs!



TIA LOLA series by Julia Alvarez

When ten-year-old Miguel moves to Vermont with his mami after his parents divorce, guess who flies up from the Island to help take care of him and his little sister, Juanita? Tía Lola! A kind of Mary Poppins with a Spanish accent.



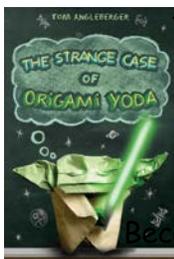
THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN By Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family. As Ivan sees their home through new eyes. Based on a true story, this is an extraordinary story of friendship, art, and hope.



A BOY CALLED DICKENS By Deborah Hopkinson

For years Dickens kept the story of his own childhood a secret. Yet it is a story worth telling. As a child, Dickens was forced to live on his own and work long hours in a rat-infested blacking factory. Readers will be drawn into the streets of London, where they will learn how Dickens got the inspiration for many of his characters. This book is the perfect way to introduce kids to the great author and is historical fiction at its ingenious best.



THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA series

and other contemporary fiction suggestions. Remember, some titles are easier and some more challenging. Choose one that's just right for you.

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Room One: A Mystery or Two.....	Clements
The Lemonade War (series).....	Davies
Salsa Stories.....	Delacre
The Magician's Elephant.....	DiCamillo
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series).....	DiTerlizzi
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It.....	Frazier
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key.....	Gantos
The Road to Paris.....	Grimes
The Homework Machine.....	Gutman
Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle	Jacobson
When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street.....	Johnson
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series).....	Kinney
Alvin Ho (series).....	Look
Ruby Lu (series).....	Look
Julia Gillian (And the Art of Knowing)	McGee
Junebug (series).....	Mead
Next to Mexico.....	Nails
The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis.....	O'Connor
Big Nate (series)	Peirce
The Talented Clementine	Pennypacker
39 Clues (series)	Scholastic (many authors)

Smells Like Treasure.....	Selfors
Younguncle Comes to Town.....	Singh
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series)	Snicket
No Girls Allowed (Dogs Okay).....	Trueit
Hank Zipzer Series	Winkler
Peace, Locomotion.....	Woodson

FANTASY

DRAGON SLAYER'S ACADEMY by Kate McMullan

A fantasy adventure series for beginning chapter-book readers.

NO SUCH THING by Jackie French Koller

When Howard tells his mother about the monster under his bed, she says there's no such thing. Young Monster's mother says the same thing when he describes the boy on top of the bed. 2.5

MAGIC TREEHOUSE SERIES by Mary Pope Osborne

Each book takes the characters to another place and/or time to get a clue to solve a mystery or challenge.

THE GREAT REDWALL FEAST by Brian Jacques

Relates in rhyme the riotous preparations for and celebration of the animals' surprise feast in honor of the abbot of the abbey of Redwall. The rest of the books in the series are more challenging. If you like this series, choose one that's just right for you.

GERONIMO STILTON SERIES by Geronimo Stilton

Who Is Geronimo Stilton? That's me! I run a newspaper, but my true passion is writing tales of adventure. Here on Mouse Island, my books are all best-sellers! What's that? You've never read one? Well, my books are full of fun. They are whisker-licking good stories, and that's a promise!

THE BOY OF A THOUSAND FACES by Brian Selznick

Obsessed with horror films, ten-year-old Alonzo dreams of transforming himself into "The Boy of a Thousand Faces" and gets his wish in an unexpected way.

ELLA ENCHANTED by Gail Carson Levine

Cinderella meets Goody Two-Shoes in this tale of a girl cursed by the "gift" of obedience. Ella, our heroine, learns how to just say "no".

THE BORROWERS by Mary Norton

A make-believe world in which tiny people live hidden from humankind beneath the floorboards of a quiet country house in England.

THE LEGEND OF LUKE (REDWALL SERIES) BY Brian Jacques

When Martin the Warrior leaves Redwall Abbey and embarks upon a journey to the place of his birth, he learns about the brave and noble deeds of his father Luke, a real Warrior Chieftain. If you like this series, you'll find some are easier and some more challenging. Choose one that's just right for you.

Mysteries

THE CLUE MYSTERIES: 15 WHODUNITS TO SOLVE IN MINUTES by Vicki Cameron

A collection of 15 light and lively tales to solve in 10 minutes or less-featuring familiar characters from the classic Clue board game. These stories give readers an opportunity to sleuth out the culprit among Colonel Mustard, Professor Plum, Mrs. Letitia Peacock, and the others in all manner of intrigues that are fun to solve.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN SERIES by David J. Sobol

Encyclopedia Brown solves brain-twisting mysteries using his famous computerlike brain.

A-Z MYSTERIES by Ron Roy

Dink Duncan and his friends investigate one mystery after another in this A-Z series.

THE WEB FILES by Marge Palatini

Ducktective Web and his partner try to quack the case of the pilfered peck of perfectly pickled peppers.

HARDY BOYS SERIES by Franklin W. Dixon

STAR WARS SERIES by Jude Watson

COFFIN ON A CASE by Eve Bunting

At Your Service! Twelve-year old Henry Coffin helps out his dad at the Coffin and Pale Detective Agency. Only one thing is missing: he's itching for the chance to work on a case of his own.

TRIXIE BELDEN MYSTERIES by Julie Campbell

Informational (NONFICTION) includes Biography and Autobiography

Follow your interests! What information are you craving to know? What do you wonder? What do you want to know more about? Read about snakes, insects, history, biographies and autobiographies, or sports. Nonfiction or informational books deal with actual, real-life subjects; so find a topic you're curious about and - READ! READ! READ!

FACE TO FACE WITH BUTTERFLIES by Darlene Murawski

Follow this insect expert inside the fascinating world of butterflies

SIT-IN: HOW FOUR FRIENDS STOOD UP BY SITTING DOWN by Andrea Pinkney

Based on the historic sit-in 50 years ago by four college students who tried to integrate a Woolworth's lunch counter

UBIQUITOUS: CELEBRATING NATURE'S SURVIVORS by Joyce Sidman

When 99% of all life forms on earth have become extinct, why do some survive? Why is the beetle, born 265 million years ago, still with us today? And not just in one place, but in many places. Just how do they become ubiquitous?

FOR GOOD MEASURE: THE WAYS WE SAY HOW MUCH, HOW FAR, HOW HEAVY, HOW BIG, HOW OLD by Ken Robbins

An amazingly thorough description of the numerous ways we measure

SPILLING INK: A YOUNG WRITER'S HANDBOOK by Ellen Potter

A HOW TO book for kids who want to write

Realistic Fiction

AMELIA BOOKS by Marissa Moss

The hand-lettered contents of a nine-year-old girl's notebook, in which she records her thoughts and feelings about moving, starting school, and dealing with her older sister, as well as keeping her old best friend and making a new one.

AMBER BROWN SERIES by Paula Danziger

MY AMERICA SERIES

FAIRY REALM SERIES by Emily Rodda

THE ROBERT SERIES by Barbara Seuling

AMAZING DAYS OF ABBY HAYES by Anne Mazer

BOOKS BY GORDON KORMAN

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C.S. Lewis

Jackie French Koller

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE FOUR

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- life cycles: butterflies
- animal adaptations
- magnets
- electricity
- sound and light
- the moon and the solar system

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- geography
- national historic sites
- regions of the United States
- our rights (vote, religion, press, speech, assembly and petition)
- our neighbors: Canada and Mexico

- Consider a day trip to the Boston Museum of Science www.mos.org
- Check out books at the Public Library and find free passes to a variety of museums
- Walk the Freedom Trail in Boston
- Visit one of the many museums in Lowell that highlight our region's rich history in industry
- Keep a journal or list of all the fun things you do this summer

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Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

The Moon by Seymour Simon

The Moon Book by Gail Gibbons

Magnet Science by Glen Peter Vecchione

Electricity (DK Eyewitness Books) by Steve Parker

Awesome Experiments in Light & Sound by Michael A. Dispezio

Home to Me, Poems across America by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Dreaming of America: An Ellis Island Story by Eve Bunting

The Memory Coat by Elvira Woodruff

House Mouse, Senate Mouse by Peter W. Barnes

Canada (A to Z) by Tamra Orr

Mexico (A to Z) by Justine Fontes

What Are Your Basic Rights? by Jacqueline Laks Gorman

S is for Smithsonian: America's Museum Alphabet by Roland Smith

The Journey: A Story of Migration by Cynthia Rylant



SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS FOR READERS ENTERING FIFTH GRADE

Before returning to school, you are to complete a story map for a book you read this summer. You'll use this map to write a book review when you return to school. The book reviewer does not just read the text, she or he is an **AUTHORITY** on the text. To write a review, you have to have something compelling to say, so choose a book to critique that you have strong feelings about one way or another. Please do not limit yourself to these suggested titles.

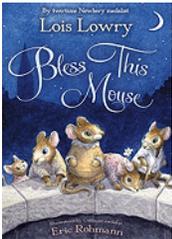


NEW & RECOMMENDED! HOME OF THE BRAVE by Katherine Applegate

This year's book choice for the Westborough Reads Together program.

This book is highly recommended by Mill Pond's Diversity Council.

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin as well as in his fifth-grade classroom. He longs for his missing mother but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.



BLESS THIS MOUSE By Lois Lowry

Hildegard is no ordinary mouse; she's the Mouse Mistress of Saint Bartholomew's, and it's her job to keep all the other church mice safe. But her job is far from easy! First, there's a visit from the dreaded exterminators. And as if that weren't bad enough, St. Bartholomew's is holding a ceremony called the Blessing of the Animals — and that means the church will soon be filled with all kinds of pets...including cats!



A DOG'S LIFE: AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A STRAY By Ann Martin

Squirrel and her brother Bone begin their lives in a toolshed behind someone's summer house. Their mother nurtures them and teaches them the many skills they will need to survive as stray dogs. But when their mother is taken from them suddenly and too soon, the puppies are forced to make their own way in the world, facing humans both gentle and brutal, busy highways, other animals, and the changing seasons.



THE FALSE PRINCE By Jennifer Nielsen and others in this series

The thrilling first book in a brand-new trilogy filled with danger, deceit and hidden identities! In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. An extraordinary adventure filled with danger and action, lies and deadly truths that will have readers clinging to the edge of their seats.

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Peace, Locomotion.....	Woodson

WE THE CHILDREN (KEEPERS OF THE SCHOOL) by Andrew Clements

This is a perfect read for kids who love school and aren't too shy to admit it

THE LEMONDADE WAR by Jacqueline Davies

At the end of summer, Evan discovers that his younger sister, who has just skipped grade 3, will be in his fourth grade classroom!

THE SEVEN WONDERS OF SASSAFRAS SPRINGS by Betty Jean Birney

Eben is fascinated by the Seven Wonders of the World. Pa challenges him to find Seven Wonders in seven days in his own town. Eben discovers that wonders can be found anywhere, you just have to look for them.

RUBY HOLLER by Sharon Creech

Left at an orphanage only a few days after they were born, the twins are sent to Ruby Holler, where the magic takes over and changes their lives forever.

DIVE: THE DISCOVERY (Book one of The Discovery Trilogy) by Gordon Korman

Four kids are on a marine expedition for the summer when they find sunken treasure!

LAWN BOY by Gary Paulsen

A boy, riding a lawn mower, and a stock-broker-business-manager make for financial success.

PHYSIK by Angie Sage

A former queen's malevolent spirit is accidentally released from an enchanted portrait. (The third in a series).

WINTER KNIGHTS by Paul Stewart

Quint's training at the Knight's Academy is threatened by ferocious winter storms. (The Edge Chronicles)

FANTASY

SECRETS OF DROON series by Tony Abbott

Eric, Julie, and Neal stumble upon the magical world of Droon, populated by wizards and sorcerers, invisible cities, vanishing islands, and castles under the sea.

ZATHURA by Chris Van Allsburg and other books by this author

Left on their own for an evening, two boisterous brothers find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical space adventure board game.

PLEASING THE GHOST by Sharon Creech

Nine-year-old Dennis, whose uncle and father died within a year of one another, is visited by the ghost of his uncle, and together they settle some unfinished business

THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE by Kate DiCamillo

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the top of a garbage heap to the fireside of a hobo's camp. And along the way, we are shown a true miracle — that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS SERIES by Lemony Snicket

Tales of three likable, resilient, and unfortunate orphans in search of a home.

WARRIORS SERIES by Erin Hunter

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA SERIES by C.S. Lewis

The adventures of children who play crucial roles in the unfolding history of the realm of Narnia where some animals talk, magic is rampant, and good is fighting evil.

THE REDWALL SERIES by Brian Jacques

The books in this series range from easy to challenging. Choose the one that's just right for you.

Mystery

A - Z MYSTERIES series by Ron Roy

With his top-secret detective journal, eye for detail, and ace partner Mila, Jigsaw is always ready to take on a new case.

THE LEGEND OF DIAMOND LIL by Doreen Cronin

This mystery is perfect for elementary-school kids who love adventure and animals.

THE HOUSE WITH A CLOCK IN ITS WALLS by John Bellairs

A boy goes to live with his magician uncle whose clock is ticking off the minutes until doomsday.

Informational (NONFICTION) INCLUDES BIOGRAPHY/AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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THE HIVE DETECTIVES: CHRONICLE OF A HONEY BEE CATASTROPHE by Loree Burns

A "dream team" of scientists work to determine what is threatening bee colonies

DJANGO: WORLD'S GREATEST JAZZ GUITARIST by Bonnie Christensen

Django Reinhardt taught himself guitar at an early age. When a fire injured his hand, he was told he would never play again but his passion and perseverance pay off

HENRY AARON'S DREAM by Matt Tavares

This new book honors Aaron's strength of character and determination to play major league baseball

Realistic Fiction

BE A PERFECT PERSON IN JUST THREE DAYS by Stephen Manes

Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just 3 days.

MERMAID MARY MARGARET by Lynn E. Hazen

Mary Margaret is a spunky girl with a tough mission: she longs to be a mermaid. She finally has a chance to fulfill her being-a-mermaid dream by joining in a beachside wedding dressed as a mermaid. Along the way she learns a little about the ancient world and a little more about herself.

ANY BOOK BY Andrew Clements

DIVE, ISLAND, OR EVEREST series by Gordon Korman Action packed!

IDA B . . . AND HER PLANS TO MAXIMIZE FUN, AVOID DISASTER, AND (POSSIBLY) SAVE THE WORLD by Katherine Hannigan

Ida B is happy with her life. But after her mother gets cancer, part of their land must be sold, and Ida B is forced to start public school, something her parents promised she wouldn't have to do after a bad kindergarten experience. Once her world changes, Ida B changes too. But then, with the help of a patient teacher, a loyal cat and dog, her beloved apple trees, and parents who believe in the same things she does (even if they sometimes act as though they don't), Ida B triumphs... and starts to grow up.

Historical Fiction

<i>History Mysteries (series)</i>	American Girl
<i>Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution</i>	Avi
<i>Jefferson's Sons</i>	Bradley
<i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i>	Coerr
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Curtis
<i>The Mighty Miss Malone</i>	Curtis
<i>The Giant Rat of Sumatra: Or Pirates Galore</i>	Fleischman
<i>Number the Stars</i>	Lowry
<i>Scraps of Time (series)</i>	McKissack
<i>Faith, Hope, and Ivy June</i>	Naylor
<i>Keeping Score</i>	Park
<i>Trouble Don't Last</i>	Pearsall
<i>Sugar</i>	Rhodes
<i>Riding Freedom</i>	Ryan
<i>Dear America (series) [includes My Name is America and Royal Diaries series]</i>	Scholastic (many authors)
<i>Countdown</i>	Wiles
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Williams-Garcia
<i>Breaking Stalin's Nose</i>	Yelchin
<i>The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island</i>	Yep

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE FIVE

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- simple machines
- plants
- rocks and minerals
- energy

In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:

- map skills
- early man (Maya, Aztec, and Inca)
- exploration
- colonization
- Revolutionary War

- Visit Purgatory Chasm in Sutton
- Consider a day trip to the Plimoth Plantation and/or Sturbridge Village
- Spend a day at the Boston Museum of Science
- Check out books at the Public Library and find free passes to a variety of museums
- Walk the Freedom Trail in Boston
- Visit Lexington and Concord
- Visit Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston
- Volunteer at Brigham Hill Farm in Grafton

Take summer field trips, talk about them, and follow up with good books!



Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

George vs. George: The Revolutionary War as Seen by Both Sides by Rosalyn Schanzer

Katie's Trunk by Ann Turner

Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? By Jean Fritz

Explorers Who Got Lost by Diane Sansevere-Dreher

Around the World in a Hundred Years: From Henry The Navigator to Magellan by Jean Fritz

The Ancient Aztecs (People of the Ancient World) by Liz Sonneborn

Rocks and Minerals: A Gem Of a Book! By Simon Basher

The Rock Factory: The Story About the Rock Cycle by Jacqui Bailey

Geology Rocks! 50 Hands-On Activities to Explore the Earth by Cindy Blobaum

Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Revolutionary War Diary by Kristiana Gregory

Divided Loyalties: A Revolutionary War Fifer's Story by Phyllis Hall Haislip

Castle Under Siege!: Simple Machines by Andrew Solway



READING SUGGESTIONS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE SIX:

Before returning to school, you are to complete a story map for a book you read this summer. You'll use this map to write a book review when you return to school. The book reviewer does not just read the text, she or he is an **AUTHORITY** on the text. To write a review, you have to have something compelling to say, so choose a book to critique that you have strong feelings about one way or another. Please do not limit yourself to these suggested titles.

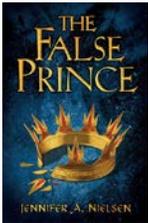


NEW & RECOMMENDED! HOME OF THE BRAVE by Katherine Applegate

This year's book choice for the Westborough Reads Together program.

This book is highly recommended by Mill Pond's Diversity Council.

Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin as well as in his fifth-grade classroom. He longs for his missing mother but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.



THE FALSE PRINCE By Jennifer Nielsen and other titles in the series

The thrilling first book in a brand-new trilogy filled with danger and deceit and hidden identities that will have readers rushing breathlessly to the end.

In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. . . An extraordinary adventure filled with danger and action, lies and deadly truths that will have readers clinging to the edge of their seats.



NEW! THE CATS OF TANGLEWOOD FOREST by Charles de Lint

Once a thing is said, it cannot be unsaid, and this is a bitter pill for anyone to swallow.

Lillian makes a rash decision in the heat of the moment, and then realizes there are unintended consequences. Elements of folk and fairy tales are entwined in this story.



NEW! ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY by Chris Grabenstein

Eccentric Mr. Lemoncello rebuilds the public library and invites 12-year-olds to

participate in a lock-in, where they spend the night reading anything they like and talking about books, but this lock-in morphs into a game!

When considering books for summer reading, please remember to choose titles that are appropriate for you, at your independent reading level and of interest to you!

<i>The Girl Who Threw Butterflies</i>	Cochrane
<i>Jack Henry (series)</i>	Gantos
<i>Zoobreak</i>	Korman
<i>Habibi</i>	Nye
<i>Wonder</i>	Palacio
<i>Slob</i>	Potter
<i>The Summer I Learned to Fly</i>	Reinhardt
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Ryan
<i>Guys Read: Funny Business</i>	Scieszka, ed.
<i>Keeping the Night Watch</i>	Smith
<i>Love, Stargirl</i>	Spinelli
<i>Stargirl</i>	Spinelli
<i>Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree</i>	Tarshis
<i>Feathers</i>	Woodson
<i>Millicent Min, Girl Genius</i>	Yee

THE YEAR OF THE DOG by Grace Lin

Grace and her two sisters are the only Taiwanese-American children at school until Melody arrives

WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON by Grace Lin

A fantasy crossed with Chinese folklore reminiscent of *The Wizard of Oz*

AL CAPONE SHINES MY SHOES by Jennifer Choldenko

The narrator, whose father works as a prison guard, lives on Alcatraz with his family. One day, a convict does him a very big favor!

WOODS RUNNER by Gary Paulsen

Samuel, 13, spends his days in the forest, hunting for food for his family. But the war comes to them when British soldiers and Iroquois attack

THE ARRIVAL by Shaun Tan (wordless Fantasy)

A man arrives in a new country where he must build a life for himself and his family. If you give up everything you know, it must seem unreal.

SAVVY by Ingrid Law

Upon turning 13, each member of the Beaumont family develops a supernatural ability, or "savvy", which must them be tamed.

RED KAYAK by Priscilla Cummings

13 year old Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy which tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET: A NOVEL IN WORDS AND PICTURES by Brian Selznick

When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized.

THE ALCHEMYST by Michael Scott (Science Fiction)

Josh and Sophie are featured in a prophecy to save the world, but details are in a missing book.

THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY by Trenton Stewart (Mystery)

Four children go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened to determine what's really going on there.

PROJECT MULBERRY by Linda Sue Park

Julia, a Korean-American, and her friend Patrick learn about tolerance, friendship, and patience while working together on a project about silkworms.

NONFICTION

UBIQUITOUS: CELEBRATING NATURE'S SURVIVORS by Joyce Sidman

When 99% of all life forms on earth have become extinct, why do some survive? Why is the beetle, born 265 million years ago, still with us today? And not just in one place, but in many places. Just how do they become ubiquitous?

FOR GOOD MEASURE: THE WAYS WE SAY HOW MUCH, HOW FAR, HOW HEAVY, HOW BIG, HOW OLD
by Ken Robbins

An amazingly thorough description of the numerous ways we measure

SPILLING INK: A YOUNG WRITER'S HANDBOOK by Ellen Potter

A HOW TO book for kids who want to write

Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean

Desert.....Aronson

Animals Alive: The Fight for Survival in the Wild.....DK Publishing

What the World Eats.....D'Aluisio

Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Recovery of the Past..... Deem

Saving the Ghost of the Mountain: An Expedition Among Snow Leopards in

Mongolia.....Montgomery

The Elephant Scientist.....O'Connell & Jackson

Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who are Helping to Protect Our Planet.....Rohmer

Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickels:

America's First Black ParatroopersStone

FAVORITE SIXTH GRADE AUTHORS

Avi

Sharon Creech

E.L. Konisberg

J.K. Rowling

Louis Sacher

Mildred Taylor

Walter Dean Meyers

Kathryn Lasky

John Bellairs

Betty Ren Wright

Dick King-Smith

Eva Ibbotson

Angie Sage

Linda Sue Park

Rick Riordan

Shannon Hale

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE SIX

In **SCIENCE**, you'll learn about:

- soil and erosion (glaciers, rivers, mud slides)
- biomes
- global climate patterns
- fossils and evolution
- plate tectonics (earthquakes, volcanoes, pangea, layers of the earth)
- In **SOCIAL STUDIES**, you'll learn about:
- world geography outside of the United States and North America
- The Middle East, Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe

- Visit Purgatory Chasm in Sutton, MA
- Consider a day trip to the Peabody Essex Museum www.pem.org
- Take a day trip to Overlook Farm (Heifer Intl. Learning Center in Rutland, MA www.heifer.org)
- Visit the Ecotarium, the Harvard Natural History Museum, the Maparium

Take summer field trips, talk about them, and follow up with good books!



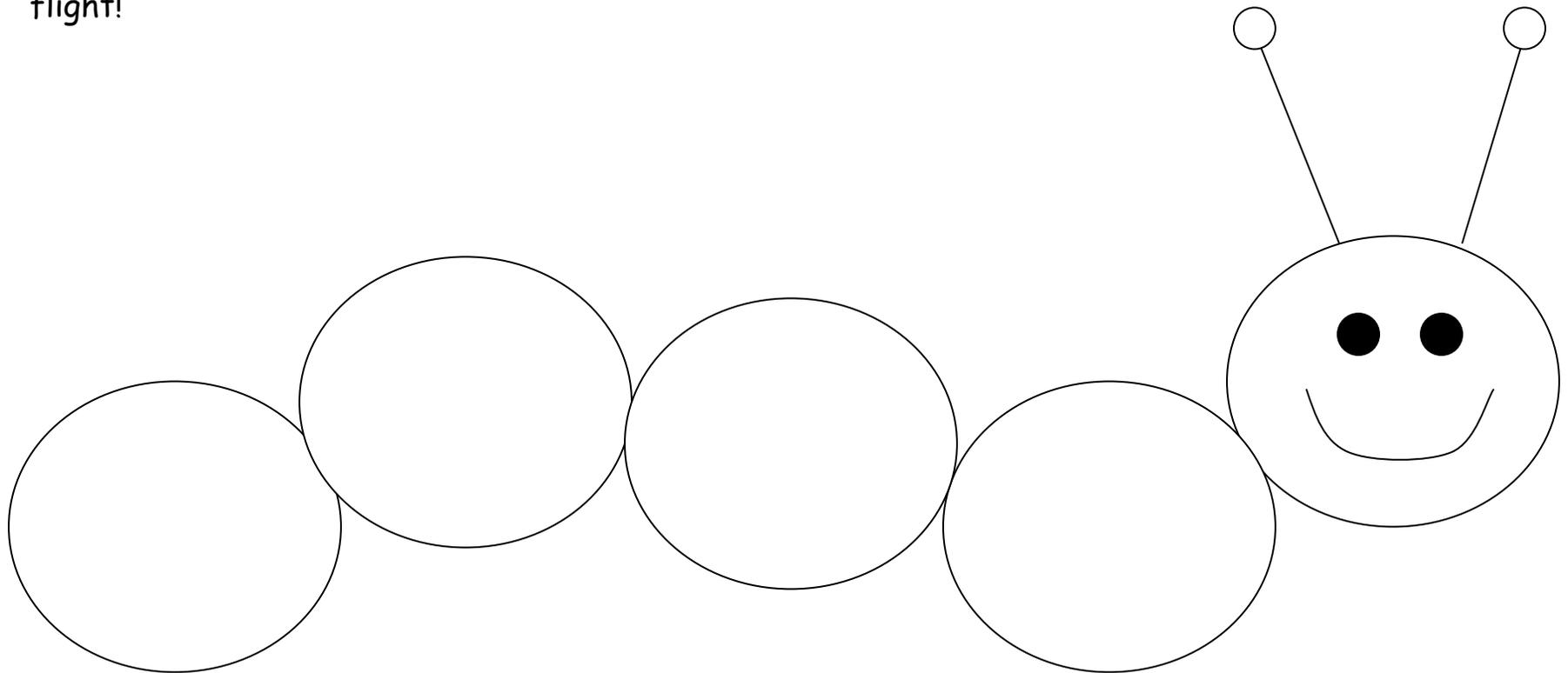
Books to build Vocabulary and Background Knowledge

- Parvana's Journey by Deborah Ellis (Middle East)
- Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah (China)
- Three Cups of Tea (Young Reader's Edition) by Sarah Thomson, Greg Mortenson
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen (Science)
- The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis (Middle East)
- Flush by Carl Hiaasen (Science)
- The Cay by Theodore Taylor (Latin America)
- Icebergs and Glaciers (Seymour Simon)
- What is a Biome? By Bobbie Kalman
- A Kids' Guide to Climate Change and Global Warming: How to Take Action! By Cathryn Kaye
- Geological and Fossil Evidence by Michael Bright
- Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan by Mary Williams
- The White Giraffe by Lauren St. John
- African Acrostics: A Word in Edgeways by Avis Harley

Summer Reading Log

For Students entering Preschool

For every book you read together, have your child color in one circle on the caterpillar. When all the circles are complete, make a beautiful butterfly* together! Begin another caterpillar with the goal of making another butterfly. Hang all your butterflies on your wall and see your reading take flight!



*To make a butterfly: Use cone-shaped coffee filters. Cut along the side and leave the bottom attached. Mix food coloring with a little bit of water. Have your child use an eyedropper to squeeze colors onto the coffee filter. For a symmetrical butterfly, leave the cone filter folded. For a more random design, lay it out flat.



Summer Reading Log

for students entering grades K - 2

Name _____ Entering Grade _____ in Fall 2014

Post this chart on your refrigerator. List the titles and authors of the books you have read or those your family has read to you. Star () the ones you would recommend to a friend! Bring this list to your teacher during the first week of September, 2014. We're eager to hear about your favorite summer reading!*

TITLE

AUTHOR

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

List additional titles on another sheet of paper.



Summer Reading Log

for students entering grades 3 - 6

Name _____ Entering Grade _____ in Fall 2014

List the titles and authors of the books you have read. Star () the ones you would recommend to a friend! Bring this list to your teacher during the first week of September, 2014. We're eager to hear about your favorite summer reading!*

TITLE

AUTHOR

1. _____
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13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

List additional titles on another sheet of paper.

Name _____



GRADES FIVE AND SIX REQUIRED ACTIVITY
FOR
SUMMER READING BOOK

Choose one of the books you read and enjoyed this summer and complete the *story map* below. During the first few weeks of school you'll be part of a **book discussion** with your fifth/ sixth grade classmates.

TITLE:		AUTHOR:	
SETTING: Time (Year, Historical Era, Season) Place Atmosphere (what is the mood?)			
CHARACTERS: (with physical and personality traits)			
PLOT: Include a minimum of events and the final outcome or resolution			
THEME: Write a complete sentence that states the central idea or message of the text			

Parent Signature _____

Date _____