

Katy Independent School District
Summer Reading List

**Entering 1st Grade
SUGGESTED TITLES**

Author	Title	Summary
Best, Cari	<i>Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen</i>	When Sally Jean becomes too big for her beloved bike, she must use all of her creative thinking and bicycle smarts to find a way to get back on a bike.
Bunting, Eve	<i>Our Library</i>	You can't learn without a library, so when the local branch threatens to close, Raccoon and his friends jump into action to save their library.
Dewdney, Anna	<i>Llama Llama Red Pajama</i>	This is a fun story about a young llama and his mama at bedtime.
Friend, Catherine	<i>The Perfect Nest</i>	The perfect nest – perfect for getting the best egg for breakfast, that is! When a cat tries to get the perfect egg, things don't work out as planned.
Harley, Avis	<i>The Monarch's Progress: Poems with Wings</i>	A collection of different types of poems that are beautifully illustrated show the life cycle, migration, history and natural beauty of monarch butterflies.
Henkes, Kevin	<i>Old Bear</i>	While sleeping through winter, Old Bear dreams about the four seasons, shown with wonderfully colorful illustrations.

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Appelt, Kathi	Numeroff, Laura	Jenkins, Steve
Henkes, Kevin	Palatini, Margie	

FAVORITE SERIES

Capucilli, Alyssa Satin	Biscuit	Read about the many adventures of a friendly little puppy, Biscuit, and his friends!
Falconer, Ian	Olivia	Olivia is a playful and imaginative pig who always seems to find trouble or get into mischief. Readers will want to read these stories over and over again.
Hoberman, Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You	Through short stories and rhymes, this series is designed to be read by two voices that, at times, come together for shared lines. This is a true paired reading experience.
London, Jonathan	Froggy	Humorous, fun stories about Froggy's adventures that will capture the interest of readers. See if he doesn't remind you of someone you know and love.
Rylant, Cynthia	Henry and Mudge	Henry and his dog Mudge are the best of friends and do everything together. This is a great series for readers who dream of having a dog for a best friend.

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Bishop, Nic	<i>Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths</i>	Nic Bishop captures amazing full-page color photographs of both butterflies and moths. He provides excellent information about how they live along with many facts that may surprise you.
Chandra, Deborah & Madeleine Comora	<i>George Washington's Teeth</i>	This is a hilarious, true account of the problems George Washington had with his teeth. Even though he tried very hard to save them, he lost most of them by the time he was elected President!
Keller, Laurie	<i>Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners</i>	This picture book focuses on Mr. Rabbit and his new neighbors—the otters. Mr. Rabbit doesn't know anything about otters, but he learns the hard way how to get along with them and others.
Rosoff, Meg & Sophie Blackall	<i>Jumpy Jack & Googily</i>	Jumpy Jack is nervous when it comes to monsters, so his best friend Googily helps him make sure no monsters are lurking. Jumpy Jack never seems to notice that Googily is a monster!
Willems, Mo	<i>Your Pal Mo Willems Presents Leonardo the Terrible Monster</i>	Leonardo tries very hard to be a terrible monster, but can't scare anyone. When he meets nervous Sam, Leonardo has to decide whether or not to scare him.

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Arnosky, Jim	Rylant, Cynthia	Lester, Helen
Cronin, Doreen	Stevens, Janet	

FAVORITE SERIES

Adler, David A.	Cam Jansen	Along with her three friends, Cam uses her photographic memory to help her solve some very strange mysteries.
DiCamillo, Kate	Mercy Watson	Welcome to the world of wonder pig, Mercy Watson. Adventures abound as Mercy finds herself and her human family, the Watsons, involved in one zany situation after another.
Klein, Abby	Ready Freddy!	In this beginning chapter book series, discover how first-grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word "fin" hidden cleverly in every picture.
McDonald, Megan	Stink	Judy Moody's little brother Stink gets himself involved in some hilarious adventures and even writes a comic strip for the end of each chapter!
Murphy, Stuart J.	Math Start	Math concepts come to life through entertaining stories and colorful illustrations in this educational series of picture books. There are creative activities suggested in the back of each book.
Rylant, Cynthia	High-Rise Private Eyes	In this series, Bunny Brown and Jack Jones have many cases to solve. There is a positive message and a good lesson learned in each book. Enjoy solving the mystery along with our private eyes!

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Keller, Laurie	<i>The Scrambled States of America: Talent Show</i>	As the states prepare for a talent show, creative cartoon illustrations succeed in making geography enjoyable. Geography was never this funny.
Ketteman, Helen	<i>The Three Little Gators</i>	In this Cajun version of <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> , the three little gators work hard to get their houses built. A fierce boar shows up determined to "bump" their houses down with his mighty rump.
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>My Dog May be a Genius</i>	Human and non-human characters tell stories in rhyming format. This book of poems will satisfy fans of humorous poetry, and just might make you, and your dog, chuckle.
Sachar, Louis	<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i>	Wayside School is a remarkable school that was accidentally built sideways. Meet the students and unusual teachers of a class on the thirtieth floor, and be prepared to laugh!
Thomas, Peggy	<i>Farmer George Plants a Nation</i>	This picture book biography celebrates George Washington as a dedicated farmer who experimented with crops, fertilizers, and all sorts of farming techniques at Mt. Vernon.

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Byars, Betsy	McDonald, Megan	Scieszka, Jon
Cleary, Beverly	Osborne, Mary Pope	

FAVORITE SERIES

Birney, Betty G.	Humphrey the Hamster	Humphrey the Hamster, the class pet of Room 26, shares school stories in this series full of friendship, adventure, and laughter.
Gutman, Dan	Weird School	AJ attends a weird school. With titles such as <i>Mr. Klutz is Nuts!</i> and <i>Ms. Todd is Odd!</i> you will want see how one school can hold so many crazy teachers, librarians, principals, and other odd adults.
Mason, Jane B. & Sarah Hines Stephens	Princess School	Join Snow White, Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Briar Rose as they attend Princess school. Find out what happened before they lived happily ever after.
Pennypacker, Sara	Clementine	Meet the bouncy and delightful Clementine as she faces the ups and downs of her third grade year.
Roy, Ron	Capital Mysteries	KC and Marshall are best friends who love to solve mysteries. Their Washington D.C. adventures have a special twist – they involve the President!

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Birney, Betty G.	<i>The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>	After his father challenges him to find seven wonders in Sassafras Springs, Eben McAllister discovers incredible stories and locations right there in his own home town.
Clements, Andrew	<i>No Talking</i>	Fifth grader Dave is inspired by Gandhi to remain silent for a day but a female student's blabbering leads to a contest between the boys and the girls to see which group can remain silent for two days.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>The Tale of Despereaux</i>	This is a fabulous tale of Despereaux Tilling, an unusually tiny, large-eared mouse that is filled with adventure, love, hope, and forgiveness.
Kehret, Peg	<i>Earthquake Terror</i>	Jonathan is stranded on an island with his partially paralyzed little sister. Then an earthquake hits, making rescue much more difficult. How will Jonathan and his sister survive?
St. George, Judith	<i>So You Want to be an Inventor</i>	You CAN be an inventor! This book describes the unique characteristics some inventors possess. Are you stubborn? Do you like to tinker? Are you under the age of 80? If you <u>want</u> to be an inventor, read, learn, then invent!

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Clements, Andrew	DiCamillo, Kate	Silverstein, Shel
Danziger, Paula	Giff, Patricia Reilly	

FAVORITE SERIES

Abbott, Tony	Secrets of Droon	Friends discover a secret doorway in Eric's basement that leads down a magic rainbow staircase to the wondrous world of Droon and many magical adventures.
Cabot, Meg	Allie Finkle	Allie Finkle, age 9, makes the rules! Allie adds more rules for life in each book of this series. Join Allie and her friends as they experience 4 th grade.
Benton, Jim	Franny K. Stein	Franny K. Stein is a young mad scientist who spends most of her time making crazy science experiments in her room with her dog, Igor.
Van Draanen, Wendelin	Shredderman	What do a nerd and a super hero have in common? It's Nolan to the rescue against bullies, taggers, and a stalker. If you have ever wished for a super hero to come to the rescue, read about Shredderman.
Winkler, Henry	Hank Zipzer	Hank is an underachiever in school and has many humorous adventures at school and in his neighborhood with friends, family, and his dog, Cheerio.

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Author	Title	Summary
Broach, Elise	<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	A huge, centuries-old diamond worth millions is missing. Can the new girl with the weird name, her old, wise neighbor, and the coolest boy in school find it?
DuPrau, Jeanne	<i>City of Ember</i>	As Lina delivers messages around her beloved city, she begins to discover its secrets. Lina and Doon race to find the answer they hope will save the City of Ember.
Giff, Patricia Reilly	<i>Eleven</i>	Just before his eleventh birthday, Sam finds evidence that he might have been kidnapped when he was five. Is his grandfather really his kidnapper?
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Homework Machine</i>	Things are not going well with four fifth graders until the computer genius in the group shows the others his invention—a machine that does your homework for you. Why do the police become involved?
Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw	<i>When the Wolves Returned</i>	This nonfiction book shows how one animal – the wolf – can affect an entire ecosystem. The awesome photography offers a fascinating look at the variety of inhabitants of Yellowstone National Park.
Nuzum, K.A.	<i>The Leanin' Dog</i>	This heartwarming story invites readers into the life of a young girl who is dealing with the loss of her mother but finds strength, courage, and determination through the help of a dog.

OTHER FAVORITE AUTHORS

Avi	Hahn, Mary Downing	Korman, Gordon
Creech, Sharon	Hunter, Erin	

FAVORITE SERIES

Collins, Suzanne	Gregor the Overlander	Gregor follows his younger sister through a laundry room vent in his apartment building to the Underland where he finds himself on a quest to fulfill a prophecy and pitted against the evil ruler of rats.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	The Shadow Children	The government allows only two children per family. Luke, the forbidden third son, spends his days hiding until he begins to wonder if there are other shadow children like him.
Korman, Gordon	The Island Trilogy	Six troubled kids are given a second chance on a sailboat. Unfortunately, things go terribly wrong and the ship sinks. They must learn to work together or perish in this fast-paced series of suspense and near-death escapes.
Mazer, Anne	Amazing Days of Abby Hayes	In each book, fifth-grader Abby has a goal such as getting a pet, buying roller blades and painting her room purple, to name a few. Reading about her ups and downs is great fun!
Skurzynski, Gloria	Mysteries in Our National Parks	Jack Landon and his sister Ashley travel to various national parks with their family. Using their detective and science skills, they solve an exciting mystery involving wildlife from that park.
Skye, Obert	Leven Thumps	Leven uses his mysterious gifts, with the help of friends Winter, Clove, and Geth to manipulate the future in this fantasy adventure series.