Summer Reading List
Students Entering 2nd Grade

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level! ☺ Happy Reading and Writing!

IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVELS

- In Elementary school, each child is developing on their own continuum, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, *children need lots of time to read lots of books* that are "just right" for their abilities.

FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?
Nope! *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children ***not*** read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.

- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books - many of the books in this packet are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THROUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON THE IN STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?
*Good question, but **proceed with caution**!*

- "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.

- If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! ☺ Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Please help your child select books that you are 100% confident your child can read independently *with ease*, and that are clearly written for readers the age of your child. You will see the results of this important, careful book selection work in September! ☺

GREAT WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS: http://www.hornbookguide.com, http://www.cbcbooks.org/readinglists/ , http://www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/ and http://www.nsta.org/recommends/

LEVEL G - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Biscuit (series)	Capucilli, Alyssa	X	
Harry Books (series)	Ziefert, Harriet	X	
I Took my Frog to the Library	Kimmel, Eric	X	
The Carrot Seed	Krauss, Ruth	X	
Just for You	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Mine's The Best	Bonsall, Crosby N.	X	
More Spaghetti, I Say!	Gekman, Rita Golden	X	
A New House For Mole And Mouse	Ziefert, Harriet	X	
Nicky Upstairs And Down	Ziefert, Harriet	X	
Sheep In A Jeep	Shaw, Nancy	X	
Titch	Hutchins, Pat	X	
Zoo-Looking	Fox, Mem	X	
Just Grandpa and Me	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Barnyard Math With Farmer Fred	Hill, Sandi		X
Boats	Rockwell, Anne		X
Caring For Our Lizard	Graves, Kimberlee		X
A Day At Greenhill Farm	Nicholson, Sue		X
A Day in The Life Of A Teacher	Hayward, Linda		X
Houses	Williams, Rozanne L.		X
I'm A Caterpillar	Morzollo, Jean		X
It started As An Egg	Graves, Kimberlee		X
Saving Money	Thayer, Tanya		X
Wild Weather	Kenah, Kathering		X

LEVEL H - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
The Cake That Mack Ate	Robart, Rose	X	
Captain Cat	Hoff, Syd	X	
Chrysanthemum	Henkes, Kevin	X	
Danny And The Dinosaur (series)	Hoff, Syd	X	
Goodnight Moon	Brown, Margaret W.	X	
Just Me...(series)	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Owl Babies	Waddell, Martin	X	
Sammy The Seal (series)	Hoff, Syd	X	
We Are Best Friends	Aliki	X	
You'll Soon Grow Into Them, Titch	Hutchins, Pat	X	
Mouse Books (series)	Kraus, Robert	X	
ABC I Like Me!	Carlos, Nancy		X
Building a House	Barton, Byron		X
Butterflies	Ashley, Susan		X
Diving Dolphins	Wallace, Karen		X
I Want To Be A Firefighter	Liebman, Dan		X
Mail Carrier	Gorman, Jacqueline		X
Sun Up, Sun Down	Gibbons, Gail		X
Surprise Puppy!	Walker-Hodge, Judith		X
Tale Of A Tadpole	Wallace, Karen		X
Whatever The Weather	Wallace, Karen		X

LEVEL I - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Froggy Books (series)	London, Jonathan	X	
Father Bear Comes Home	Minarik, Else H.	X	
Happy Birthday, Sam	Hutchins, Pat	X	
Hattie And The Fox	Fox, Mem	X	
Henny Penny	Galdone, Paul	X	
Just Grandma And Me	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Leo The Late Bloomer	Kraus, Robert	X	
Messy Bessey (series)	McKissack, Patricia	X	
Mrs. Brice's Mice	Hoff, Syd	X	
The Quilt	Jonas, Ann	X	
Who Took The Farmer's Hat?	Nodset, Joan L.	X	
Airport	Barton, Byron		X
All The Colors Of The Rainbow	Fowler, Allan		X
Bees	Ashley, Susan		X
Charlie Needs A Cloak	dePaola, Tomie		X
A Day In The Life Of A Police Officer	Hayward, Linda		X
A Day In The Life Of A TV Reporter	Hayward, Linda		X
Dogs On The Farm	Schuh, Mari C.		X
Rockets And Spaceships	Wallace, Karen		X
Teacher	Gorman, Jacqueline		X
Wild Baby Animals	Wallace, Karen		X
A Girl Named Helen Keller	Schmidt, Karen		X
Spooky Riddles	Brown, Marc		X

LEVEL J - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Beezy (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Danny And The Dinosaur (series)	Hoff, Syd	X	
Bear (series)	Asch, Frank	X	
Henry And Mudge (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Little Bear (series)	Minarik, Else L	X	
Curious George (series)	Rey, Margaret	X	
Poppleton (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
Fox (series)	Marshall, Edward	X	
Mr. Putter and Tabby (series)	Rylant, Cynthia	X	
The Snowy Day	Keats, Ezra Jack	X	
Mouse Soup, Owl at Home, etc	Lobel, Arnold	X	
There's An...(series)	Mayer, Mercer	X	
Where The Wild Things Are	Sendak, Maurice	X	
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	Dussling, Jennifer		X
Celebrating Chanukah: Eight Nights	Kupperstein, Joel		X
Celebrating Chinese New Year	Drew, Rosa		X
Dinosaur Dinners	Davis, Lee		X
Going By Bus	Ashley, Susan		X
Guinea Pigs	Macken, JoAnn Early		X
Slinky, Scaly Snakes	Dussling, Jennifer		X
The Statue Of Liberty	Penner, Lucille Recht		X
Veterinarian	Gorman, Jacqueline		X

LEVEL K - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Arthur's Early Chapter Books (series)	Hoban, Lillian	X	
Clifford (series)	Brickwell, Norman	X	
Golly Sisters (series)	Byars, Betsy	X	
Frog And Toad (series)	Lobel, Arnold	X	
If You Give a Mouse a... (series)	Numeroff, L	X	
Madeline (series)	Bemelmens, Ludwig	X	
Little Bill (series)	Cosby, Bill	X	
Nate The Great (series)	Sharmat, Marjorie W.	X	
Camp Knock Knock (series)	Douglas, Ann	X	
Three Days On A River In A Red Canoe	Williams, Vera B.	X	
Betsy Ross And the Silver Thimble	Greene, Stephanie		X
Chicken Aren't The Only Ones	Heller, Ruth		X
Dinosaur Time	Parish, peggy		X
The Emperor's Egg	Jenkins, Martin		X
Fire Fighter	Royston, Angela		X
First Flight: The Story Of Tom Tate And The Wright Brothers	Shea, George		X
A Girl Named Helen Keller	Lundell, Margo		X
Keep The Lights Burning, Abbie	Roop, Peter And Connie		X
Looking At Maps And Gobles	Bredeson, Carmen		X

LEVEL L - TITLE	AUTHOR	FICTION	NONFICTION
Amelia Bedelia (series)	Parish, Peggy	X	
Cam Jansen (series)	Adler, David A,	X	
Geroge And Martha (series)	Marshall. James	X	
Judy Moody (series)	McDonald, Megan	X	
Miss Nelson Books (series)	Allard, Harry	X	
Pinky And Rex (series)	Howe, James	X	
Black Lagoon (series)	Thaler, Mike	X	
Ginger Brown (series)	Wyeth, Sharon	X	
Deputy Dan (series)	Rosenbloom, Joseph	X	
Horrible Harry (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
Song Lee (series)	Kline, Suzy	X	
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story Of Balto	Standford, Natalie		X
Dinosaur Days	Milton, Joyce		X
Dolphin	Morris, Robert Ada		X
From Flower to Honey	Nelson, Robin		X
From Idea to Book	Marshall. James		X
Hungry, Hungry Sharks	Cole, Joanna		X
The Snow Walker	Wetterer, Margaret K.		X
Thinking About Ants	Brenner, Barbara		X
Whales: The Gentle Giants	Milton, Joyce		X
What's It like To Be A Fish?	Pfeffer, Wendy		X