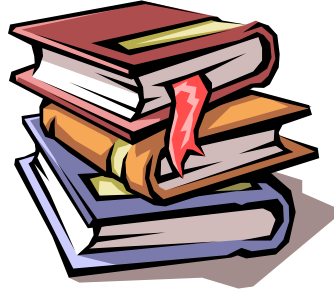


WW-P Summer Reading List

Grades 4-5

2014



Research tells us that the more children read, the better they read. Reading achievement is directly related to the amount of reading children do in school and at home. We want children to continue reading during their summer vacation from school and we want them to think of reading as enjoyable and as a necessary part of their daily routine. Giving children time for reading is critical if we want them to become lifelong readers.

Here is a list of books for suggested summer reading. We have included a broad range of books, in age level and type of story. Students are not expected to read all or even most of the books; these are just suggestions. Enjoy your summer, keep reading, and we look forward to seeing you next year!

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FICTION

Applegate, Katherine. THE ONE AND ONLY IVAN

Ivan, a silverback gorilla, must entertain customers in the tacky Big Top Mall. Can Ivan's artistic talents save a baby elephant from the same fate? The text, written in first person from Ivan's point of view, does a good job of vividly conveying his personality, emotions, and intelligence as well as creating a sense of otherness in his point of view. His story is based on the life of a gorilla now living at Zoo Atlanta.

Carman, Patrick. FLOORS

The Whippet Hotel is a strange place full of mysterious people. Each floor has its own quirks and secrets. Leo should know most of them - he is the maintenance man's son, after all. But a whole lot more mystery gets thrown his way when a series of cryptic boxes are left for him . . . boxes that lead him to hidden floors, strange puzzles, and unexpected alliances. Leo had better be quick on his feet, because the fate of the building he loves is at stake.

Colfer, Chris THE LAND OF STORIES: THE WISHING SPELL

Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. *The Land of Stories* tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought. The first in a three book series.

Davies, Jacqueline. LEMONADE WAR

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade, as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand. Five books in the series. The International Reading Association posted an article by Jacqueline Davies on its [Reading Today Online blog](#) entitled "Teach Math, Business, and More with The Lemoande War."

DiCamillo, Kate. FLORA & ULYSSES: the illuminated adventures

A ten year old girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak. John Newbery Medal Winner-2014 Kate DiCamillo is a master storyteller, and not just because she creates characters that dance off the pages and plots, whether epic or small, that never fail to engage and delight readers.

Draper, Sharon. OUT OF MY MIND

Eleven-year-old Melody is the smartest kid in her whole school—but no one knows it. Most people don't think she's capable of learning. If only she could speak up and tell people what she knows but she can't, because Melody can't talk, walk or write. ☐☐Being stuck inside her head is making Melody go out of her mind—that is, until she discovers something that will allow her to speak for the first time ever. At last Melody has a voice but not everyone around her is ready to hear it. ☐☐From multiple Coretta Scott King Award winner Sharon M. Draper comes a story full of heartache and hope.

Eland, Lindsay. A SUMMER OF SUNDAYS

When you're the third of six kids, it's easy to get lost in the shuffle, but Sunday Fowler is determined that this summer she'll find the one thing that makes her stand out from her siblings.☐☐ When she discovers a silver box in the basement of the library her parents are renovating, she might just have found something to gain her the attention she so craves. If she unveils the contents to the world, she'll be famous!☐☐ But it means stirring up secrets that some people in the town hoped to keep buried. And Sunday must decide if some things like loyalty, trust, friendship are worth more than her name in the headlines.

Grabenstein, Chris. ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY

Mr. Lemoncello is an eccentric game designer who has just funded a very special new library in his hometown. In honor of the grand opening, Lemoncello has selected a dozen 12-year-olds to participate in an overnight lock-in event at the library. But when the kids wake up, they discover a new and unexpected game is afoot: whoever can find a way out of Mr. Lemoncello's

library will win the grand prize. Avid readers will get a kick out of the references to classic and current children's literature as the kids solve clues to escape and win the game.

Graff, Lisa. TANGLE OF KNOTS

In a magical world where everyone has a Talent, eleven-year-old Cady is an orphan with a phenomenal Talent for cake baking. But little does she know that fate has set her on a journey from the moment she was born. Her destiny leads her to a mysterious address that houses a lost luggage emporium, an old recipe, a peanut butter factory, a family of children searching for their own Talents, and a Talent thief who could alter her life forever.

Henkes, Kevin. YEAR OF BILLY MILLER

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons. 2014 Newbery Honor book.

Ibbotson, Eva. ONE DOG AND HIS BOY

All Hal had ever wanted was a dog. On the morning of Hal's 10th birthday, the unbelievable happens. He's allowed to choose a dog at Easy Pets, a rent-a-pet agency (a fact his parents keep from him). The moment he sees the odd-looking terrier, he knows he's found a friend for life. But no one tells Hal that Fleck must be returned. When Hal wakes up on Monday morning, Fleck is gone. If dog and boy are to stay together they'll have to run away. . . From the renowned Eva Ibbotson comes a tale laced with humor and brimming over with heart, stunning in its beauty of the love of all things dog.

Korman, Gordon. UNGIFTED

Donovan Curtis is an impulse-driven prankster who, manages to alienate both the students and faculty of his middle school. Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school. Donovan ends up humanizing a program that focuses on academic achievement and ignores the social aspects of students' success.

Lloyd, Natalie. A SNICKER OF MAGIC

Felicity arrives in Midnight Gulch and learns from her mama that there used to be magic there. Magic is a bonus for Felicity, who longs to stay in one place so she can make a friend. She finds one in wheelchair-bound Jonah, and he fills in Felicity on the town's magical history and its people. And, as it turns out, Felicity is capable of magic herself—word collecting. She sees words everywhere—on people, in her glass of milk, and in the trees. A story about self-expression and the magic that resides in one's mind and heart.

Madormo, John, V. CHARLIE COLLIER; SNOOP FOR HIRE; THE HOMEMADE STUFFING CAPER

Mystery lovers will enjoy the adventures of Charlie Collier, boy detective. When introduced to an actual detective by his eccentric grandmother, Charlie is eager to prove himself and is soon on a case involving missing birds. Along the way, he runs into unexpected twists. Charlie is a likable character, and readers will enjoy solving further mysteries with him.

Mass, Wendy. JEREMY FINK AND THE MEANING OF LIFE

Jeremy's summer takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious wooden box arrives in the mail. According to the writing on the box, it holds the meaning of life! Jeremy is supposed to open it on his thirteenth birthday. The problem is, the keys are missing, and the box is made so that only the keys will open it without destroying what's inside. Jeremy and Lizzy set off on an adventure all over the city to find the keys, but when one of their efforts goes very wrong, Jeremy starts to lose hope that he'll ever be able to open the box. Lively characters, surprising twists, and thought-provoking ideas make this novel an unforgettable read.

McDonough, Yona Zeldis. THE CATS IN THE DOLL SHOP

When Anna discovers a stray cat and kittens behind her family's doll shop, she wants to make the cats a part of the family. But when her cousin from Russia comes to live with them she becomes too busy to think much about the cats. As Tania learns English she forges a bond with Anna and the cats. The author does a wonderful job of capturing Anna's thoughts and feelings

and bringing the reader into her world. Anna's compassion for her cousin and the cats will endear her to readers. This is a companion book to *The Doll Shop Downstairs*.

McMullan, Kate. MYTH-O-MANIA

Our visiting author for Spring 2015! Features humorous and engaging fractured myths in a modern version. Find out the real truth behind the most famous Greek Myths from Hades, King of the Underworld.

Ten books in the series.

Palacio, R. J. WONDER

August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid--but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. Now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance.

Probst, Jeff. STRANDED

When a five-day boat expedition off Hawaii hits an unexpected storm, new stepsiblings Vanessa (13), eleven-year-olds Buzz and Carter, and Jane (9) struggle to stay on course. When they are forced to abandon ship, the kids' uncle and the boat's first mate get aboard the life raft, but the boat is torn away with the four children still inside. They end up stranded on an uncharted island and have to learn to work together. The narration shifts between the perspectives of each of the kids as the true nature of their circumstances become clear and tasks like finding water turn into a struggle for survival.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ESPERANZA RISING

When a sudden tragedy shatters her idyllic life in the bountiful region of Aguascalientes, Mexico, Esperanza Ortega and her mother must flee to California and settle in a Mexican farm labor camp where they are forced to confront the challenges of hard work, illness, and the economic difficulties brought on by the Great Depression.

Simmons, Jane. BERYL: A PIG'S TALE

Beryl longs for a family that will love her just the way she is, from her pig nose to her curly tail. So, it's with a heavy heart that she embarks on a journey that will put her preconceived notions of wild pigs-and everything else-to the test. With the help of the many unlikely friends she meets along the way, Beryl soon discovers that there just might be a place she could call home after all...if she could only get there. One thing's for sure: she's going to try.

Sovern, Megan, Jean. THE MEANING OF MAGGIE

Maggie aspires to be president one day, and she's preparing by excelling at school, following the rules, and living by her family's motto of pulling up one's bootstraps when times get tough. Unbeknownst to Maggie, her 11th year is one of those times. The novel is structured as Maggie's memoir, written one year later, as she recounts those tumultuous 12 months. During this period she's Student of the Month on a regular basis, an official shareholder of Coca-Cola stock, and defending Science Fair champion. She learns why her cool-dude dad is in a wheelchair, no matter how scary that is. The author herself, the daughter of a dad with multiple sclerosis, writes with the funny grace and assured prose of a new literary star. A portion of the proceeds of the sale of this book will be donated to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Stead, Rebecca. WHEN YOU REACH ME

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1970's television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," twelve-year-old Miranda tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. Miranda slowly realizes that whoever is leaving them knows all about her, including things that have not even happened yet. Each message brings her closer to believing that only she can prevent a tragedy. Until the final note makes her think she's too late.

Sternberg, Julie. LIKE BUG JUICE ON A BURGER

Eleanor is excited to attend sleepaway camp, just like her mother before her. But once she gets there, Eleanor finds she hates the food, the insects, swimming lessons, and waking up in a lumpy sleeping bag. In this free-verse text readers get to the heart

of Eleanor's concerns. Fortunately, Eleanor is able to persevere and make her camp experience a positive one. This sequel to *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie* (2011) is just as endearing and wise.

NONFICTION

Hoena, Blake. EVERYTHING MYTHOLOGY

National Geographic Everything Mythology is jam packed with fascinating facts and awe-inspiring imagery that brings your favorite fierce mythological heroes to life, introducing kids to gods of ancient worlds, including Greek, Norse, Chinese, America Indian, African cultures, and more. Packed with facts, colorful illustrations, and infused with humor, this fun journey through ancient lore will keep kids fascinated with every turn of the page.

Montgomery, Heather L. WILD DISCOVERIES WACKY NEW ANIMALS

Defying the notion that there is nothing new under the sun, this book features animals discovered since 2007. In the introduction, Montgomery walks readers through the process of scientific discovery, from the tools used for exploration to the formal process of naming a new species. Creatures such as the shocking pink dragon millipede and the psychedelic frogfish are arranged into chapters by types of ecosystem, including rain forests, mountains, and islands.

Schaefer, Lola M. LIFETIME: THE AMAZING NUMBERS IN ANIMAL LIVES

In one lifetime, a caribou will shed 10 sets of antlers, a woodpecker will drill 30 roosting holes, a giraffe will wear 200 spots, and a seahorse will birth 1,000 babies. Count each one and many more while learning about the wondrous things that can happen in just one lifetime. This extraordinary book collects animal information not available anywhere else--and shows all 30 roosting holes, all 200 spots, and 1,000 baby seahorses in eye-catching illustrations.

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