

Prince William County Public Schools

Summer Reading Suggested Reading List

Elementary - Kindergarten

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Suggested Reading List is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

Author	Title	Publication Date	Annotation
Alexie, Sherman	<i>Thunder Boy Jr.</i>	2016	"Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name ... one that's all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share a name"-- Provided by publisher.
Byers, Grace	<i>I Am Enough</i>	2019	This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another.
Beaty, Andrea	<i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i>	2016	Ada Twist’s head is full of questions. Like her classmates Iggy and Rosie—stars of their own New York Times bestselling picture books Iggy Peck, Architect and Rosie Revere, Engineer—Ada has always been endlessly curious. Even when her fact-finding missions and elaborate scientific experiments don’t go as planned, Ada learns the value of thinking her way through problems and continuing to stay curious.
Cabrera, Jane	<i>Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star</i> or any primary picture book by Jane Cabrera	2012	A variety of baby animals are lulled to sleep by a version of the familiar lullaby tailored to their environment.
Capucilli, Alyssa Satin	<i>Biscuit Loves the Library</i> or any book in the <i>Biscuit Series</i>	2014	In "Read to a Pet Day" at the library, Biscuit plays with story time puppets, visits with friends, and listens to recorded books before a librarian helps him discover his favorite activity of all.
Carle, Eric	<i>Amigos</i> or any primary picture book by Eric Carle	2016	A sweet and heartfelt story about the power of friendship. When a best friend moves away, it can be painful for the child who is left behind. But the spunky boy in this upbeat story makes up his mind to find his missing playmate. Friends tells a story alive with love, perseverance, and hope, all brightened with the vibrant, unmistakable art of Eric Carle.

Cherry, Matthew A	<i>Hair Love</i>	2019	Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her -- and her hair -- happy.
Dean, Kimberly and James	<i>Pete the cat: Snow Daze</i> or any book in the Pete the Cat Series	2016	After a heavy snowfall cancels school, Pete enjoys his day off, but when one snow day turns into many, he realizes that you can have too much of a good thing.
Dewdney, Anna	<i>Llama Llama Hoppity-hop</i> or any book in the Llama Llama Series	2012	Llama Llama TOUCH! Llama Llama TAP! Llama Llama Red Pajama CLAP, CLAP, CLAP! Can you move like Llama Llama? Watch Llama hop, stretch, touch, and tap. Then you can do it, too!
Dodd, Emma	<i>Dog's 123: a canine counting adventure</i> or any primary picture book by Emma Dodd	2015	Dog starts the day with just one black spot on his ear. But wherever he goes, he runs into different things, all of which leave their mark. By the time he finally arrives home, Dog has ten spots. Then it's bath time.
Ehlert, Lois	<i>Rain Fish</i> or any primary picture book by Lois Ehlert	2016	Through rhyme and mixed-media collage illustrations, 'rain fish'--the varied, colorful, and unique little collections of materials that float along on streams of rain water during storms--come to life.
Henkes, Kevin	<i>When Spring Comes</i> or any primary picture book by Kevin Henkes	2016	Animals and children alike watch as the world transforms from the dark and dead of winter to a full and blooming spring.
Jenkins, Steve	<i>Creature Features</i> or any primary book Steve Jenkins	2014	Packed with many cool facts and visuals on where certain animals live and what they eat, this book captures twenty-five humorous--and very true--explanations of why animals look the way they do in order to exist in this world.
Jules, Jacqueline	<i>Sofia Martinez: Lights Out</i> or any book in the Sofia Martinez Series	2017	After a strong storm, Sofia and her family are without power. Sofia and her dad head to the store to buy supplies and come home with the perfect plan to have fun with or without power! This early chapter book includes Spanish words.
Levine, Michelle	<i>Giant Pandas</i> or any book in the Pull Ahead Animal Series	2006	Do you know....Why giant pandas rub on trees? What baby giant pandas are called? What sounds giant pandas make? Read this book to discover the answers!
Numeroff, Laura Jaffe	<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> or any picture book by Laura Numeroff	1985	Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.
Manushkin, Fran	<i>Pedro's Mystery Club</i> or any book in the Pedro Series.	2017	Pedro forms a new club with his friends dedicated to solving mysteries--and the first two assignments are finding his mother's locket, and his father's cell phone.

Manushkin, Fran	<i>The Best Club or any book in the Katie Woo Series</i>	2017	Katie Woo and her friends would love to be part of Sophie's new club, but Sophie does not think they, or anyone, is good enough, so they form their own club.
Martin, Bill	<i>Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom</i> or any primary picture book by Bill Martin	1989	When all the letters of the alphabet race one another up the coconut tree, will there be enough room?
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Spy Numbers</i> or any I Spy book by Jean Marzollo	2012	Toddlers and preschoolers can search photos from the original I Spy series for numbers to help them learn counting and basic math skills.
Pinkney, Jerry	<i>The Lion & the Mouse</i> or any primary picture book by Jerry Pinkney	2009	In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.
Robinson, Christian	<i>You Matter</i>	2020	In this full, bright, and beautiful picture book, many different perspectives around the world are deftly and empathetically explored—from a pair of bird-watchers to the pigeons they're feeding. Readers see how everyone is connected, and that everyone matters.
Ruddell, Deborah	<i>The Popcorn Astronauts: and other bitable rhymes</i>	2015	A collection of seasonal poems pays tribute to favorite foods with entries ranging from "Strawberry Queen" and "Only Guacamole" to "21 Things to Do With an Apple" and "The Cocoa Cabana."
Shannon, David	<i>No, David</i> or any book in the David Series	1998	A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.
Shea, Bob	<i>Dinosaur vs. School</i> or any "Dinosaur vs" book in the Series	2014	Fearless Dinosaur takes on new challenges as he starts preschool, from meeting new friends to pasting glitter and googly eyes, but one task requires assistance from everyone.
Wilson, Karma	<i>Bear Says Thanks</i> (The Bear Books)	2012	What better way for Bear to say thanks than over a nice, big dinner? Bear decides to throw a feast! One by one, Bear's friends show up with different platters of delicious food to share. There's just one problem: Bear's cupboards are bare! What is he to do?
Thomas, Jan	<i>Rhyming Dust Bunnies</i> or any primary picture book by Jan Thomas	2008	As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.
Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah	<i>Mommy's Khimar</i>	2018	A young Muslim girl spends a busy day wrapped up in her mother's colorful headscarf in this sweet and fanciful picture book from debut author Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow and illustrator Ebony Glenn.
Wallace, Karen	<i>Big Machines</i>	2000	Big Machines by Karen Wallace shows diggers, dump trucks, and other machines as they transform an old factory site into a park for the community.

Willems, Mo and Charise Mericle	<i>The Good for Nothing Button</i> or any book in the Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Series.	2017	"Yellow Bird has found a button and wants to share it with Red Bird and Blue Bird. This is just an ordinary button. It does not do anything when you press it. But when Red Bird and Blue Bird give it try, they are delighted to find that the button does not do nothing, and that is something!"-- Provided by publisher.
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