

Prince William County Public Schools

Summer Reading Suggested Reading List

Elementary - Second Grade

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.

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Author	Title	Publication Date	Annotation
Alexander, Kwame	<i>The Undefeated</i>	2019	This poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith, and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world's greatest heroes.
Bates, Amy	<i>The Big Umbrella</i>	2018	A spacious umbrella welcomes anyone and everyone who needs shelter from the rain.
Bentley, Tadgh	<i>Little Penguin and the Lollipop</i>	2017	Little Penguin has a problem...his friend Kenneth is upset! And it's all because Little Penguin ate Kenneth's deliciously yummy razzle dazzle seaweed lollipop! Little Penguin's tried everything he can think of to make it up to Kenneth but nothing seems to help--not even a hug! Can YOU help him save the day?
Byers, Grace	<i>I am Enough</i>	2018	"Shares a story of loving who you are, respecting others and being kind to one another"--OCLC.
Christoph, Jamey	<i>Clackety Track-Poems about Trains</i>	2019	A collection of poems about railroad trains.
Cornwall, Gaia	<i>Jabari Jumps</i>	2017	Working up the courage to take a big, important leap is hard, but Jabari is almost absolutely ready to make a giant splash.

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Davis, Viola	<i>Corduroy Takes a Bow</i>	2018	When Lisa takes Corduroy to the theater for the very first time, it's so magnificent and exciting that he just can't help heading out on his own to explore. From the orchestra pit to the prop table and the dressing rooms, Corduroy sees it all. Could there be a place for Corduroy on stage, too?
Dean, James & Kimberly	<i>Pete the Cat and the Perfect Pizza Party</i>	2019	"After inviting his friends over for a pizza party, Pete piles his favorite pepperoni topping on the pie he is making, but when his guests arrive and add their own toppings to the pizza, Pete begins to wonder if his perfect pizza will be ruined"--OCLC.
Deenihan, Jamie	<i>When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree</i>	2019	A young girl is given a lemon tree and learns to care for it until she can make lemonade for a lemonade stand.
DiTerlizzi, Angela	<i>Just Add Glitter</i>	2018	Illustrations and simple, rhyming text encourage the reader to add glitter to everything in sight, until even what should really sparkle is obscured.
Easton, Emily	<i>Enough!</i>	2018	A nonfiction picture book that briefly introduces twenty historic leaders, including Samuel Adams, Harriet Tubman, Jazz Jennings, and Colin Kaepernick.
Fitch, Sheree	<i>Everybody's Different on Everybody Street</i>	2018	A picture book with rhyming text that celebrates individuality.
Freedman, Deborah	<i>Carl and the Meaning of Life</i>	2019	"When a field mouse asks Carl the earthworm why he tunnels through the dirt, Carl doesn't have an answer, so he sets off to find out"--OCLC.
John, Jory	<i>The Good Egg</i>	2019	A very good egg learns to relax and not be perfect all the time.
Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue	<i>Same, Same but Different</i>	2011	Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries--America and India--they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.
Meltzer, Brad	<i>Ordinary People Change the World or any book in the Series</i>	2000s	Each book tells the story of one of America's icons in a vivacious, conversational way. And each book focuses on a particular character trait that made that person heroic.
Noll, Amanda	<i>Are You My Monster?</i>	2019	"A young boy compares a drawing of his monster--depicted with a long tail, pointy nails, and big teeth--with various other monsters until he finds the perfect match"--OCLC.

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Nywong'o, Lupita	<i>Sulwe</i>	2019	When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade.
Parish, Herman	<i>Amelia Bedelia Tries Her Luck</i>	2013	Literal-minded Amelia Bedelia and her friends test superstitions related to such symbols as black cats, four-leaf clovers, and broken mirrors.
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus</i> or any book from the Series	1992	In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.
Parr, Todd	<i>It's Okay to Make Mistakes</i>	2014	Presents a series of situations in which taking chances and trying new things can lead to good results, even if there were mistakes along the way.
Penfold, Alexandra	<i>All are Welcome</i>	2018	"Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce a school where diversity is celebrated and songs, stories, and talents are shared"--Provided by publisher.
Elliott, Rebecca	<i>Eva's Treetop Festival</i> or any book from the Owl Diaries Series	2015	Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea--but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.
Sarcone-Roach, Julia	<i>There are No Bears in This Bakery</i>	2019	When Muffin, a cat, hears a suspicious noise at the Little Bear Bakery, his investigation reveals a hungry bear cub.
Scotton, Rob	<i>Splat The Cat And The Lemonade Stand</i>	2019	Splat opens a lemonade stand to make enough money to buy a ticket to the Super Jump Water Park.
Stevens, Janet	<i>The Donkey Egg</i> or any primary picture book by Janet Stevens	2019	After fast-talking Fox leaves him with a large, green egg, Bear spends minutes, hours, days, and weeks lovingly caring for it with the help of his neighbor Hare.
Stewart, Melissa	<i>Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, & Stinkers: celebrating animal underdogs</i>	2018	A look at the behaviors of a variety of animals, such as shrews, armadillos, naked mole rats, and okapi.
Teckentrup, Britta	<i>We are Together</i>	2020	On our own, we're special, and we can chase our dream. But when we join up, hand in hand, together, we're a team. Celebrate the power of love and friendship in this beautiful book featuring vibrant artwork and peek-through pages.

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Verde, Susan	<i>I Am Human</i>	2018	A child recognizes his own humanity, his capacity for doing harm and being harmed, his ability to feel joy and sadness, and his belief in hope and promise to keep learning.
Wong, Liz	<i>Quackers</i>	2016	Quackers has always believed that he is a duck, but when he meets new friends who look like him and call themselves cats, he has to find a way to combine the best of both worlds.
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