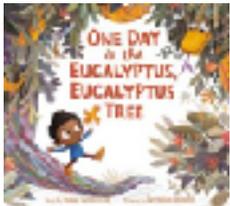


K-2nd Grade Summer Reading List

Kindergarten and First Grade students have no required reading, however we enthusiastically encourage children to participate in daily summer reading with their parents.

Second Grade students are required to read four or more books from the following list. The summer project is a mock book jacket. (See Second Grade summer letter for details.)

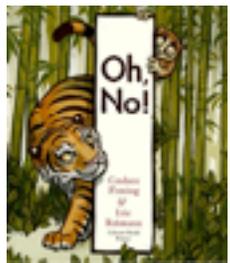
Pattern Books



One Day in the Eucalyptus, Eucalyptus Tree

by Daniel Bernstrom

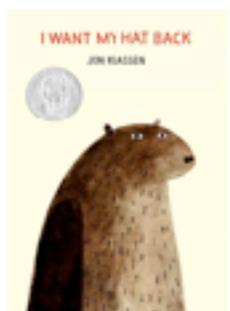
A clever boy tricks a snake into eating a growing number of animals.



Oh, No!

by Candace Fleming

A series of animals falls into a deep hole, only to be saved at last by a very large rescuer.



I Want My Hat Back

by John Klassen

★**Caldecott Honor**

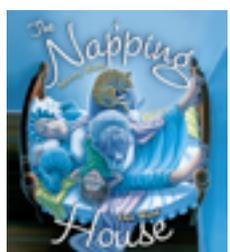
When Bear loses his hat, he patiently asks the animals he comes across if they have seen it, and just as he is about to give up his search, a deer helps him remember exactly where he left his beloved hat.



The Little Red Hen

by Jerry Pinkney

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the cake she makes from it.



The Napping House

by Audrey Wood

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

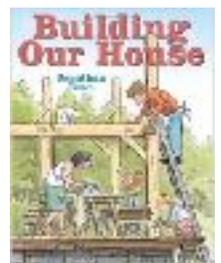
Picture Books



Mae Among The Stars

by Roda Ahmed

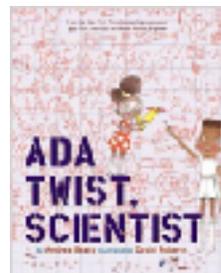
Mae dreams of seeing Earth from space when she grows up. But her teacher says nursing would be a better job "for someone like you." This is the story of Mae Carol Jemison, first female African American astronaut.



Building Our House

by Jonathan Bean

A young girl narrates her family's move from the city to the country, where they have bought a piece of land and live in a trailer while they build a house from the ground up, with help from relatives and friends.



Ada Twist, Scientist

by Andrea Beaty

Ada Twist was born curious. Sometimes this makes messes and causes problems, but just maybe that curiosity can guide her to important discoveries in this cheery, rhyming book.



Leave Me Alone!

by Vera Bristol

★**Caldecott Honor,**

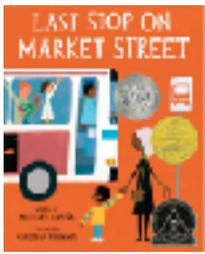
This old woman is exasperated by the noise and boisterousness of her large family. All she wants is a quiet place to finish her project. Will she ever find one?



I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato

by Lauren Child

A fussy eater decides to sample the carrots after her brother convinces her that they are really orange twiglets from Jupiter.

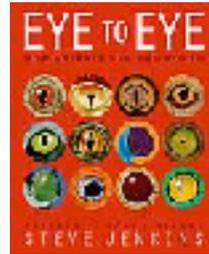


Last Stop on Market Street

by Matt de la Pena

★**Caldecott Honor, Newbery Winner**

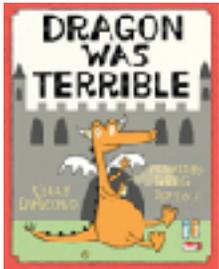
As a boy and his grandma ride the bus, the boy wonders why he can't have more possessions. His grandmother gently redirects his attention to the beauty and joy of community around them.



Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World

by Steve Jenkins

Profiles a series of animals with unusual eyes, and explains how such animals use their uniquely evolved eyes to gain essential information about the biological world.



Dragon Was Terrible

by Kelly DiPucchio

Dragon was terrible. He scribbled in books, stole candy from baby unicorns, and even burped in church! All the king's knights can't defeat this beast. Can he be tamed?



This Is Not My Hat

by Jon Klassen

★**Caldecott Winner**

A tiny fish wearing a blue hat hopes not to wake up the trouble that might be following close behind.



Weasels

by Elys Dolan

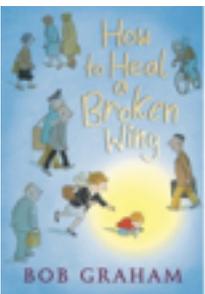
Do you know what weasels do all day? They plot world domination. Now if they can just get this machine to work...



Earth!: My First 4.54 Billion Years

by Stacy McAnulty

Meet Earth. "Some people call me Gaia, the blue marble, the world, or the third planet from the sun. You can call me Planet Awesome."



How to Heal A Broken Wing

by Bob Graham

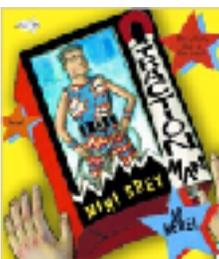
When the pigeon flew into a window, nobody saw it fall—except for Will. The boy, who is in the city with his mother, is determined to nurse the bird back to health in this moving story of compassion.



Be Kind

by Pat Zietlow Miller

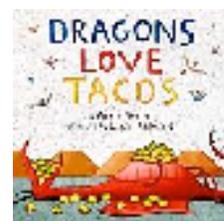
When the new girl spills grape juice on herself, a girl is tempted to laugh. "But Mom always tells me to be kind, so I tried." What does it mean to be kind? How can kindness make a difference?



Traction Man is Here!

by Mini Grey

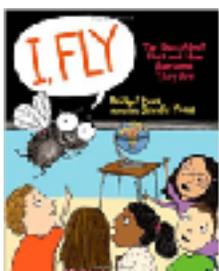
Traction Man, a boy's courageous action figure, has a variety of adventures with Scrubbing Brush and other objects in the house.



Dragons Love Tacos

by Adam Rubin

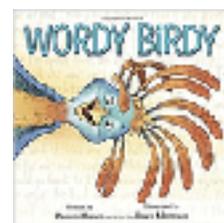
Dragons love tacos. They love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. So if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos.



I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are

by Bridget Heos

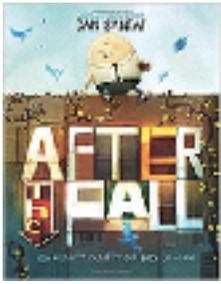
Why is everyone such a fan of butterflies? Flies are so much cooler! Find out all about them in this funny, fact-packed book.



Wordy Birdy

by Tammi Sauer

Wordy Birdy loves to talk, but she doesn't stop to listen—even to herself. "That's a pretty tree and that's a pretty tree and that's a pretty danger sign and that's a pretty tree. . . ."



After The Fall
by Dan Santat
You probably already know the story of Humpty Dumpty's fall, but what happened after his bandages came off? How can he regain his courage?



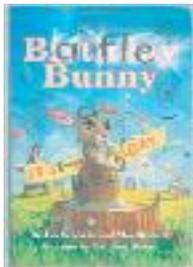
They All Saw A Cat
by Brian Wenzel
★**Caldecott Honor**
"The cat walked through the world with its whiskers, ears and paws..." yet everyone sees something different when they look at the cat.



Sarabella's Thinking Cap
by Judy Schachner
Sarabella has such a rich imagination that she has trouble paying attention to the outer world. Can she express her ideas and learn to focus in school?



Pigeon Series
★**Caldecott Honor**
by Mo Willems
When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place, capturing the antics of a preschooler's temper tantrum.

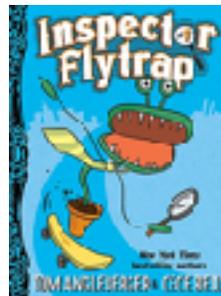


Battle Bunny
by Jon Scieszka
Alex, whose birthday it is, hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny on his special day and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest.

Readers & Early Chapter Books



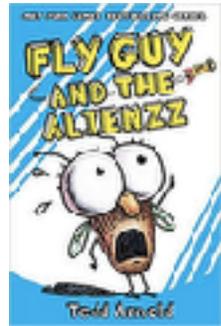
Not Quite Narwhal
by Jessie Sima
Kelp has always been different from the other narwhals. Then, one day he sees land narwhals—unicorns. He felt like he belonged, but missed his friends and his home. How can he choose between being a land narwhal and a sea unicorn?



Inspector Flytrap Series
by Tom Angleberger & Cece Bell
Inspector Flytrap is not your ordinary plant. For one thing, he eats bugs. For another, he solves BIG DEAL mysteries.



The Most Magnificent Thing
by Ashley Spires
A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.



Fly Guy Series
by Tedd Arnold
★**Geisel Honor**
When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.



Interrupting Chicken
by David Ezra Stein
Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

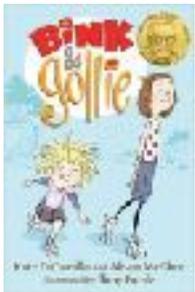


Franny K. Stein Series
by Jim Benton
Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school she experiments with fitting in—which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.



Cork and Fuzz: the Babysitters

by Dori Chaconas
When Cork and Fuzz agree to babysit a young porcupine, Cork ends up doing most of the work, and when Fuzz gets into some trouble, it is up to both Cork and the baby to come to his assistance.



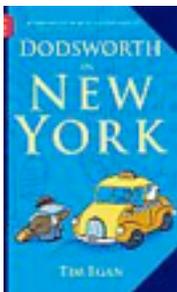
Bink & Gollie

by Kate DiCamillo
★**Geisel Award**
Two roller-skating best friends—one tiny, one tall—share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.



Mercy Watson Series

by Kate DiCamillo
★**Geisel Honor**
After Mercy the pig spends the night in the Watson's bed, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor and it is up to Mercy to save them.



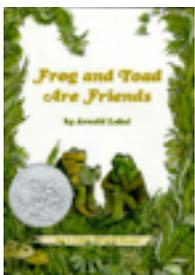
Dodsworth Series

by Tim Eagen
When Dodsworth sets out for adventure, including a stop in New York City before going to Paris, London, and beyond, he does not expect a crazy duck to stow away in his suitcase and lead him on a merry chase.



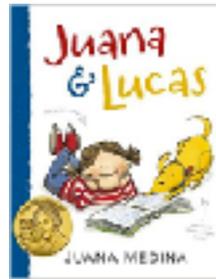
Princes in Black Series

by Shannon Hale
While having hot cocoa with the Dutchess, Princess Magnolia must sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego the Princess in Black.



Frog and Toad are Friends

by Arnold Lobel
★**Caldecott Honor Book**
Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends--Frog and Toad.



Juana & Lucas

by Juana Medina
★**Geisel Award**
Juana loves drawing, reading, living in Bogotá, Colombia, and playing with her dog, Lucas. She does not love learning English— until she learns about a trip her abuelos are planning.



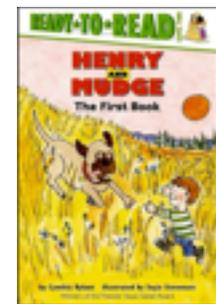
Magic Tree House Series

by Mary Pope Osborne
Jack and Annie are thrilled to find a tree house filled with books in the woods. Then they discover that the tree house lets them travel in time!



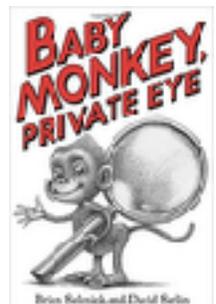
Amelia Bedelia (series)

by Peggy Parish
A literal-minded housekeeper causes chaos in the Rogers household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.



Henry and Mudge Series

by Cynthia Rylant
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.



Baby Monkey, Private Eye

by Brian Selznick and David Serlin
“He is a baby. He is a monkey. He has a job...” Move over, Sam Spade. Baby Monkey has five mysteries to solve in this satisfyingly fat, elaborately illustrated early reader.



Elephant & Piggie Series

by Mo Willems
★**Geisel Award & Geisel Honor**
Piggie is bouncy and optimistic. Gerald is less sure of the world. Together, they have funny, satisfying adventures in these very easy-to-read stories.