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Dear Lower School Parents,

I believe that the opportunity to inspire a love of reading is both a great privilege and an extraordinary responsibility. Since studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills during the summer, the next few months provide such an opportunity for you to keep your daughter engaged in reading. You can use this time to help her sustain (and even bolster) her reading skills, strengthen her vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for pleasure.

Summer is the perfect time for children to take a break from the structured academic environment, to relax and delight in the pleasures of "just being a kid." Therefore, summer reading should be fun! Allow your daughter to select books about things she truly enjoys. This booklet offers selected authors and titles, but she should by no means feel limited to these suggestions. Many good recommendations can be gleaned by others, such as peers, bookstore owners or other librarians. Students entering grades 4 – 5 have specific summer book requirements which have been spelled out by the teachers of her new grade.

How else can you make summer reading both beneficial and enjoyable? Encourage your daughter to read outdoors—on the front porch, at the beach, or under a shady tree in the park. Consider reading aloud with her every day. Many books on this list make excellent family "read alouds," so include other family members as well. Audio books are great for long car rides. Visit a local library or bookstore regularly and take advantage of summer reading book clubs and other reading incentives. Above all else: enjoy, enjoy, enjoy!

Happy reading,

Beverly S. Edwards, LS Librarian

P.S. There are some great new additions to the lists this year!



Kindergarten, Pre-First, First Grade

Suggested Series (K -1)



Many good books are part of a series. Here are some high-quality choices you might consider:

Angelina Ballerina – Katharine Holabird

Berenstain Bears – Stan & Jan Berenstain

Cam Jansen– David Adler

Curious George – H.A. Rey

Danny & the Dinosaur – Syd Hoff

Don't Let the Pigeon... – Mo Willems

Elephant and Piggie – Mo Willems

Fancy Nancy – Jane O'Connor

Fly Guy – Tedd Arnold

Fox – James Marshall

Frances – Russell Hoban

Frog & Toad – Arnold Lobel

Junie B. Jones – Barbara Park

Lyle the Crocodile – Bernard Waber

Max and Ruby – Rosemary Wells

Mercy Watson – Kate DiCamillo

Miss Bindergarten – Joseph Slate

Olivia – Ian Falconer

**Required Summer Reading Books
for 2011:**

4th Grade – *No Talking* by Andrew Clements

5th Grade – *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo



Ways to Enjoy Reading

- ❖ Listen to a book being read aloud.
- ❖ Take turns reading to a friend or a parent.
- ❖ Visit your local library and explore!
- ❖ Visualize the characters.
- ❖ Imagine yourself in the plot of the book.
- ❖ Get comfortable.
- ❖ Read outside!
- ❖ Snuggle with a stuffed animal.
- ❖ Keep a book journal.
- ❖ Exchange favorite book titles with a friend.



Grades 4 and 5

Non-Fiction



Anderson, William. *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography*
 Borden, Louise. *The Journey that Saved Curious George*
 Cleary, Beverly. *A Girl from Yamhill* (autobiography)
 Collier, Bryan. *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave*
 Dahl, Roald. *Boy* (autobiography)
 Hamm, Mia. *Go for the Goal: A Champion's Guide to Winning in Soccer and Life*
 Fleischman, Sid. *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini*
 Freedman, Russell. *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille*
 Greenberg, Jan. *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring*
 Grogan, John. *Marley: A Dog Like No Other*
 Levine, Gail Carson. *Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly*
 Montgomery, Sy. *Kakapo Rescue: Saving the World's Strangest Parrot*
 Nelson, Marilyn. *Carver: A Life in Poems*
 Nobisso, Josephine. *Show; Don't Tell! Secrets of Writing*
 Schlitz, Laura Amy. *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village*
 Tang, Gregory. *The Grapes of Math*
 Thimmesh, Catherine. *Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women*

Grades 4 and 5

Poetry

Fleischman, Paul. *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*
 Kuskin, Karla. *The Sky is Always in the Sky*
 Lewis, J. Patrick. *The Bookworm's Feast: A Potluck of Poems*
 Nye, Naomi. *A Maze Me: Poems for Girls.*
 Prelutsky, Jack. *My Dog May Be a Genius*
 Whipple, Laura. *If the Shoe Fits: Voices from Cinderella*



Kindergarten, Pre-First, First Grade

Suggested Series (K -1)



There are so many wonderful picture books available!
 Choose any books by the following writers:

Adler, David
 Ahlberg, Janet & Allan
 Alike
 Asch, Frank
 Aylesworth, Jim
 Bemelmans, Ludwig
 Bond, Michael
 Brett, Jan
 Bridwell, Norman
 Brown, Marc
 Brown, Margaret Wise
 Bunting, Eve
 Burton, Virginia Lee
 Carle, Eric
 Carlson, Nancy
 Cooney, Barbara
 Crews, Donald
 DeBrunhoff, Jean
 De Paola, Tomie
 Demi
 Ehlert, Lois
 Fox, Mem
 Freeman, Don
 Gibbons, Gail
 Henkes, Kevin
 Hoban, Lillian
 Hoban, Russell
 Hoffman, Mary
 Hutchins, Pat
 Keats, Ezra Jack
 Kellogg, Steven
 Lasky, Kathryn
 Lionni, Leo

Lobel, Arnold
 McCloskey, Robert
 McKissack, Patricia
 Marshall, James
 Martin, Bill
 Mayer, Mercer
 Numeroff, Laura
 Palatini, Marge
 Parish, Peggy
 Park, Barbara
 Peet, Bill
 Polacco, Patricia
 Potter, Beatrix
 Prelutsky, Jack
 Rathmann, Peggy
 Rey, H. A.
 Rylant, Cynthia
 Say, Allen
 Scieszka, Jon
 Sendak, Maurice
 Shannon, David
 Silverstein, Shel
 Steig, William
 Viorst, Judith
 Van Allsburg, Chris
 Waber, Bernard
 Wells, Rosemary
 Willems, Mo
 Wisniewski, David
 Wood, Audrey & Don
 Yolen, Jane
 Yorinks, Arthur
 Zion, Gene
 Zolotow, Charlotte



Grades 2 and 3



Suggested Series (K -1)

Many good books are part of a series. Here are some high-quality choices you might consider:

A to Z Mysteries – Ron Roy
Amber Brown – Paula Danzinger
Amelia Bedelia – Peggy Parrish
American Girl – various authors
Betsy-Tacy – Maud Hart Lovelace
Clarice Bean – Lauren Child
Clementine – Sara Pennypacker
Flat Stanley – Jeff Brown
“Fudge” Books – Judy Blume
Henry and Mudge – Cynthia Rylant
Humphrey – Betty Birney
Ivy and Bean – Annie Barrows
Judy Moody – Megan McDonald
Magic Tree House – Mary Pope Osborne
Mallory Series – Laurie Friedmann
Misty of Chincoteague – Marguerite Henry
Piper Reed – Kimberly Willis Holt
Ramona Quimby or Henry & Ribsy – Beverly Cleary

Hiaasen, Carl. ***Hoot; Scat***
Hickey, Caroline. ***Cassie Was Here***
Holm, Jennifer. ***Our Only May Amelia; Turtle in Paradise***
Horvath, Polly. ***The Trolls***
Juster, Norton. ***The Phantom Tollbooth***
Konigsburg, E. L. ***From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***
Law, Ingrid. ***Savvy; Scumble***
L’Engle, Madeline. ***A Wrinkle in Time***
Levine, Gail Carson. ***Ella Enchanted; Fairest***
Lin, Grace. ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon***
Lord, Cythia. ***Rules; Touch Blue***
Lowry, Lois. ***The Willoughbys***
Mass, Wendy. ***11 Birthdays; The Candymakers***
McKissack, Patricia. ***A Friendship for Today***
Namioka, Lensey. ***Half and Half***
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Shiloh***
O’Brien, Robert C. ***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH***
O’Connor, Barbara. ***How to Steal a Dog***
O’Dell, Scott. ***Island of the Blue Dolphins***
Paterson, Katherine. ***Bridge to Terabithia; Jacob I Have Loved***
Peck, Richard. ***A Long Way from Chicago; A Year Down Yonder***
Primavera, Elise. ***The Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls***
Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero; The Red Pyramid; The Throne of Fire***
Ryan, Pam Munoz. ***Becoming Naomi Leon; The Dreamer***
Rylant, Cynthia. ***Missing May***
Sachar, Louis. ***Holes***
Schlitz, Laura Amy. ***A Drowned Maiden’s Hair***
Selznik, Brian. ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret***
Sewell, Anna. ***Black Beauty***
Snyder, Laurel. ***Penny Dreadful; Up & Down the Scratchy Mountains***
Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. ***The Headless Cupid; The Egypt Game***
Spinelli, Jerry. ***Eggs; Smiles to Go***
St. John, Lauren. ***The White Giraffe***
Stead, Rebecca. ***When You Reach Me***
Tashjian, Janet. ***My Life as a Book***
Woodson, Jacqueline. ***Feathers***



Grades 4 and 5



Fiction - Chapter Books

This is a list of specific recommended books, but do not feel limited by it! You may choose other titles by the listed authors or quality recommendations from a friend, family member or trusted adult:

Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Fever 1793*
 Appelt, Kathi. *Keeper; The Underneath*
 Avi. *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle*
 Baker, E. D. *The Wide-Awake Princess*
 Balliett, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer; The Danger Box*
 Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks*
 Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn*
 Burnett, Frances. *The Secret Garden*
 Cleary, Beverly. *Dear Mr. Henshaw*
 Clements, Andrew. *Extra Credit; The School Story*
 Creech, Sharon. *The Castle Corona; Ruby Holler; Walk Two Moons*
 Cooper, Susan. *The Boggart*
 Curtins, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*
 Cushman, Karen. *The Midwife's Apprentice*
 DeVillers, Julia. *Trading Faces; Lynn Visible*
 DiCamillo, Kate. *The Magician's Elephant; The Tale of Despereaux*
 Draper, Sharon. *Out of My Mind*
 Eager, Edward. *Half Magic*
 Edwards, Julie Andrews. *Mandy*
 Estes, Eleanor. *Ginger-Pye*
 Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*
 Fleischman, Sid. *The Whipping Boy*
 Funke, Cornelia. *Igraine the Brave*
 Gaiman, Neil. *The Graveyard Book*
 George, Jean Craighead. *Julie of the Wolves*
 Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Doll in the Garden; Wait Till Helen Comes*
 Hale, Shannon. *Princess Academy*



Grades 2 and 3



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Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
 Auch, Mary Jane. *I Was a Third Grade Spy*
 Blume, Judy. *Freckle Face*
 Byars, Betsy. *Summer of the Swans; Tornado*
 Catling, Patrick. *The Chocolate Touch*
 Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*
 Cole, Henry. *A Nest for Celeste*
 Dahl, Roald. *The BFG; James and the Giant Peach*
 DeVillers, Julia. *Liberty Porter, First Daughter*
 Gannett, Ruth Stiles. *My Father's Dragon*
 Gardiner, John. *Stone Fox*
 Grindley, Sally. *Dear Max*
 Haas, Jenny. *Jigsaw Pony*
 King-Smith, Dick. *A Mouse Called Wolf; Lady Lollipop*
 Korman, Gordon. *Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire*
 Lindgren, Astrid. *Pippi Longstocking*
 Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*
 MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah Plain and Tall*
 McCloskey, Robert. *Homer Price*
 Orr, Wendy. *Nim's Island*
 Robinson, Barbara. *The Best School Year Ever*
 Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms*
 Rodowsky, Colby. *Not My Dog*
 Smith, Robert Kimmel. *Chocolate Fever*
 Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*
 Taylor, Mildred. *The Friendship*
 Watson, Stephanie. *Elvis and Olive*
 White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web; Stuart Little*



Grades 2 and 3
Non-Fiction



Bourke, Anthony. *Christian the Lion*
 Buckley, Carol. *Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog Who Became Best Friends*
 Gibbons, Gail. *Hurricanes; Tornadoes*
 Giovanni, Nikki. *Rosa*
 Goldstone, Bruce. *Great Estimations*
 Grover, Wayne. *Dolphin Adventure: A True Story*
 Hatkoff, Isabella. *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*
 Hatkoff, Julianna. *Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captured the World*
 Hirst, Robin and Sally. *My Place in Space*
 Hort, Lenny. *Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved*
 Martin, Jannelle. *ABC Math Riddles*
 Myers, Laurie. *Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale*
 Myron, Vicki. *Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story*
 Rosenthal, Amy Krouse. *The Wonder Book*
 Ryan, Pam Munoz. *When Marian Sang*

Grades 2 and 3
Poetry

Dakos, Kalli. *The Goof Who Invented Homework: and Other School Poems*
 Kuskin, Karla. *Moon, Have You Met My Mother?*
 Larios, Julia. *Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary*
 Lewis, J. Patrick. *Please Bury Me in the Library*
 Nesbitt, Kenn. *My Hippo Has the Hiccups*
 Prelutsky, Jack. *Something Big Has Been Here; It's Raining Pigs & Noodles*
 Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic; Where the Sidewalk Ends*
 Spires, Elizabeth. *With One White Wing: Puzzles in Poems and Pictures*



Grades 4 and 5
Suggested Series



Many good books are part of a series. Here are some high-quality choices you might consider:

Anne of Green Gables – Lucy Maud Montgomery
Chronicles of Narnia – C. S. Lewis
Dear America – various authors
The Fairy-Tale Detectives – Michael Buckley
Harry Potter – J. K. Rowling
Inkheart – Cornelia Funke
Lady Grace Mysteries – various authors
Molly Moon – Georgia Byng
The Mother-Daughter Book Club – Heather Vogel Frederick
The Mysterious Benedict Society – Trenton Lee Stewart
The Name of this Book is Secret – Pseudonymous Bosch
Pandora Series – Carolyn Hennesy
Percy Jackson & the Olympians – Rick Riordan
Peter & the Starcatchers – Dave Barry & Ridley Pearson
The Royal Diaries – various authors
Septimus Heap (Magyk, Flyte...) – Angie Sage
Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket