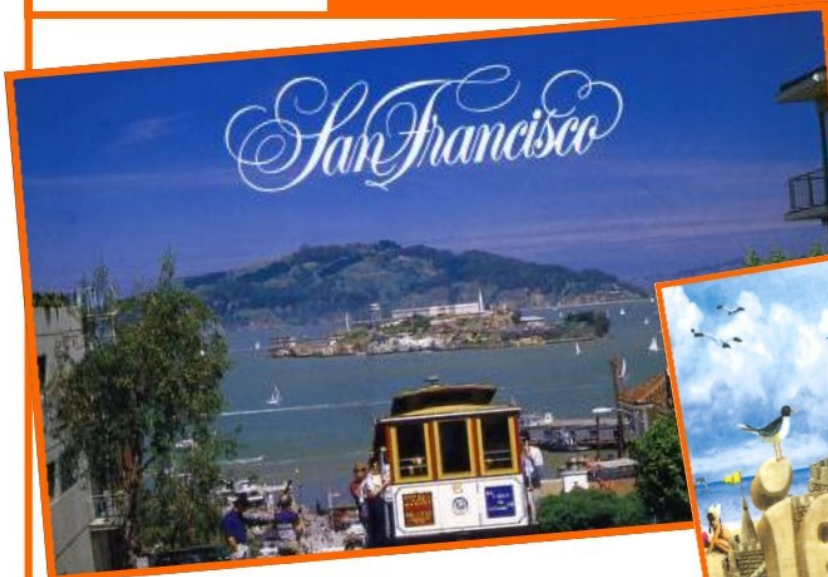


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The Pingry School Lower School Library Summer Reading List 2019



Postcards to the Library

June 2019

A Message to Pingry Families,

Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Lists have been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from their reading list. Many different books, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed. Titles are annotated to help in the selection process.

Children are not expected to read all the books on the list; these suggestions are intended to provide many possible choices.

We hope every child will find something on the list which will spark their interest in reading.

The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program** – Students send picture postcards to the Library and share information about the books they are reading. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **Reading Log** – Set a reading goal, and record all the books read during the summer.

Browse the [Lower School Library Website](#) for subscription databases and other online resources for research and related activities. (These resources require a username and password for login.)

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo

Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,

I am having fun this summer.

I go to soccer camp during the day, go swimming with my friends, and read every night before dinner.

I read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. It was a great book and I loved it!

Your friend,
Taylor Jones



**Mrs. D'Innocenzo
The Pingry School Library
50 Country Day Drive
Short Hills, NJ 07078**

How to Participate in Postcards to the Library:

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- A picture postcard can be sent from anywhere – even from your own hometown or from Grandma's house.
- Include the book title, author's name, and your first and last name.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be picked at random, with prizes of Barnes & Noble gift cards awarded at the assembly.
- All postcards will be displayed in the hallway at Back-to-School Night and later placed in an album available in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Reading!

The Pingry Lower School Library 2019 Summer Reading List

Students Entering Kindergarten and Grade 1



Picture Books

After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat. 2017.

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is afraid of climbing up again, but he is determined to keep trying and not let his fear stop him.

Bad Seed by Jory John. 2017.

The bad seed cuts in line, lies, and never washes his hands and feet. What happens when he changes his mind and decides to be happy? Also read **The Good Egg**, 2019.

Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller. 2018.

How can we be kind? Each act, big or small, can make a difference and help a friend.

Because by Mo Willems. 2019.

*Because...*each separate event connects both creativity and chance across generations, as a girl realizes her love of music and begins her own creative journey.

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper. 2017. *Caldecott Honor Award*.

The big cat lived alone, until the day a new cat came.... A story of friendship begins, following two cats through days, months, and years until one day, the older cat has to go. And he doesn't come back.

The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luvken. 2017.

As an artist crafts her slipups into her drawing, young readers see how "mistakes" can lead to inspiration, thanks to the determination and creativity of the artist.

The Book with No Pictures by B. J. Novak. 2014.

You might think a book with no pictures is boring and serious. Except . . . everything on the page has to be read aloud. Even if the words are silly like...BLORK. Or BLUURF.

Bug Zoo by Lisa Wheeler. 2016.

Ben loves insects, but when he puts some in jars to start a bug zoo, the bugs quickly stop buzzing and after adding a luna moth to the collection, he understands why.

Busy-Eyed Day by Anne Marie Pace. 2018.

There is so much to see and do for a family enjoying a busy-eyed day at the park.

Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña. 2018.

As Carmela celebrates her birthday, she is so happy to be big enough to go to town with her older brother that she cannot think of anything else to wish for. When she finds a fuzzy wishing dandelion, she wonders if she will make the right choice?

Charlie & Mouse by Laurel Snyder. 2017.

Brothers Charlie and Mouse enjoy a day out together, collecting rocks and going to an imaginary party. *Theodor Seuss Geisel Award*.

Click, Clack, Surprise by Doreen Cronin. 2017.

Little Duck celebrates his first birthday with the other animals on the farm by copying their examples, from shearing off all his feathers to taking a mud bath, before enjoying Farmer Brown's yummy frosted maple cake.

Creepy Carrots! by Aaron Reynolds. 2012.

Buster the rabbit loves carrots and he cannot resist pulling some to eat each time he passes by, until he begins hearing and seeing creepy carrots wherever he goes. Rabbit fears his favorite treats are out to get him! *Sequel: Creepy Pair of Underwear*.

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt. 2013.

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them. *Teachers Choice Award 2014*.

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson. 2018.

"There will be times when you walk into a room and no one there is quite like you." Children feel like outsiders for many different reasons in this story, but as they share their stories, they discover hope and friendship, in voices "stronger than a minute ago."

Dog on a Frog by Kes Gray. 2017.

Frog decides he does not want to sit on a log, and he definitely does not want a dog to sit on a frog! So he changes the rules. Now, dogs sit on logs, and cats sit on gnats! But what will frog sit on now? Fun animal rhyme pairings. Also read: **Frog on a Log?**

Duck & Goose Go to the Beach by Tad Hill. 2014.

Duck wants to go on an adventure. Goose doesn't. After all, why would they go anywhere when they're happy right where they are? But then Goose sees the ocean and loves it. Who doesn't? Well, Duck, for one!

Duck on a Tractor by David Shannon. 2016.

Duck trades his bike for a big, red tractor. As Duck drives around the farm, animal friends climb aboard for a ride. What will happen when he drives through town?

The Duckling Gets a Cookie (Series) by Mo Willems. 2012.

The Duckling asks for a cookie — and gets one! Do you think the Pigeon is happy about that? He is very angry when the duckling gets a cookie just by asking politely.

Egg by Kevin Henkes. 2017.

Three little birds crack their way out of eggs and fly away, leaving one egg sitting all alone until the three chicks discover a friendly baby alligator has finally hatched.

Frankencrayon by Michael Hall. 2016.

The crayons are ready to tell the thrilling tale of Frankencrayon. The costumes are made, the roles are cast, the pages are all set—but then disaster strikes. Someone has scribbled on the page! Hideous! Horrifying! The story can't go on!

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall. 2018. *Caldecott Medal Winner*.

On the highest rock of a tiny island stands a lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper tends to the light, the logbook, and all his chores, then is joined by his wife, then a new baby. Together they make their life in the lighthouse, keeping the ships safe.

In Plain Sight by Richard Jackson. 2016.

Sophie lives with Mama and Daddy and Grandpa, who spends his days by the window. Every day after school, it's Grandpa whom Sophie runs to, to start their favorite game.

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall. 2017.

The big moment has come for Jabari to jump off the diving board. But is he ready?

Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale (Series) by Mo Willems. 2004. *Caldecott Honor Book*.

A trip to the laundromat leads to problems when Trixie, too young to talk, realizes something is missing and tries to explain to her father.

Ladybug Girl and the Rescue Dog (Series) by David Soman. 2018.

Ladybug Girl and her friends help at a dog-adoption fair and discover that even the littlest things can make a big difference.

Life on Mars by Jon Agee. 2017.

The little astronaut is sure he will find life on Mars — he has even brought a gift of chocolate cupcakes. But he can't find any sign of life on Mars...or can he?

Lola Gets a Cat by Anna McQuinn. 2017.

More than anything Lola wants a cat, but first she must learn how to care for it. At the library she finds books about cats and pet care and learns as much as she can.

My Friend Maggie by Kevin Henkes. 2016.

Paula and Maggie are best friends until Paula starts playing with some new friends. But when her new playmates turn on her, it's Maggie who rushes to Paula's defense.

My Weird School: Class Pet Mess! by Dan Gutman. 2017. (*I Can Read 2*)

Mr. Cooper's class is getting a pet! But what's the coolest pet to get? Ssssstay tuned...

Nothing Rhymes with Orange by Adam Rex. 2017.

All the fruits gather together and enjoy a rhyming party, but poor Orange feels left out because he does not rhyme with anything—until Apple invents a new word.

Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses (Series) by James Dean. 2013.

Pete the Cat wakes up feeling grumpy — nothing seems to be going his way. With the help of magic sunglasses, Pete learns that a good mood has been inside him all along.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath! (Pigeon Series) by Mo Willems. 2014.

The Pigeon really needs a bath! But the Pigeon's not so sure about that. He took a bath last month! It's going to take some convincing to get him to take the plunge.

Princesses Save the World by Savannah Guthrie. 2018.

When the Fruit Princesses team up, they use their creative thinking to work together to solve the Strawberry Kingdom's missing honeybee problem.

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty. 2013.

Rosie's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer, but first, she must get over her fears. Also read: **Ada Twist, Scientist**.

The Rough Patch by Brian Lies. 2018. *Caldecott Honor Book*.

Evan and his dog do everything together — play, read, eat, tend the beautiful garden. When he is suddenly alone, Evan finds no joy in his garden, until a sprout of hope appears.

Saffron Ice Cream by Rashin Kheiriyeh. 2018.

Rashin is excited about her first trip to the beach in her family's new home in Brooklyn. She thinks of beach trips when she lived in Iran, especially the saffron ice cream shared with her best friend. But today she finds new "likes" — from ice cream flavors to a new friend.

Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping (*Series*) by Melanie Watt. 2013.

Scaredy Squirrel has never liked the idea of camping, but he begins to feel differently when he takes a hike through the woods looking for an electrical outlet.

Snail & Worm Again by Tina Kugler. 2017.

Fun and silly stories about friends Snail and Worm, together again in a book for early readers. *Theodor Geisel Honor Award*.

Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev. 2015.

It's Pet Club day, and kids are bringing their cats, dogs, and fish — but strictly no elephants allowed. Don't they understand that pets come in all shapes and sizes? A boy and his tiny pet elephant show what it means to be a true friend.

This and That by Mem Fox. 2017.

Two mice set off on an adventure that takes them through caves, on top of giraffes, and over palace walls until they return safely home to the comfort of their beds.

This Is Not a Picture Book by Sergio Ruzzier. 2016.

Duck finds a book and is surprised to discover that there are books with words and no pictures—and that even without pictures a book can interest and excite you.

This Is Not My Hat by Jon Klassen. 2012. *Caldecott Medal Winner*.

The narrator is the thief, a small, self-confident fish who has taken a little blue hat from a big sleeping fish. He wastes no time confessing his crime as he swims across the page announcing, "This hat is not mine. I just stole it." Sequel to **I Want My Hat Back**.

Tiger vs. Nightmare by Emily Tetri. 2018.

Every night, Tiger and her friend Monster play until bedtime. While Tiger sleeps, Monster scares away the nightmares. But one night, the nightmare is too scary for Monster to fight it alone, so Tiger and Monster make a plan, and Tiger takes a turn protecting her friend. *Theodor Geisel Honor Award*.

The Very Last Castle by Travis Jonker. 2018.

In the middle of the town stood the very last castle. Only one young girl is fearless and curious enough to venture inside. Everyone tells her there is something terrible inside... but she wonders, *Could it be something else?*

The Wolf, the Duck, & the Mouse by Mac Barnett. 2017.

When a mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he learns that a duck devoured earlier has set up a table to enjoy the food the wolf eats. Life is pretty good, until a hunter shows up!

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan Higgins. 2018.

Penelope Rex was determined to have a good first day of school. But sometimes it's hard to remember all the rules, such as "We don't eat our classmates" — even if they are delicious! Walter the goldfish helps the little T Rex learn why we do not munch on our friends.

Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman. 2015.

When her parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own, Dot is certain he will eat them all up until a surprising encounter with a bear brings them closer together.

The Word Collector by Peter Reynolds. 2018.

Jerome collects words — short and sweet, or two-syllable treats, or multi-syllable words that sound like little songs. Marvelous words — "aromatic" and "effervescent" — and powerful words — "I understand" and "You matter." Best of all, his words can be shared.



CONCEPT BOOKS

7 Ate 9: The Untold Story by Tara Lazar. 2017.

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private **I** is on the case. But the facts just don't add up.

8, An Animal Alphabet by Elisha Cooper. 2015.

Discover hundreds of animals, big and small, and learn one wild fact about each. For each letter of the alphabet, one animal is pictured eight times. Why 8? Look inside and find out.

The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse by Eric Carle. 2011.

The artist in this book paints the world as seen through the imaginative eyes of a child. There's a red crocodile, an orange elephant, a purple fox and a polka-dotted donkey.

Chicka Chicka 1, 2, 3 by Bill Martin. 2004.

Numbers from one to one hundred climb to the top of an apple tree in this rhyming chant.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin. 1989.

An alphabet rhyme/chant relates what happens when the alphabet tries to climb a tree.

Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure by Doreen Cronin. 2006.

While Farmer Brown sleeps, some of the animals go on a fishing expedition.

Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabet Adventure by Doreen Cronin. 2006.

Animals, including pigs, cows, and ducks, gather for a picnic, spelling the alphabet along the way.

Circle, Square, Moose by Kelly Bingham. 2014.

When Zebra and his friend Moose are asked to exit a book about shapes, Moose has other plans. Zebra has to restore order and save the day.

A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni. 2003.

A chameleon, upset that he does not have a color of his own, is comforted to meet another chameleon who offers to stick around so the two of them will always be the same.

Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert. 1989.

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of die-cut shapes that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

The Crayon Counting Book by Pam Muñoz Ryan. 1996.

Many-colored crayons group, stack, and rearrange themselves to learn counting by twos for the even numbers, then switching around to learn the odd numbers. A fun and cheerful way to practice counting!

Each Orange Had 8 Slices: A Counting Book by Paul Giganti, Jr. 1992.

Bright, colorful illustrations by Donald Crews help children practice counting, grouping, and early math concepts, with familiar sights and activities.

Hanukkah: A Counting Book in English, Hebrew, and Yiddish by Emily Sper. 2001.

Count each night and learn about the Festival of Lights in three languages.

If the S in Moose Comes Loose by Peter Herman. 2018.

When the S in MOOSE comes loose, Cow must find the missing letters and glue MOOSE back together! Perfect for fans of Michael Hall and Sandra Boynton.

It's an Orange Aardvark by Michael Hall. 2014.

A carpenter ant puts on his hard hat and drills a hole in the tree stump to see what fearsome creature waits out there. The ants learn their colors as they peek outside.

Math Fables: Lessons That Count by Greg Tang. 2004.

Colorful pictures of happy animal groups help children practice counting and math literacy skills. Also read: **Math Fables Too** (2007) for counting and science lessons.

Once Upon an Alphabet by Oliver Jeffers. 2014.

Each letter of the alphabet gets its own little story in this picture book that is much more than a simple set of ABCs. *Best Children's Books 2014*.

A Parade of Elephants by Kevin Henkes. 2018.

Get ready for the parade of elephants — big and round, up and down, happily showing counting skills and simple verbal concepts for children. Hooray for elephants!

Perfect Square by Michael Hall. 2011.

A perfect square that is perfectly happy is torn into pieces, punched with holes, and crumpled, but finds that with each change it can be something new and happy.

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert. 1988.

A mother and child plant flowers of each color of the rainbow in their garden, helping the child to understand how to plant bulbs and seeds, and nurture their growth.

Say Zoop by Herve Tullet. 2017.

Make some noise! Shout "OH!" Whisper "oh!" Say "Zoop"? Yes! "Zoop! Zoop! Zoop!" This companion book adds sound to the dots with bursts of color and moving shapes. The dots magically change. Also interact with **Press Here** (2011), **Mix it Up** (2014), and **Let's Play** (2016).

Square by Mac Barnett. 2018.

This book is about Square and his friend Circle. Square is trying to make something perfect like Circle is, but it is hard to make something perfect. Sequel to **Triangle** (2017).



SERIES FICTION

** CHOOSE any BOOK in the SERIES **

Amelia Bedelia by the Yard by Herman Parish. 2016.

Amelia Bedelia's parents are holding a yard sale. Amelia loves playing in her yard and she doesn't want to sell it! Her mother promises they will only sell things *in* the yard.

Amy Namey in Ace Reporter (*Judy Moody & Friends Series*) by Megan McDonald, 2014. Amy Namey is an enterprising young reporter, but does anything exciting happen in the town of Frog Lake Neck? Her friend Judy Moody will help her sniff out a story.

Andy and Sandy and the Big Talent Show (*Easy Reader Series*) by Tomie dePaola. 2017. Andy and Sandy are entering the big talent show! Sandy can juggle. Sandy can tumble. Sandy can hula hoop. Andy cannot do any of these things. But when Sandy is the one who gets stage fright, Andy can save the day!

Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble by Nick Bruel. 2014.

In this latest book, readers are introduced to the process of writing and illustrating a book in a funny way. It begins with a step-by-step demonstration of how to draw Bad Kitty and moves on to describe the necessary ingredients of a successful story.

Bink and Gollie: Best Friends Forever by Kate DiCamillo. 2013.

When Gollie suspects she has royal blood and begins to act like a snob, Bink must find a way to deal with her friend's new behavior in order to keep their friendship.

Biscuit Loves the Library by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. 2014.

It's "Read to a Pet Day" at the library! Biscuit plays with story-time puppets and listens to recorded books. Then a librarian helps him find the activity that he loves most of all.

The Critter Club: Marion and the Secret Letter, #17 by Callie Barkley. 2017.

It's Marion's turn to care for the class pet hamster, but when the hamster goes missing, Marion must follow mysterious clues to find him. Read the Critter Club series.

Don't Throw It to Mo! by David Adler. 2015.

Mo is the youngest kid on the Robins, his football team. His classmates don't mind, but the kids on their rival team tease him for being a "butterfingers" who's too tiny to catch the ball. But Mo's coach has a plan to turn Mo's small size into a big win for the Robins!

Duck, Duck, Porcupine! by Salina Yoon. 2016.

Join the three friends for fun adventures at a picnic, a birthday party, and a camping trip!

Elephant & Piggie Series: The Thank You Book by Mo Willems. 2016.

Piggie wants to thank EVERYONE. But Gerald is worried Piggie will forget someone . . . someone important.

Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures: Showdown at the Alamo, #10 (Series). 2014.
Stanley, a boy flattened by a bulletin board, sets off for Texas, where a showdown at the Alamo will make this the most exciting of all his Worldwide Adventures!

Fly Guy and the Alienzz (Fly Guy Series) by Tedd Arnold. 2018.
Buzz is making a movie about aliens from outer space. When the action begins, superheroes Fly Guy and Buzz Boy are protecting a secret fort in the sky when an alien ship captures them! The duo must outsmart the aliens.

Fox the Tiger by Corey Tabor. 2018.
When Fox reads a book about a tiger, he wishes he could be a tiger — because they are big, fast, and sneaky. Can he and his friends become something new?
Theodor Seuss Geisel Award.

Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret by Wanda Coven. 2012.
Heidi goes to school for the first time, but mean Melanie is making her day a nightmare! Heidi wants to use her big secret and special book to get back at Melanie.

Hello, Crabby! by Jonathan Fenske. 2019.
Crabby is a very crabby crab. Cheery Plankton will try anything to get Crabby to smile.

Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover (Series) by Cynthia Rylant. 2006.
Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and play a game to see whose dog is the best popcorn catcher.

Horrible Harry and the Birthday Girl (Series) by Suzy Kline. 2016.
It's Mary's birthday and everything is going horribly wrong. Can the kids from Room 3B have fun even when nothing's going right, or will this be the most horrible birthday ever?

It's Shoe Time! (Elephant & Piggie Like Reading Series) by Mo Willems. 2017.
Elephant and Piggie read a book about a girl deciding what shoes to wear for a "Daddy-and-Me Day!" She picks a boot and a flip-flop but her choice is okay when they see that her father is wearing two different shoes, too!

Katie Woo, The Best Club (Series) by Fran Manushkin. 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.

Kingdom of Wrenly: The Lost Stone, Book 1 (Series) by Jordan Quinn. 2014.
Lucas, the young prince of Wrenly, is eager to explore and Clara, the daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well. So they team up to explore the land as they search for a lost jewel.

King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Tooth (Series) by Dori Hillestad Butler. 2018.
Kayla puts her tooth in the Tooth Fairy pillow, but it disappears before the Tooth Fairy visits. Can Kayla and her dog King solve the mystery and find her tooth?

Ling & Ting Together in All Weather (Series) by Grace Lin. 2015.
Ling and Ting are identical twin sisters and they stick together. Ling and Ting have fun playing in all kinds of weather in Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride (Series) by Kate DiCamillo. 2009.
Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when a passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy is behind the wheel.

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea! (Series) by Ben Clanton. 2016.

Narwhal is awesome, and so is his friend Jelly. They explore the ocean together, sharing their love of waffles, parties, and adventure.

Nate the Great and the Missing Birthday Snake (Nate the Great Series) by Marjorie Sharmat. 2017. Nate and his dog are invited to a birthday party where the birthday girl is bringing her four snakes, one of which goes missing! Can Nate solve the mystery?

Noodleheads See the Future (Series) by Tedd Arnold, 2017.

Brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother. *Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book*.

Not-So-Lucky Lefty (Judy Moody & Friends Series) by Megan McDonald. 2018.

Tomorrow is Left Handers Day, and Stink and Dad, the southpaws in the Moody family, are celebrating with a trip to the pretzel factory. Judy is allowed to come along on one condition: she has to be left-handed the whole entire day!

Pedro's Big Goal (Series) by Fran Manushkin. 2017.

Pedro would love to be the goalie in the team's first game, but another boy is bigger — so all his friends come over to help him practice before the tryout.

Pete the Cat and the Lost Tooth (Series) by James Dean. 2017.

The Tooth Fairy is very busy tonight, so Pete the Cat offers to help collect lost teeth and leave coins. But what will Pete do when one of the teeth is missing?

The Princess in Black (Series) by Shannon Hale. 2014.

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

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot (Series) by Dav Pilkey. 2014.

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is being bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he gets a friend and protector and he saves the city.

Violet Mackerel's Natural Habitat (Series) by Anna Branford. 2013.

As the youngest and smallest in her family, seven-year-old Violet identifies with small creatures in the natural world, but when she tries to help a tiny ladybug, she learns an important lesson about animal habitats.

We Are Growing (Elephant & Piggie Like Reading Series) by Mo Willems. 2016.

Walt and his friends are growing up fast! Everyone is the something-est. But what about Walt? He is not the tallest, or the curliest, or the silliest. As a BIG surprise inches closer, Walt discovers something special of his own!

Yasmin the Explorer (Series) by Saadia Faruqi. 2019.

Yasmin wants to be an explorer, so her Baba tells her she will need a map. She makes her own map of her neighborhood — will it help her when she and Mama get separated at the farmer's market? Read the series for all of Yasmin's adventures as a builder, a teacher, a fashionista, a chef, a painter, a zookeeper, and a superhero.

Young Cam Jansen and the Knock Knock Mystery (Series) by David Adler. 2015.

Eric's Grandma Minnie and Grandpa Max keep hearing someone knock at their door, but find no one there. Cam tries to solve the mystery using her amazing memory.



Share a book with your child!

Children benefit from listening to stories even if they are reading on their own. It helps to develop their vocabulary and they get to explore new worlds with you!

Independent readers looking for more challenging books can enjoy them on their own.

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Catling. 2006, c1952.

A boy gets a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Flat Stanley Worldwide Adventures Series by Josh Greenhut.

Ever since Stanley was flattened by a bulletin board, he has captured imaginations with his ability to travel by mail. Now, he's off on a global tour with geography-themed chapter book adventures to different countries. *15 Book series.*

Kingdom of Wrenly Series by Jordan Quinn.

Eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, is eager to explore and Clara, daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well, so they team up to find a lost jewel and visit all of the lands and solve problems in the kingdom. *12 book fantasy series.*

Lulu and the Dog from the Sea (Series) by Hilary McKay. 2014

Seven-year-old Lulu and her cousin think their vacation house is the most perfect place ever until they find a trouble-prone, stray dog living on the beach. Read the series.

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne.

The Magic Tree House books are perfect to read aloud. With a blend of time-travel magic, adventure, history, science, and danger... there is something for everyone!

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater. 1988. *Newbery Honor Book.*

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but soon, there are twelve!

My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett. 1979.

A boy is determined to rescue a baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river. Also read **Elmer and the Dragon** and **The Dragons of Blueland**.

My Life in Pictures (Bea Garcia Series) by Deborah Zemke. 2016.

When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends. Readers who like doodling will relate to the way Bea creates art everywhere she goes.

Ranger in Time Series by Kate Messner.

Ranger, a golden retriever, has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to different time periods in each book to save the day -- The Oregon Trail, Ancient Rome, D-Day, and more!



Nonfiction

Visit your local public library to explore more nonfiction!

Can an Aardvark Bark? by Melissa Stewart. 2017.

Can an aardvark bark? No, but it can grunt. Barks, grunts, squeals — animals make all kinds of sounds to communicate and express themselves. This book is full of fun and interesting facts and is sure to be a favorite.

Day and Night by Shira Evans. 2016.

What causes day and night? What happens to plants and animals during these different times? These questions are answered in this simple and interactive book intended for beginning readers to enjoy with an adult. Read any title in the series: Level 1-3.

Don't Let Them Disappear: 12 Endangered Species Across the Globe by Chelsea Clinton. 2019. Young animal lovers learn about 12 species, what makes them special, what threatens their survival, and how we can help.

Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World by Steve Jenkins. 2014.

A look at many different animals' eyes and their fascinating uses. *Best Children's Books.*

Fly Guy Presents: Castles (Series) by Tedd Arnold. 2017.

It's time for a field trip! Fly Guy and Buzz are going to learn all about castles: from drawbridges and dungeons, to knights and jesters! Read the series: Dinosaurs, Firefighters, Insects, Sharks, Snakes, Space, and The White House. Fun Facts!

Gravity by Jason Chin. 2014.

What keeps objects from floating? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? What would happen without gravity?

I Am Human: A Book of Empathy by Susan Verde. 2018.

When we are human...we make mistakes, we learn to make good choices, we can be kind, we can say, "I'm sorry." A book of compassion and empowerment.

Jet Plane: How It Works (How It Works Series) by David Macaulay. 2012.

Facts about how a jet plane works and what makes it fly. From the engine and wings to the cockpit controls and passenger cabin, see what makes them stay in the air.

Let's Read-and-Find-Out: How Deep Is the Ocean? (Series). 2016.

The ocean covers almost three-quarters of the Earth, but how deep does it go? Put on your scuba gear and explore the ocean, from its shallowest waters to its deepest, most mysterious parts. Dive deeper and you'll discover glowing animals and strange creatures that don't need sunlight to survive, and even the largest hunter in the world.

Magic School Bus: Ocean Adventure (Series) by Mary Kay Carson. 2014.

This is a great introduction to the Magic School Bus for early readers. Ms. Frizzle's class will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about the deep sea.

My First Coding Book by Kiki Prottsman. 2017.

Playful, hands-on introduction to offline coding and programming. Filled with puzzles, mazes, and games to teach the basic concepts of sequences, algorithms, and debugging, this book will help develop critical thinking, logic, and other skills.

Robots: National Geographic Kids Series by Melissa Stewart. 2014.

Discover the coolest robots of today and tomorrow in this colorful book. Learn about the science behind these amazing machines. Read other titles in the series.

Say Something by Peter Reynolds. 2019.

Do you have an idea? Say something. Do you see an injustice? Say something. The world needs to hear everyone's voice, and there are many ways to make your voice heard.

Things That Float and Things That Don't by David Adler. 2014.

It can be surprising which objects float and which don't. An apple floats, but a ball of aluminum foil does not. But if that same ball of foil is shaped into a boat, it floats! Why?

What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet by Jess French. 2019.

Where does our trash go? Did you know there's a mass of garbage twice as big as Texas floating in the Pacific Ocean? Readers learn what we all can do to help the environment.

What Can a Citizen Do? by Dave Eggers. 2018.

What in the world can a citizen do? Even very young citizens can help a neighbor, join a cause, plant a tree, help right a wrong — because being a citizen is what you do.

What Do You Do With a Chance? by Kobi Yamada. 2017.

What do you do with a chance that might seem too big or just out of reach? With a little bravery and a "yes" to new experiences, a child can make a new friend, enjoy an exciting opportunity, and make a daring discovery. Also read **What Do You Do With an Idea?** and **What Do You Do With a Problem?** for inspiration to tackle new opportunities.

When You Are Brave by Pat Zietlow Miller. 2019.

Sometimes it's hard to try something new. When a girl looks inside herself and finds her courage, she remembers the times she has been brave before, and realizes she can be brave and optimistic again.

Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game by Steve Jenkins. 2017.

Readers are given clues about an animal's characteristics and must use them to guess the identity of the creatures revealed when they turn the page.

Read any titles in the "Step into Reading" Series and "I Can Read" Series.



Picture Book Biographies

Becoming Bach by Tom Leonard. 2017.

The story of Johann Sebastian Bach and his family of musicians (“bachs” in German.) He always wanted to be a *bach* and became one of the most important composers in history.

Before She Was Harriet by Lesa Cline-Ransome. 2017. *Coretta Scott King Honor Book*.

During her lifetime, Harriet Tubman was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led hundreds of people to freedom on the Underground Railroad. As Minty she was an enslaved woman whose spirit could not be broken.

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales. 2018. *Pura Belpre Award*.

She dreamed of her baby, and he appeared, full of “resplendent life.” She dreamed of a new life, and discovered a new land and a surprising place to read her dreams into reality.

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly. 2018. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good! These four African American women mathematicians helped NASA put the first astronauts in space. Their story will inspire girls and boys who love math to believe in themselves and reach for the stars.

Look Up with Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson: A Life Among the Stars by Jennifer Berne, 2019. Dr. Tyson’s interest in astrophysics began when he was a boy saving money for a telescope so he could explore the cosmos. He grew up to become the director of the Hayden Planetarium and renowned astrophysicist who encourages everyone to follow their sense of wonder and “look up.”

Malala’s Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai. 2017.

As a child in Pakistan, Malala wished for a magic pencil. She would use it make everyone happy. But as she grew older, she saw more important things to wish for, and things to fix in the world. Malala tells her own story in this picture book for younger readers.

Margaret and the Moon by Dean Robbins. 2017.

Margaret Hamilton loved numbers as a young girl. She loved algebra, geometry and calculus and using math to solve problems. A true story of one of the women of NASA.

A Picture Book of George Washington by David Adler. 2005.

The life of “the father of our country,” George Washington, America’s first president.

Read any title in the Picture Book Biography series.

Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace by Jen Cullerton Johnson. 2010.

A picture book biography of scientist Wangari Maathai, the first African woman and first environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize for her work planting trees in Kenya.

Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity by Sarah Suzuki. 2017.

Yayoi dreamed of becoming an artist when she was growing up in Japan, imagining the world around her as clusters and arrays of dots. “Polka dots are a way to infinity,” says the now-famous artist who shows her work all over the world.



Poetry

Beastly Verse by Joohee Yoon. 2015.

16 animal verses transport the reader into a world of tigers, hummingbirds, owls, elephants, pelicans, yaks, snails, and telephones through verse, rhyme, and images.

Blue Sky White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus. 2017.

Each page spread features descriptive phrases paired with illustrations that depict all types of Americans who enjoy the freedoms that the flag represents.

Bookjoy, Wordjoy by Pat Mora. 2018.

Reading favorite books in the library, celebrating holidays, writing poems, singing a duet — words and books can bring us joy and inspire creative wordplay. Raul Colon's illustrations show the influence of Mexican muralists.

Cat Talk by Patricia MacLachlan. 2014.

In this collection of children's poems, different cats describe themselves and their opinions about other animals and their human friends. Great read-aloud.

Cricket in the Thicket: Poems about Bugs by Carol Murray. 2017.

Poetry about cool insects with surprising facts about bugs of all kinds.

Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer. 2017.

Daniel, a curious boy with dark curly hair and wide wondering eyes, discovers with the help of his animal friends that there is poetry all around him in nature.

Friends and Foes: Poems About Us All by Douglas Florian. 2018.

There are all kinds of friends, and poet Douglas Florian offers an honest, touching, and humorous collection of poems about relationships, both good and bad, happy and silly.

Imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera. 2018.

If a young boy finds a new home far away, learns a new language and uses it to create poems, stories, and songs, and becomes a renowned poet...*imagine what you could do.*

My Dog May Be a Genius by Jack Prelutsky. 2008.

Poems that will have tongues twisting, imaginations soaring, and sides aching with laughter.

Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman. 2004.

Short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed especially for children and adults to read together. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You** series.



Fairy Tales and Folktales

After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat. 2017.

Everyone knows that Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall and Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. But what happened after falling off the wall? Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf by B. G. Hennessey. 2007.

A boy tending sheep on a mountainside thinks it a fine joke to cry “wolf” and watch the people come running — until one day a wolf is really there, but no one answers his call.

Cinderella by Barbara McClintock. 2005.

Mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters, Cinderella is magically whisked to the ball where she meets her prince with the help of her fairy godmother.

The Elves and the Shoemaker by Paul Galdone. 2015.

When a poor shoemaker and his wife discover the two naked little elves who have helped them become successful, they sew fine outfits for them.

The Gingerbread Man by Jim Aylesworth. 1998.

A freshly baked gingerbread man escapes when he is taken out of the oven and eludes a number of pursuers, until he meets a clever fox.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Jan Brett. 1989.

Lost in the woods, a girl finds the house of the three bears. She helps herself to food and goes to sleep. When the bears come home, they find Goldilocks asleep in bed.

The Little Red Hen by Jerry Pinkney. 2006.

Newly illustrated edition of the classic fable of the hen who is forced to do all the work of baking bread and of the animals who learn a bitter lesson from it.

Little Red Riding Hood by Jerry Pinkney. 2007.

A sweet little girl meets a hungry wolf in the forest while on her way to visit grandmother.

Monkey: A Trickster Tale from India by Gerald McDermott. 2011.

Monkey is hungry for the mangoes on the island in the river, but he can’t swim! Crocodile wants to feast on Monkey and Monkey must outsmart him.

The Rabbit and the Turtle: Aesop’s Fables by Eric Carle. 2008.

Retelling of eleven Aesop’s fables with beautiful illustrations by Eric Carle.

Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zelinsky. 1986.

A strange little man helps the miller’s daughter spin straw into gold for the king on the condition that she will give him her first-born child.

The Three Pigs by David Wiesner. 2001. *Caldecott Medal Winner*.

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon. Retelling of a familiar tale.

Three Billy Goats Gruff by Jerry Pinkney. 2017.

Three billy goats must outwit the big, ugly troll that lives under the bridge they have to cross on their way up the mountain.

The Ugly Duckling by Jerry Pinkney. 1999.

Hans Christian Andersen tale retold. A duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

Teachers' Picks

Ms. Deutsch recommends any of the following books:

Regina's Big Mistake
Emma's Rug
Enemy Pie
Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon
Odd Velvet
Any Curious George book
Any Froggy book

Mrs. Gordon (*Drama*) recommends:

The Invisible Boy
Mindful Monkey, Happy Panda
My Mouth Is a Volcano

Ms. Watts recommends books by the following authors:

Mem Fox, Kate DiCamillo, James Marshall, Leo Lionni, and Arnold Lobel.



My Reading Goal (# of books to read): _____

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