Postcards to the Library
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
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
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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
2018 Summer Reading List

Students Entering Kindergarten and Grade 1

Picture Books

**Big Cat, Little Cat** by Elisha Cooper. Roaring Brook Press, 2017. Caldecott Honor Award 2018. There was a cat who lived alone. Until the day a new cat came . . . And so a story of friendship begins, following two cats through their days, months, and years until one day, the older cat has to go. And he doesn’t come back.

**Big Friends** by Linda Sarah. Macmillan, 2016. Best friends Etho and Birt love going up Sudden Hill and sitting in cardboard boxes imagining they are kings, soldiers, astronauts, or pirates until Shu asks to join them, and their “two-by-two rhythm” is disturbed.

**The Book with No Pictures** by B. J. Novak. Dial Books, 2014. You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here’s how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words are silly like…BLORK. Or BLUURF.

**Bug Zoo** by Lisa Wheeler. Hyperion/Disney, 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.

**Click, Clack, Surprise** by Doreen Cronin. Atheneum Books, 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. Simon & Schuster, 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. Philomel, 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.
**Dog on a Frog** by Kes Gray. Scholastic, 2017.
Frog decides that 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 decide to sit on now? Fun animal rhyme pairings.

**Duck & Goose Go to the Beach** by Tad Hill. Schwartz & Wade, 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. Scholastic, 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?

Is it a duck or a rabbit? Depends on how you look at it! Readers will be eager to take a side. It is a great brain-teaser and a lot of fun.

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.

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.

**Frog on a Log?** by Kes Gray. Scholastic, 2015.
Cat explains why frog has to sit on a log. The frog does not want to sit on a log. The frog asks the cat many questions and for every answer the cat has, the frog has another question—until the frog finds out what dogs sit on! Rhyming fun!

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!

When a best friend moves away, a boy tries to find his missing playmate. He braves currents, climbs mountains, and dashes through rain to reunite with his friend.

None of Froggy’s friends are home one Saturday, but that does not mean he wants to go on a movie playdate with Frogilina.

**Hello Baby** by Mem Fox. Beach Lane Books, 2009.
After meeting baby animals—including a clever monkey, a sleepy leopard, and a dusty lion cub—the baby in the story discovers the most precious creature of all . . . itself!

The bear’s hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he encounters whether they have seen it. Each animal says no in their own way.
If the S in Moose Comes Loose by Peter Herman. Harper, 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.


Perfect Square by Michael Hall. Greenwillow Books, 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. Harcourt Brace, 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.


Square by Mac Barnett. Candlewick Press, 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).

Z is for Moose by Kelly Bingham. Greenwillow Books, 2010. Zebra thinks the alphabet should be simple, A is for Apple, B is for Ball. His friend Moose is too excited to wait his turn and when M isn’t for Moose the rest of the letters better run for cover.
**In Plain Sight** by Richard Jackson. Roaring Brook Press, 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.

**Jabari Jumps** by Gaia Cornwall. Candlewick Press, 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. Hyperion, 2004. A trip to the laundromat leads to problems when Trixie, too young to speak words, realizes something is missing and tries to explain the problem to her father. Caldecott Honor Book.

**Ladybug Girl and the Rescue Dog** by David Soman. Dial Books, 2018. Ladybug Girl and her friends help at a dog-adoption fair and discover that even the littlest things can make a big difference.

**The Little Red Pen** by Janet Stevens. Harcourt, 2011. When a little red pen accidentally falls into the wastebasket while trying to correct papers all by herself, the other classroom supplies must cooperate to rescue her.

**Little Red Writing** by Joan Holub. Chronicle Books, 2013. This fractured fairy tale features Little Red, a brave little pencil who finds her way through the many perils of writing a story, faces a pencil sharpener and saves the day.

**Lola Gets a Cat** by Anna McQuinn. Charlesbridge, 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.

**Lulu and the Dog from the Sea** by Hilary McKay. Albert Whitman & Co., 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.

**Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten (Series)** by Joseph Slate. Dutton, 2001. Introduces the letters of the alphabet as Miss Bindergarten and her students visit interesting places.

**My Friend Maggie** by Kevin Henkes. Dial Books for Young Readers, 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.

**Nanette’s Baguette** by Mo Willems. Hyperion/Disney, 2016. Nanette, a young frog, is on her first trip to get the baguette! Is she set? Laugh-out-loud!

**Night Animals** by Gianna Marino. Viking, 2016. Possum is hiding in the woods when a friendly skunk comes along. Possum spreads a fear of “night animals” to the skunk, then a wolf, and a bear.

**Nothing Rhymes with Orange** by Adam Rex. Chronicle Books, 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.

**Old Mikamba Had a Farm** by Rachel Isadora. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013. On Old Mikamba’s farm we meet (and hear!) many different African animals.
Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses **(Series)** by James Dean. Harper, 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. Hyperion, 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.

Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty. Abrams Books, 2013. Rosie seems quiet during the day, but at night she’s a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. First, she must get over her fears.

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett. Candlewick, 2014. Caldecott Honor Book. Sam and Dave are on a mission to find something spectacular. They dig a hole and won’t stop until they do. But they don’t, yet the day turns out to be spectacular after all.

Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping **(Series)** by Melanie Watt. Kids Can Press, 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.

The Sky Is Falling by Mark Teague. Orchard Books, 2015. Chicken Little panics when an acorn falls on her head and sets off a dance frenzy among the other chickens, and while squirrel and the other animals understand what really happened, they soon join in the dancing—because it is fun.

This Is Not a Picture Book by Sergio Ruzzier. Chronicle Books, 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. Candlewick, 2012. Caldecott Medal Winner 2013. 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.

This and That by Mem Fox. Scholastic Press, 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.

The Wolf, The Duck, & the Mouse by Mac Barnett. Candlewick Press, 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!

Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman. Little, Brown and Co. 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.
CONCEPT BOOKS

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. Scholastic, 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.

Which is more important, numbers or letters? The numbers and letters disagree about who is the real star, in this funny and imaginative picture book.

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.

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

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


Click, Clack, Quackity-Quack: An Alphabet Adventure by Doreen Cronin. Atheneum, 2006. Animals, including pigs, cows, and ducks, gather for a picnic, spelling the alphabet along the way.

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

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

* *CHOOSE any BOOK in the SERIES* *

**Amelia Bedelia by the Yard** by Herman Parish. Greenwillow Books, 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.

**Andy and Sandy and the Big Talent Show** by Tomie dePaola. Simon & Schuster 2017. (Easy Reader Series). 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. Roaring Brook Press, 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.

Ballet Cat and her cousin, Goat, try to outdo one another while putting on a show for their grandmother, Ballet Cat with a dance routine and Goat with his amazing magic tricks. Ballet Cat and Goat learn how to cooperate. (But Ballet Cat cooperates better!)

**Bink and Gollie Best Friends Forever** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick, 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.

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.

Join Charlie and Mouse, two young brothers, as they enjoy a day out together, attending an imaginary party and collecting rocks, and inventing the bedtime banana.

Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water.

During Spring Break, mystery lover Amy looks for clues to the disappearance of wealthy Ms. Sullivan’s Saint Bernard puppy.
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 little size into a big win for the Robins!

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

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. Scholastic, 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.

Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people.

Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover (Series) by Cynthia Rylant. Simon & Schuster, 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.

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) by Mo Willems. Hyperion, 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. Picture Window Books, 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.

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up (Tales of Deckawoo Drive Series) by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick, 2004. Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots, but no horse, until he meets Maybelline and it is love at first sight, until Leroy forgets the third rule of caring for Maybelline.

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

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.
Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page by Cynthia Rylant. Harcourt, 2014.
Mr. Putter and Mrs. Teaberry bring Tabby and Zeke to the library for story time.

Nate the Great and the Missing Birthday Snake (Nate the Great Series) by Marjorie Sharmat. Delacorte Press, 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 he solve the mystery?

Noodleheads See the Future by Tedd Arnold. Holiday House, 2017. Brothers Mac and Mac Noodlehead exasperate Uncle Ziti, are fooled by their friend Meatball, and make a garden for their mother. 2018 Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book!

Not-So-Lucky Lefty (Judy Moody and Friends Series) by Megan McDonald. Candlewick, 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. Picture Window Books, 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 at the Beach (Series) by James Dean. Harper, 2013. Pete is spending the day at the seashore collecting shells and building a sand castle. Pete’s brother offers to teach Pete to surf. Will Pete get over his fear of the water?

The Princess in Black (Series) by Shannon Hale. Candlewick, 2014. While having hot cocoa with the Duchess, Princess Magnolia must sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego the Princess in Black.

Rabbit & Robot: The Sleepover by Cece Bell. Candlewick, 2012. Rabbit is excited about the sleepover he has carefully planned for his friend Robot, but Robot has some different ideas about how things should go.

Ricky Ricotta’s Mighty Robot (Series) by Dav Pilkey. Scholastic, 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. Atheneum, 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. Hyperion/Disney, 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! New series.

Young Cam Jansen and the Knock Knock Mystery by David Adler. Penguin, 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.


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. Simon & Schuster. 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.

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne. Random House. 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. Little, Brown & Co., 1988. Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but soon, there are twelve!

My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett. Random House, 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. Dial books, 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. Scholastic Press.  
Ranger, a golden retriever, has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially 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!

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes. Harper Collins, 2013. Newbery Honor Book. Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents, and has learned many important lessons.

Nonfiction

Visit your local public library to explore more nonfiction!

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.

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

Fly Guy Presents: Castles (Series) by Tedd Arnold. Scholastic, 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!

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.

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?

Jet Plane: How It Works (How It Works Series) by David Macaulay. MacMillan, 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.
**Magic School Bus: Ocean Adventure (Series)** by Mary Kay Carson. Scholastic, 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.

**Let’s Read-and-Find-Out: How Deep Is the Ocean (Series)**. Harper, 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.

**My First Coding Book** by Kiki Prottsman. DK Random House, 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.


**Things That Float and Things That Don’t** by David Adler. Holiday House, 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?

**Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes** by Nicola Davies. Candlewick, 2014. Find out how the smallest things on the planet do some of the biggest jobs in this introduction to the world’s tiniest living organisms.

**Who Am I? An Animal Guessing Game** by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 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.
The story of Johann Sebastian Bach. His family had been musicians or bachs as they were called in Germany. He always wanted to be a bach and grew up to become one of the most important composers of all time.

We know her today as Harriet Tubman, but in her lifetime she was called by many names. As General Tubman she was a Union spy. As Moses she led hundreds to freedom on the Underground Railroad. As Minty she was a slave whose spirit could not be broken. Coretta Scott King Honor Book 2018.

Introduces the life of children’s author and illustrator Ted Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, focusing on his childhood and youth in Springfield, Massachusetts

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Shetterly. Harper Collins, 2018. Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good! This picture book explores the extraordinary lives of four African American women who helped NASA put the first men in space. It will inspire girls and boys who love math to believe in themselves and reach for the stars.

Margaret Hamilton loved numbers as a young girl. She knew how many miles it was to the moon (and how many back). She loved studying algebra, geometry and calculus and using math to solve problems. A true story of one of the women of NASA.

Mr. Ferris and His Wheel by Kathryn Gibbs Davis. Houghton Mifflin, 2014. Sheds light on how the American inventor, George Ferris, defied gravity and impossible odds to invent the world’s most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris wheel.


Poetry

Beastly Verse by Joohee Yoon. Enchanted Lion Books, 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. Dial Books, 2017. Each page spread features descriptive phrases paired with illustrations that depict all types of Americans who enjoy the freedoms that the flag represents.

Cat Talk by Patricia MacLachlan. Katherine Tegan Books, 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.


Daniel Finds a Poem by Micha Archer. Nancy Paulsen Books, 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.

Dogku by Andrew Clements. Simon & Schuster, 2007. Haiku about a dog and the things he does such as riding in a car and chewing on socks.

Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together by Mary Ann Hoberman. Little Brown, 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.

Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons by Jon Muth. Scholastic, 2014. A delightful little panda bear, Koo, challenges readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six haikus about the four seasons.

My Dog May Be a Genius by Jack Prelutsky. Greenwillow, 2008. Poems that will have tongues twisting, imaginations soaring, and sides aching with laughter.
Fairy Tales and Folktales

After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again by Dan Santat. Roaring Brook Press, 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. Hennessy. Simon & Schuster, 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. Scholastic Press, 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. Houghton Mifflin, 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. Scholastic, 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. Putnam, 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. Dial Books for Young Readers, 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. Little, Brown, 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. Harcourt, 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.


Rumpelstiltskin by Paul Zelinsky. Dutton Children’s Books, 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. Clarion, 2001. Caldecott Medal. 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. Little Brown, 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. Morrow Junior Books, 1999. Hans Christian Andersen tale retold. A duckling spends an unhappy year ostracized by the other animals before he grows into a beautiful swan.

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**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.
The Pingry Lower School Library
2018 Summer Reading List Log

Name: ______________________________ Grade in September: _____

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

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