

Summer Reading FAQ

What “type” of reading is most important for my child to do over the summer?

The adage “If you don’t use it, you lose it” proves true for a child who does not read over the summer. There is no particular “type” of reading that is most important for your child; however, the best way for any child to maintain or improve their reading skills is to read.

Allow your child to pick a variety of summer books that are of interest to them. It is important, however, that children do not read books that are too difficult. Research has shown that reading books that are at a “frustration level” can actually stunt a reader’s growth or send them backwards in their development.

The Tenafly Public Library has the “best summer picks” for your child. Please take a trip there or visit them at <http://tenafly.bccls.org/> to meet all of your summer reading needs.

You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a
book.
--Dr. Seuss

Dear Parents and Students,

It is our absolute pleasure to share the 2017 summer reading list with you!

The district summer reading list was compiled to include a variety of genres, interest levels, and diverse authors. These are only recommendations, **NOT** requirements. We highly encourage you to explore other titles and authors.

It is most important that students continue to read over the summer. Our goal is to aspire life-long readers by providing positive reading experiences.

Here are the benefits of reading:

- Exercises your brain
- Teaches you about the world around you
- Improves your vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills
- Develops your imagination
- Encourages empathy

Don’t forget to take a trip to the local public library to explore more books!

Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

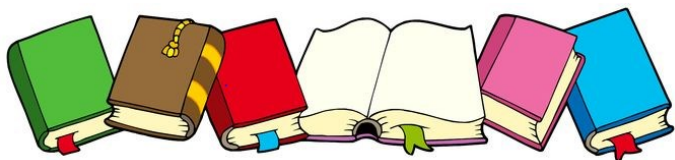
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(For students entering)

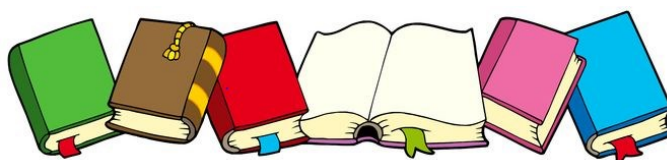
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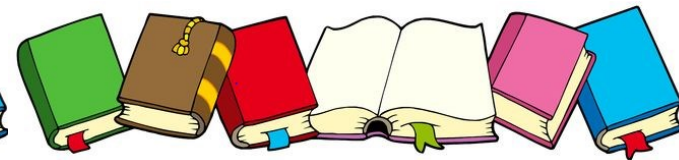
Fiction

| TITLE | AUTHOR |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Arnie the Doughnut | Keller, Laurie |
| Because of Winn Dixie | DiCamillo, Kate |
| Chocolate Fever | Smith, Robert Kimmel |
| Chocolate Touch | Catling, Patrick Skene |
| Fudge | Blume, Judy |
| HiLo | Winick, Judd |
| Juana & Lucas | Medina, Juana |
| Lucy | Cecil, Randy |
| Lulu and the Brontosaurus | Viorst, Judith |
| Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane | DiCamillo, Kate |
| Rutabaga, The Adventure Chef | Colossal, Eric |
| Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight | Mass, Wendy & Brawer, Michael |
| Thank you, Mr. Falker | Polacco, Patricia |
| The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure | Cronin, Doreen |
| The Great Cake Mystery | Smith, Alexander McCall |
| Third Grade Angels | Spinelli, Jerry |
| Year of Billy Miller | Henkes, Kevin |



Nonfiction

| TITLE | AUTHOR |
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| A Black Hole is not a Hole | DeCristifano, Carolyn |
| Brothers at Bat | Vernick, Audrey |
| Creep and Flutter: The Secret World of Insects and Spiders | Arnosky, Jim |
| Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton | McCarthy, Meghan |
| Eat Your Math Homework | McCallum, Ann |
| Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World | Rose, Deborah Lee |
| George Washington's Teeth | Chandra, Deborah |
| Hi, Koo! : A Year of Seasons | Muth, John J |
| Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and A Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball | Coy, John |
| Island: A Story of the Galápagos | Chin, Jason |
| Malala: Activist For Girls' Education | Frier, Raphaelae |
| Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands | Roy, Katherine |
| Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation | Tonatiuh, Duncan |
| Snakes (and Other Titles) | Bishop, Nic |
| The Beatles Were Fab (And they were funny) | Krull, Kathleen |
| The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth | Krull, Kathleen |
| The Story of Ruby Bridges | Coles, Robert |
| Shimmer and Splash: The Sparkling World of Sea Life | Arnosky, Jim |
| The Animal Book: A Collection of Fastest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shyest—and Most Surprising—Animals on Earth | Jenkins, Steve |
| To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt | Rappaport, Doreen |



Fiction Series

| TITLE | AUTHOR |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| A to Z Mysteries | Roy, Ron |
| Alvin Ho | Look, Lenore |
| Bad Kitty | Bruel, Nick |
| Baby Mouse | Holm, Jennifer L. |
| Calvin Coconut | Salisbury, Graham |
| Cam Jansen | Adler, Dan |
| Cinderella Smith | Barden, Stephanie |
| Clementine | Pennypacker, Sarah |
| Dory Fantasmagory | Hanlon, Abby |
| EllRay Jakes | Warner, Sally |
| Geronimo Stilton | Stilton, Geronimo |
| Ghost Buddy | Winkler, Henry |
| Goony Bird Greene | Lowry, Lois |
| Hamster Princess | Vernon, Ursula |
| Ivy and Bean | Barrows, Annie |
| Judy Moody | McDonald, Megan |
| Lunch Lady | Krosoczka, Jarrett J. |
| Magic Tree House | Osborne, Mary Pope |
| Mallory | Friedman, Laurie B. |
| My Weird School Series | Gutman, Dan |
| Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth | O'Connor, Jane |
| Owl Diaries | Elliott, Rebecca |
| Princess Posey | Roth, Stephanie |

