



# Washington Township Schools Summer Reading Suggestions Grades K-5



## Preschool / Kindergarten

*Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal

*How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long

*If You Give A Dog a Donut* by Laura Numeroff

*More Bears!* by Kenn Nesbitt

*My Heart is Like a Zoo* by Michael Hall

*Penny and Her Song* by Kevin Henkes

*Press Here* by Herve Tullet

*Too Many Toys* by David Shannon

*We are in a Book* (Elephant and Piggie series) by Mo Willems

*Wild About You* by Judy Sierra

## First Grade

*Boot & Shoe* by Marla Frazee

*Children Make Terrible Pets* by Peter Brown

*The Eraserheads* by Kate Banks

*Froggy's Sleepover* (Froggy series) by Jonathan London

*Mercy Watson* series by Kate DiCamillo

*One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo

*Scaredy Squirrel at the Beach* (Scaredy Squirrel series) by Melanie Watt

*Splish, Splash, Splat* (Splat the Cat series) by Rob Scotton

*Those darn squirrels!* by Adam Rubin

*You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together* by Mary Ann Hoberman

## **Second Grade**

*Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* (Amelia Bedelia series) books by authors Peggy Parish and Herman Parish

*The Bailey School Kids* series by Debbie Dady and Marcia Thornton Jones

*Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* series by Jeff Brown and Macky Pamintuan

*Freckle Juice* and other books by Judy Blume

*The Littles* series by John Peterson

*My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett

*Orangutans Are Ticklish: Fun Facts From an Animal Photographer* by Jill Davis

*Secrets of Droon: The Mysterious Island* series by Tony Abbott

*The Time Warp Trio* series by Jon Scieszka

*The Watcher: Jane Goodalls Life With the Chimps* by Jeanette Winter

## **Third Grade**

*2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids* by Amy Zuckerman and James Daly

*Big Belching Bog* by Phyllis Root

*The Boxcar Children* series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

*Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World* by Margi Preus

*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

*How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell

*Jack Plank Tells Tales* by Natalie Babbitt

*The Kids Summer Games Book* by Jane Drake

*Misty of Chincoteague* by Marguerite Henry

## **Fourth Grade**

*Big Nate in a class by himself* Lincoln Peirce

*Clementine* Robert M. Quackenbush

*The maze of bones: 39 Clues, Book 1* Rick Riordan

*The one and only Ivan* Katherine Applegate

*Out of my mind* Sharon M. Draper

*The Penderwicks : a summer tale of four sisters, two rabbits, and a very interesting boy* Jeanne Birdsall

*May B.: a novel* by Caroline Starr Rose

*Meanwhile* Jason Shigla

*The strange case of Origami Yoda* Tom Angleberger

*Tuesdays at the castle* Jessica Day George

### **Nonfiction**

*Knucklehead: tall tales & mostly true stories about growing up* Jon Scieszka

*Titanic: voices from the disaster* Deborah Hopkinson

*Kakapo rescue: saving the world's strangest parrot* Sy Montgomery

*Ballet for Martha: making Appalachian Spring* Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

*The day-glo brothers: the true story of Bob and Joe Switzer's bright ideas and brand-new colors* Chris Barton

*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* Kadir Nelson

### **Fifth Grade**

*Dork diaries: tales from a not-so-fabulous life* by Rachel Renée Russell

*The invention of Hugo Cabret: a novel in words and pictures* by Brian Selznick

*Harry Potter series* by J. K. Rowling

*Liar & spy* by Rebecca Stead

*The mysterious Benedict Society* by Trent Lee Stewart

*No talking* by Andrew Clements

*Savvy* by Ingrid Law

*Sidekicks* by Jack D. Ferraiolo

*Three times lucky* by Sheila Turnage

*Where the mountain meets the moon* by Grace Lin

### Nonfiction

*Drawing from memory* by Alan Say

*Electric Ben: the amazing life and times of Benjamin Franklin* by Robert Byrd

*The elephant scientist* by Caitlin O'Connell and Donna M. Jackson

*Lafayette and the American Revolution* by Russell Freedman

*Nathan Hale's hazardous tales: One dead spy* by Nathan Hale

*100 most dangerous things on the planet* by Anna Claybourne

### **Additional Online Sources for Book Suggestions:**

#### **Book Hive**

<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/books/>

An award-winning library website offering a good guide to children's literature and books.

#### **Book Spot**

[www.bookspot.com/readinglists/](http://www.bookspot.com/readinglists/)

Links to dozens of other sites.

#### **Carol Hurst's Children's Literature Site**

<http://www.booksintheclassroom.com/allreviewed.php>

Starred reviewed titles for grades K to 6<sup>th</sup>+

#### **Ethan's Bookshelf**

<http://www.ethansbookshelf.com>

Offers book reviews, lists and guides for parents in selections of children's literature for promoting reading as a lifelong habit.

#### **Inkless Tales**

<http://www.inklesstaes.com>

Stories, poems, games, including an animated alphabet and more for Kindergarten and up.

#### **International Digital Children's Library**

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SimpleSearchCategory>

A great website for ages 3-13, that offers a range of choices of both books and languages

#### **Kids Reads**

<http://kidsreads.com/reviews/index.asp>

Lists of book reviews from A-Z and more for kids of all ages

Check your school library's website for more reading suggestions!