

## 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. "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age.

Also, please keep in mind that just because a reader can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that he/she is able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.

*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.

**Reading is to the  
mind what  
exercise is to the  
body.**

**Joseph Addison**

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 lifelong 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!

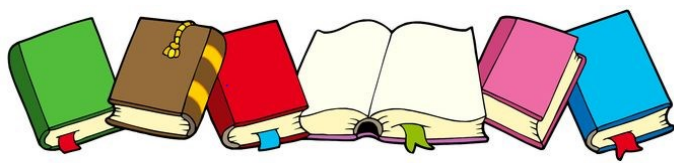
Sincerely,

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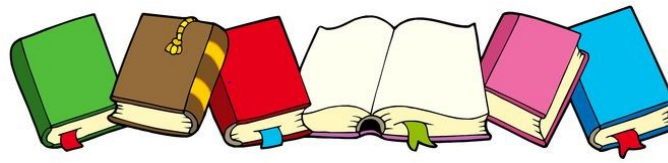
(For students entering)  
**Grades 4 & 5**

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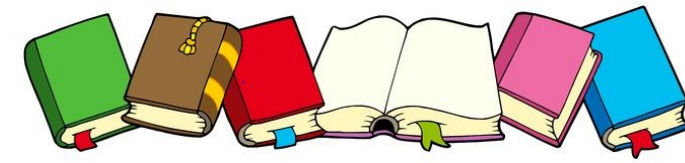
## Fiction

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Handful of Stars	Lord, Cynthia
A Tale Dark and Grimm	Gidwitz, Adam
About Average	Clements, Andrew
A Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle, Madeline
Boundless	Oppel, Kenneth
Bud, not Buddy	Curtis, Christopher Paul
Crossover	Alexander, Kwame
Dragon Games	Catanese, PW
Echo	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Grabenstein, Chris
Fourteenth Goldfish	Holm, Jennifer
Hatchet	Paulsen, Gary
Holes	Sachar, Louis
Hoot	Hiaasen, Carl
I, Funny	Patterson, James
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Lord, Bette Bao
Jefferson's Sons	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker
One Crazy Summer	Garcia, Rita Williams
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon
Rain Reign	Martin, Ann
Rules	Lord, Cynthia
Save Me a Seat	Weeks, Sarah
Shiloh	Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds
Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution	Avi
Stella by Starlight	Draper, Sharon
Switch	Law, Ingrid
The One and Only Ivan	Applegate, Katherine
The War That Saved My Life	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker
Threads	Polonsky, Ami
Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made	Pastis, Stephan
Ungifted	Korman, Gordon
When The Sea Turned To Silver	Lin, Grace
Wonder	Palacio, RJ



## Nonfiction

TITLE	AUTHOR
Amelia Lost :The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart	Fleming, Candace
Angel Island	Freedman, Russell
Behind Rebel Lines	Reit, Seymour
Bigfoot is Missing	Lewis, J. Patrick & Nesbitt, Kenn
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline
Chuck Close: Face Book	Close, Chuck
El Deafo	Bell, CeCe
Founding Mothers : Remembering the Ladies	Roberts, Cokie
How They Croaked : The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous	Bragg, Georgia
I Am Malala	Yousafzai, Malala
In Search of Sasquatch	Halls, Kelly Milner
Lemonade, and Other Poems Squeezed from a Single Word	Raczka, Bob
Locomotive	Floca, Brian
Mirror Mirror : A Book of Reversible Verse	Singer, Marilyn
Radiant Child: The Story of Jean-Michel Basquait	Steptoe, Javaka
Rescuing the Children: The Story of the Kindertransport	Hodge, Deborah
Roller Girl	Jamieson, Victoria
Some Writer: The Story of E.B. White	Sweet, Melissa
Surviving the Hindenberg	Verstraete, Larry
Treasury of Greek Mythology : Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters	Napoli, Donna Jo
Welcome To Mars: Making a Home on The Red Planet	Aldrin, Buzz
Who Was...? Who Is...? What Is....? Series	Various Authors
You Choose History Series	Various Authors



## Fiction Series

TITLE	AUTHOR
39 Clues	Various Authors
Flashback Four	Gutman, Dan
Humphrey Adventures	Birney, Betty G.
I Survived Series	Tarshis, Lauren
Land of Stories	Colfer, Chris
N.E.R.D.S	Buckley, Michael
Percy Jackson & the Olympians	Riordan, Rick
Series of Unfortunate Events	Snickett, Lemony
The Genius Files	Gutman, Dan
The Lemonade War	Davies, Jacqueline
The Sisters Grimm	Buckley, Michael
The Strange Case of Origami Yoda	Angleberger, Tom
The Tapper Twins	Rodkey, Geoff
The Warriors Series	Hunter, Erin
Whatever After	Mlynowski, Sarah

