

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020 SUMMER READING 3-4

Neshaminy School District has created a list of elementary titles for summer reading. The purpose of summer reading in the elementary school is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and to develop a lifelong love of literacy. This summer, we are happy to announce that we are linking our Summer Reading List to the eBook app, *Sora*. Just click the book cover to access the title. It's that easy!

Fiction		
Sora Link	Description	Author
	<p><i>The Bad Beginning: A Series of Unfortunate Events</i> The Baudelaire children, Violet, Klaus and baby Sunny, are exceedingly unlucky. Their parents have been killed, and they are forced to go and stay with their Uncle Olaf. It soon turns out that Olaf has evil plans for the children.</p>	Lemony Snicket
	<p><i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.</p>	Kate DiCamillo
	<p><i>The BFG</i> Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.</p>	Roald Dahl

	<p>The Big Bad Blackout: Judy Moody & Stink Series</p> <p>The whole Moody family hunkers down with beans and batteries, ready to wait out a storm. But along with massive rain and strong winds that knock the lights O-U-T out, Hurricane Elmer throws down ghosts, squirrels, and aliens. Spooky! But musical board games, s'mores, and some good old-fashioned storytelling turn bad weather into a happy memory in Judy and Stink's third full-color adventure.</p>	<p>Megan McDonald</p>
	<p>Cam Jansen, The Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (Series#1)</p> <p>No mystery is too great for super-sleuth Cam Jansen and her amazing photographic memory!</p> <p>Can Cam help catch the diamond thief? Cam and her friend Eric are sitting at the mall when the jewelry store is robbed. Cam sees the thief, but the police arrest the wrong person. Now it's up to Cam to catch the real criminal!</p>	<p>David A. Adler</p>
	<p>Chocolate Fever</p> <p>A young boy who loves to eat chocolate all day develops a disease called Chocolate Fever and decides to run away.</p>	<p>Robert Kimmel Smith</p>
	<p>The Disaster Days</p> <p>Hannah Steele loves living on Pelling, a tiny island near Seattle. It's a little disconnected from the outside world, but she's always felt completely safe there.</p> <p>Which is why when she's asked one day to babysit after school, she thinks it's no big deal. Zoe and Oscar are her next-door neighbors, and Hannah just took a babysitting class that she's pretty sure makes her an expert. She isn't even worried that she left her inhaler at home. Then the shaking begins.</p>	<p>Rebecca Behrens</p>
	<p>Dragonbreath: Series, Book #1</p> <p>Danny Dragonbreath can't breathe fire, but he has no fear. And that comes in handy when a bad grade at school inspires him to enlist his cousin the sea-serpent's help with a research project. Using a hybrid of comic-book panels and text, Ursula Vernon introduces an irresistible set of characters that will have readers laughing until smoke comes out of their noses!</p>	<p>Ursula Vernon</p>

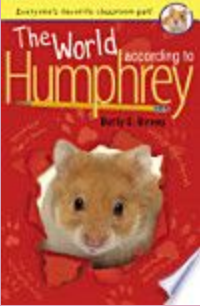
	<p>Earthquake Terror</p> <p>When an earthquake hits the isolated island in northern California where his family has been camping, 12-year-old Jonathan Palmer must find a way to keep himself, his partially paralyzed younger sister, and their dog alive until help arrives.</p>	<p>Peg Kehret</p>
	<p>Frindle</p> <p>When Nick learns some interesting information about how words are created, suddenly he's got the inspiration for his best plan ever...the frindle. Who says a pen has to be called a pen? Why not call it a frindle?</p>	<p>Andrew Clements</p>
	<p>The Holly Joliday: Judy Moody and Stink Series</p> <p>It hasn't snowed on Christmas in Virginia in more than a hundred years, so what are the chances that that will change? Enter the new mailman, Mr. Jack Frost, who not only looks like a jolly old elf but also seems to know a lot about weather patterns, has a fondness for the cold, and works loooooong hours during the holiday season. Plus it's the best time of the year, when strange packages and lots of surprises are swirling around, so isn't it possible that Stink might get his wish? Fans who curl up with this Moody comedy can be sure that their bellies will shake like a bowlful of jelly.</p>	<p>Megan McDonald</p>
	<p>The Island of Dr. Libris</p> <p>Stuck at an old cabin with a broken iPhone, 12-year-old Billy braces himself for a boring summer—until he opens a book.</p>	<p>Chris Grabenstein</p>
	<p>I Survived the American Revolution, 1776</p> <p>It's 1776 and the Revolutionary War is raging as the colonists fight for freedom from Great Britain. Will eleven-year-old Nathaniel Knox find his father and get out alive?</p>	<p>Lauren Tarshis</p>

	<p><i>The Lightning Thief: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series #1</i> Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson is on the most dangerous quest of his life. With the help of a satyr and a daughter of Athena, Percy must journey across the United States to catch a thief who has stolen the original weapon of mass destruction — Zeus' master bolt. Along the way, he must face a host of mythological enemies determined to stop him. Most of all, he must come to terms with a father he has never known, and an Oracle that has warned him of betrayal by a friend.</p>	Rick Riordan
	<p><i>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute: Lunch Lady Series #1</i> Hector, Terrence, and Dee have always wondered about their school lunch lady. What does she do when she isn't dishing out the daily special? Little do they know that Lunch Lady doesn't just serve sloppy joes; she also serves justice! Whatever danger lies ahead, it's no match for the crime-fighting Lunch Lady.</p>	Jarrett J. Krosoczka
	<p><i>Lunch Walks Among Us: Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist Series</i> Franny K. Stein is not your average girl—she's a mad scientist. She prefers poison ivy to daisies, and when Franny jumps rope, she uses her pet snake. The kids in Franny's class think she's weird, wacky, and just plain creepy. Tired of being stared at, Franny decides to attempt her most dangerous experiment yet—she's going to fit in. But when a giant Monstrous Fiend attacks the class, everyone knows only a true mad scientist can save the day. But has Franny lost her creepy, crawly ways?</p>	Jim Benton
	<p><i>The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt: Judy Moody and Stink Series</i> As soon as the Moody family drops anchor on "Artichoke" Island, they are greeted by Cap'n Weevil, a one-eyed buccaneer with a scraggly beard and a secret treasure map. Before you can say "Davy Jones's Locker," Stink and Judy are racing across the island in search of gold. But—shiver me timbers!—they're not the only salty dogs lookin' for loot. Can Mad Molly O'Maggot and Scurvy Stink beat out their rivals, Tall Boy and Smart Girl? Can they find the hidden clues, crack the secret codes, and solve the tricky puzzles before time runs out? Aaarr!</p>	Megan McDonald
	<p><i>The Maze of Bones: The 39 Clues Series, Book #1</i> Grace is the last matriarch of the Cahills, the world's most powerful family. Everyone from Napoleon to Houdini is related to the Cahills, yet the source of the family power is lost. 39 Clues hidden around the world will reveal the family's secret, but no one has been able to assemble them. Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan must decide what's important: hunting clues or uncovering what REALLY happened to their parents.</p>	Rick Riordan

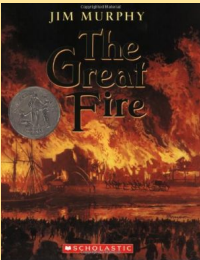
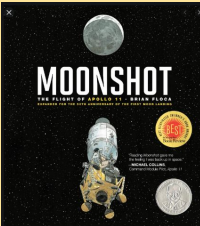
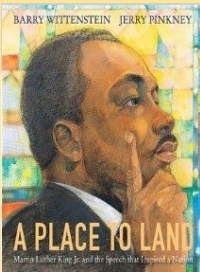
	<p><i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.</p>	<p>Kate DiCamillo</p>
	<p><i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</i> While on a family vacation in California, the Gridleys stay in an old hotel where a mouse named Ralph finds a toy motorcycle and meets Keith, the youngest Gridley. Thus begins a friendship and a memorable adventure of a mouse on a motorcycle. Ralph's adventures continue in Ralph S. Mouse (1982).</p>	<p>Beverly Cleary</p>
	<p><i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i> It is hard enough for Mr. Popper to support himself, Mrs. Popper, Bill, and Janie Popper. The addition of 12 penguins to the family makes it impossible to make both ends meet. Then Mr. Popper has a splendid idea -- the talented penguins will be a sensation on the stage. And so they are.... A classic of American humor, this Newbery Honor-winning story of a gentle house painter and his high-stepping penguins has delighted children for generations.</p>	<p>Richard Atwater</p>
	<p><i>Mrs. Roopy is Loopy!: Series, Book #4</i> In the third book of the original My Weird School series, the new librarian Mrs. Roopy might be A.J.'s craziest teacher yet! Before class begins, they find her dressed first as President George Washington and then Little Miss Muffet. And Mrs. Roopy won't even admit that it's her! Can A.J. and his class help their very troubled librarian before she does something really wacky?</p>	<p>Dan Gutman</p>
	<p><i>My Dog, My Hero</i> Bear used his giant paws to save the life of another dog. Munchkin warned a gardener of a poisonous snake. The winner will wear the coveted gold Hero medal. These brave and courageous dogs will each appear with their nominator who will tell their story.</p>	<p>Betsy Byars</p>

	<p><i>My Side of the Mountain: Sereis, Book #1</i> Tired of big-city life, Sam Gribley runs away to the Catskill Mountains to forge a life of his own. In this Newbery Honor book, Sam relates his adventures during the year he spends alone, including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human companionship.</p>	<p>Jean Craighead George</p>
	<p><i>The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog</i> While investigating a vicious murder on his ranch, Hank finds himself the No. 1 suspect. Resigning in a fit of despair, he heads for the hills to become an outlaw -- where a band of ruthless coyotes is happy to teach him the trade. Or are they? They seem to be on his side...until they unveil their plan for a raid on Hank's ranch! Hank knows he can't beat them. Will he be forced to join them?</p>	<p>John Erickson</p>
	<p><i>Play Ball!: Little League Series, Book #1</i> Eleven-year-old cousins catcher Liam McGrath and pitcher Carter Jones grew up playing baseball together. Now, their team is on the verge of winning the greatest championship of all: the Little League Baseball World Series. To reach the title match, however, they must first beat their number one rivals from Southern California. Little do they know that the game will prove to be just the first challenge they'll face on their road to the championships</p>	<p>Matt Christopher</p>
	<p><i>Puppy Place: Goldie Series, Book #1</i> Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. They want a puppy of their own more than just about anything. They know dogs are a lot of work. But their mom still doesn't think their family is ready for a puppy. Then, Goldie arrives. She is a sweet golden retriever that needs a home. Goldie is very young. She doesn't know how to be a good puppy yet. Will Charles and Lizzie be able to help her?</p>	<p>Ellen Miles</p>
	<p><i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> There'd been a terrible mistake. Wayside School was supposed to be built with 30 classrooms all next to each other in a row. Instead, they built the classrooms one on top of the other ... 30 stories tall! (The builder said he was very sorry.) That may be why all kinds of funny things happen at Wayside School -- especially on the 30th floor. You'll meet Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher of all; terrible Todd, who always gets sent home early; and John, who can only read upside down -- along with all the other kids in the crazy mixed-up school that came out sideways. But you'll never guess the truth about Sammy, the new kid ... or what's in store for Wayside School on Halloween!</p>	<p>Louis Sachar</p>

	<p>Slappy's Tale of Horrors: Goosebumps Series Four Goosebumps Graphix tales by master of horror R. L. Stine are adapted into full-color comics and features a brand-new Slappy story by bestselling author, Dave Roman.</p>	<p>R.L.Stine</p>
	<p>Stay Out of the Basement: Goosebumps Series Dr. Brewer is doing a little plant-testing in his basement. Nothing to worry about. Harmless, really. But Margaret and Casey Brewer are worried about their father. Especially when they...meet...some of the plants he is growing down there. Then they notice that their father is developing plantlike tendencies. In fact, he is becoming distinctly weedy-and seedy. Is it just part of their father's "harmless" experiment? Or has the basement turned into another little shop of horrors?</p>	<p>R.L.Stine</p>
	<p>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing Living with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter feel like a fourth-grade nothing. Fudge is never far from trouble. He's a two-year-old terror who gets away with everything -- and Peter's had enough. When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw.</p>	<p>Judy Blume</p>
	<p>The Wild Robot: Series, Book #1 Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.</p>	<p>Peter Brown</p>
	<p>The Wishbone Wish: Judy Moody and Stink The town's annual Turkey Trot race and festival is coming up, and Judy and Stink are training to win the big prize: a fat, juicy turkey. But what if they don't win? What then? Flying turkey gizzards! Will the Moody family end up starving on T-day, like ye pilgrims of olde, or will Grandma Lou cook up a tasty Franksgiving solution? Find out in this full-color Moody adventure.</p>	<p>Megan McDonald</p>

	<p><i>The World According to Humphrey</i> You can learn a lot about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey was told when he was first brought to Room 26. And boy, is it true! In addition to having FUN-FUN-FUN in class, each weekend this amazing hamster gets to sleep over with a different student, like Lower-Your-Voice-A.J. and Speak-Up-Sayeh. Soon Humphrey learns to read, write, and even shoot rubber bands (only in self-defense, of course). With lots of friends to help, adventures to enjoy, and a cage with a lock-that-doesn't-lock, Humphrey's life is almost perfect. If only the teacher, Mrs. Brisbane, wasn't out to get him!</p>	Betty G. Birney
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Nonfiction

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	<p><i>The Great Fire</i> By weaving personal accounts of actual survivors together with the carefully researched history of Chicago and the disaster, Jim Murphy constructs a riveting narrative of the Great Fire of 1871 and recreates the event with drama and immediacy.</p>	Jim Murphy
	<p><i>Moonshot - The Flight of Apollo 11</i> The story behind the flight of Apollo 11 for a new generation of readers and explorers.</p>	Brian Floca
	<p><i>A Place to Land</i> Much has been written about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1963 March on Washington. But there's little on his legendary speech and how he came to write it. Martin Luther King, Jr. was once asked if the hardest part of preaching was knowing where to begin. No, he said. The hardest part is knowing where to end. "It's terrible to be circling up there without a place to land." Finding this place to land was what Martin Luther King, Jr. struggled with, alongside advisors and fellow speech writers, in the Willard Hotel the night before the March on Washington, where he gave his historic "I Have a Dream" speech. But those famous words were never intended to be heard on that day, not even written down for that day, not even once.</p>	Barry Wittenstein

	<p>What Was the Great Chicago Fire? (series)</p> <p>On Sunday, October 8, 1871, a fire started on the south side of Chicago. A long drought made the neighborhood go up in flames. And practically everything that could go wrong did. Firemen first went to the wrong location. Fierce winds helped the blaze jump the Chicago River twice. The Chicago Waterworks burned down, making it impossible to fight the fire. Finally after two days, Mother Nature took over, with rain smothering the flames. This overview of a stupendous disaster not only covers the fire but explores the whole history of fire fighting.</p>	<p>Janet B. Pascal</p>
	<p>What Was Ellis Island? (series)</p> <p>From 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island was the gateway to a new life in the United States for millions of immigrants. In later years, the island was deserted, the buildings decaying. Ellis Island was not restored until the 1980s, when Americans from all over the country donated more than \$150 million. It opened to the public once again in 1990 as a museum. Learn more about America's history, and perhaps even your own, through the story of one of the most popular landmarks in the country.</p>	<p>Patricia Brennan Demuth</p>
	<p>Who Was Albert Einstein? (biographical series)</p> <p>For instance, do they know that he was expelled from school as a kid? Finally, here's the story of Albert Einstein's life, told in a fun, engaging way that clearly explores the world he lived in and changed.</p>	<p>Various authors</p>
	<p>Who Was Harriet Tubman?(biographical series)</p> <p>Born a slave in Maryland, Harriet Tubman knew first-hand what it meant to be someone's property; she was whipped by owners and almost killed by an overseer. It was from other field hands that she first heard about the Underground Railroad which she travelled by herself north to Philadelphia. Throughout her long life (she died at the age of ninety-two) and long after the Civil War brought an end to slavery, this amazing woman was proof of what just one person can do.</p>	<p>Yona Zeldis McDonough</p>

