

Neshaminy School District Recommended Summer Reading List K-4

The Neshaminy School District has created a list of recommended titles to help students make selections for their summer reading. The purpose of summer reading is to foster continued reading and encourage a lifelong love of literacy. The books below each grade level are intended to provide guidance and are not required texts.

Recommendations for Incoming Kindergarten Students

Books

Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Rinker
Click Clack Moo by Doreen Cronin
LMNO Peas by Keith Baker
Monsters Love Underpants by Claire Freedman
My Friend Maggie by Hannah E. Harrison
Sector 7 by David Wiesner
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskey
The Story about Ping by Marjorie Flack
Actual Size by Steve Jenkins
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom by Bill Martin Jr.
Biscuit's First Beach Day by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywait



Nonfiction

ABC I Like Me by Nancy Carlson
Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag by John Herman
Climb the Family Tree, Jesse Bear! by Nancy White Carlstrom
The Name Quilt by Phyllis Root
Dinosaurs, Beware! A Safety Guide by Marc Brown
My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook
The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles
It's Mine by Leo Lionni
Community Helpers from A to Z by Bobbie D. Kalman
Herman the Helper by Robert Kraus
Kindness is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler by Margery Cuyler
Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten by Joseph Slate
From Here to There by Margery Cuyler
L is for Liberty by Wendy Cheyette Lewison
Around the World by Ann Morris
To Be a Kid by Maya Ajmera
Recycle! A Handbook for Kids by Gail Gibbons

Series

If You Give a Mouse a... by Laura Numeroff
Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems
Pete the Cat by Kimberly and James Dean

Poetry

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young by Jack Prelutsky

Authors to Enjoy

Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Donald Crews

Recommendations for Incoming First Grade Students

Books

Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox Boss
Baby by Marla Frazee
All the World by Liz Garton Scanlon
Goodnight Owl by Pat Hutchins
Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
Are We There Yet? By Dan Santat
Ish by Peter H. Reynolds
Blackout by John Rocco
My Parents Think I'm Sleeping by Jack Prelutsky
Sheila Rae the Brave by Kevin Henkes



Nonfiction

Biggest Strongest Fastest by Steve Jenkins
All the Water in the World by George Ella Lyon
Weather Words and What They Mean by Gail Gibbons
Weather Forecasting by Gail Gibbons
What Will the Weather Be? By Lynda DeWitt
America the Beautiful by Neil Waldman
Celebrate America by Mary Lynn Firestone
Paper Comes from Trees by Bruce Larkin

Series

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot by Dav Pilkey
Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold
Froggy by Jonathan London
Splat the Cat by Rob Scotton

Poetry

One Leaf Rides the Wind by Celeste Mannis

Authors to Enjoy

David Shannon
Todd Parr
Gail Gibbons
Jan Brett

Recommendations for Incoming Second Grade Students

Books

Ivy and Bean by Ann Burrows
Bad Guys by Aaron Blabey
Bad Case of the Stripes by David Shannon
Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
Piper Green & the Fairy Tree by Ellen Potter
by Kirkpatrick Hill
Beauty and the Beast by Michael Dahl
Cinderella by Beth Bracken *The year of Miss Agnes (Aladdin Historical Fiction)*
Rumpelstiltskin by Martin Powell
Once There Was a Tree by Natalie Romanova
Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears by Verna Aardema
Sand Cake by Frank Asch
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
Batman's Dark Secret by Kelley Puckett



Non-Fiction

Day Light, Night Light: Where Light Comes From by Franklyn Bran Ley
Bug Faces by Darlene Murawski
Butterflies by Gail Saunders-Smith
Butterflies and Moths by James P. Rowan
Ant Cities by Arthur Dorros
Keeping Minibeasts: Earthworms by Chris Henwood
How a Seed Grows by Jordan Helene
The Science of Soil by Jonathan Bocknet
Mud Matters by Jennifer Owings Dewey
Nature in Your Backyard: Simple Activities for Children by Susan Lang
What is a Scientist by Barbara Lehn

Series

Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliot
Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by John Himmelman
Eerie Elementary by Jack Chabert and Sam Ricks
Fancy Nancy by Jane O'Connor
Katie Woo Series by Fran Manushkin
Pedro Series by Fran Manushkin

Poetry

Feel the Beat by Marilyn Singer

Authors to Enjoy

Cynthia Rylant
Kate DiCamillo
Kevin Henkes

Recommendations for Incoming Third Grade Students

Books

Liar & Spy by Rebecca Stead
Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff
Terror in the Underground Tunnel by Dee Phillips
Wolf Camp by Andrea Zuill
Duck on a Tractor by David Shannon
Zen Ties by Jon Muth
Jack and the Beanstalk by Blake Hoena
Rapunzel by Stephanie True Peterson
Thumbelina by Hans Christian Anderson



Non-Fiction

Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton
From Seed to Plant by Gail Gibbons
Egg: A Photographic Story of Hatching by Robert Burton
Amazing Bats by Frank Greenaway
Loud and Quiet by Jack Challoner
Magic School Bus in the Haunted Museum by Joanna Cole
Making Sounds by Julian Rowe and Molly Perham
From Sea to Salt by Alli Mitgutsch
Rocks and Minerals by Chris Pellant
Potato Clocks and Solar Cars by Elizabeth Raum
Vote by Eileen Christelow
Heroes for Civil Rights by David Adler
Lemons and Lemonade a Book About Supply and Demand by Nancy Loewen
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Maps and Plans by Pam Robson
Stars and Stripes by Sarah Thomson
If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island by Ellen Levine

Series

Cam Jansen Series by David Adler
Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
The Stink Series by Megan McDonald
Yasmin Series by Saadia Faruqi
Keena Ford Series by Melissa Thomson
The Carver Chronicles by Karen English
Sofia Martinez Series by Jacqueline Jules
Molly Mac Series by Marty Kelley
Bradford Street Buddies Series by Jerdine Nolan

Poetry

A Pizza the Size of the Sun by Jack Prelutsky
The Llama Who Had No Pajama: 100 Favorite Poems by Mary Ann Hoberman

Author to Enjoy

David Adler

Recommendations for Incoming Fourth Grade Students

Books

Wonder by R.J. Palacio
Hidden Figures Young Reader's Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate Di Camillo
The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol
The Tall Tale of Paul Bunyan by Martin Powell
Pecos Bill, The Colossal Cowboy by Sean Thulien
2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids by Amy Zuckerman and Jim Daly
Flying Lessons and Other Stories edited by Ellen Oh
The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
The Quest Begins: Seekers #1 by Erin Hunter
Funny Girl: Funniest Stories. Ever by Betsy Bird
Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Absolutely Truly and Yours Truly by Heather Vogel Frederick
The Gruesome Guide to World Monsters by Judy Sierra
Edgar & Ellen Under Town by Charles Ogden
Picklemania by Jerry Spinelli
Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan
The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science by Joyce Sidman
Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You! by Marley Dias
Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt



Non-Fiction

Nikola Tesla by Michael Burgan
Man on the Moon by Anastasia Suen
How to Survive a Flood by Matt Doeden
Archaeologists Dig for Clues by Kate Duke
William Penn: Founder of the Pennsylvania Colony by Bernadette Baczynski
The New America by Betsy Maestro and Giulio Maestro
Where is the Great Barrier Reef? by Nico Medina

Series

Dragon Breath Series by Ursula Vernon
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
39 Clues by Rick Riordan
Nikki and Deja Series by Laura Freeman
Zoey and Sassafras Series by Marion Lindsay
Ruby Lu Series by Lenore Look
Jasmin Toguchi Series by Debbi Michiko Florence
Lunch Lady Series by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis

Poetry

A Full Moon is Rising by Marilyn Singer
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Authors to Enjoy

Matt Christopher
Kate DiCamillo
Dan Gutman
Seymour Simon