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 Aimera 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 Beauty Wieheel Debl

Beauty and the Beast by Michael Dahl

Cinderella by Beth Bracken The year of Miss Agnes (Aladdin Historical Fiction)

Rumplestiltskin 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



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

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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

