

## Summer Reading and Enrichment

During the summer we encourage all of our students to read for enjoyment. This summer we are also requiring each class to read a book. The assigned book, listed below, will be discussed with each class at our return from summer vacation.

Entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - *Digby and Kate and the Beautiful Day* by Barbara Baker

Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - *Nate the Great and the Lost List* by Marjorie Weinman

Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - *Summer Reading is Killing Me!* By Jon Scieszka.

Entering 4<sup>th</sup> Grade - *Skylark* by Patricia MacLachlan

Besides reading, please consider purchasing one of the books listed below to support your child in maintaining their skills over the summer.

### Summer Bridge Book

This book can be purchased at Learning How and most bookstores. Also they can be ordered at

[http://www.schoodoodle.com/home/sch/smartlist\\_1085/summer\\_bridge\\_books.html](http://www.schoodoodle.com/home/sch/smartlist_1085/summer_bridge_books.html)

### Summer Skills Book

This book is available from <http://www.summerskills.com/mathdetail.htm>

Below are listed some free educational websites you might find valuable to use over the summer with your children for enrichment. Of course, when working with free websites, often times one has to navigate around advertisements. I have found the websites listed below quite easy to pilot.

<http://www.bookadventure.com/>

<http://www.seaworld.org/>

<http://www.counton.org/>

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/foreignlang.html>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

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## Summer Reading Recommendations For Incoming First Grade

The following suggestions are made to serve as guidelines for parents in the selection of children's literature. It is hoped that as you browse through the library shelves you may discover other books of even greater interest to you and your child. Keep in mind that the following are only a few suggestions of the many wonderful children's authors and books on the market today.

Students are encouraged to become familiar with the limited vocabulary "easy readers" found in the children's "ER" (Easy Reader) section of your public library. The following are a few recommended authors and series titles:

### **Authors:**

Crosby Bonsall  
Dick Gackenback  
Lillian Hoban  
Syd Hoff  
Arnold Lobel  
E. H. Minarik

Peggy Parish  
Cynthia Rylant  
Alvin Schwartz  
Dr. Seuss  
Bernard Wiseman  
Gene Zion

### **Series:**

Dorling Kindersley Readers  
Get Ready to Read  
Hello Readers  
I Can Read  
Little Bill Books

In addition to the attached list of Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, and Maryland Black-Eyed Susan award books, please feel free to look in the "E" (Easy) or "P" (Picture Book) section of your public library for books by the following authors. The books will be arranged in alphabetical order according to the author's last name.

### **Authors:**

Ludwig Bemelmans  
Marc Brown  
Ashley Bryand  
Eve Bunting  
Demi  
Tomie DePaola  
Lois Ehlert  
Helen Griffith  
Mo Willems

Russell Hoban  
Florence P. Heide  
Steven Kellogg  
Robert Kraus  
Leo Lionni  
David McPhail  
Brian Pinkney  
Gloria Pinkney  
Jerry Pinkney

Patricia Polacco  
Jack Prelutsky  
H.A. Rey  
John Steptoe  
Chris Van Alsberg  
Jane Yolen  
Ed Young  
Charlotte Zolotow

For multi-cultural folktales and fairytales and legends, you may browse through the E398.2 shelves of the library for books that appeal to you and your child. We also invite you to explore the entire "Easy Nonfiction" section of the library, as there are many excellent books on the study of insects, fish, birds, mammals, math, science (all in the 500s), geography, history (in the 900s), and many other fascinating subjects.

# Summer Reading Log

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