

**Puckett Elementary School
Summer Reading Program
2019**

Research shows that students who don't continue to read or have someone read to them during the summer break could possibly slide backward two reading levels by the time they return to school in the fall. Summer reading is a way to keep students in the practice of using the strategies they learned during the school year. Summer reading is also a natural way to create awareness of and foster a child's love for the different types of children's literature. While the summer reading program is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended.

The summer reading books listed by grade level were chosen to expose students to high quality literature. In addition, the reading levels of the books are appropriate for the child's age. The book choices include a variety of genres. This way, students can choose from their favorite type of book: fables, fairy tales, fantasy, historical fiction, realistic fiction, poetry, informational texts, or others.

Puckett Public Library Hours

Monday – 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Entering Kindergarten

Students entering kindergarten would enjoy some of the books listed below, or any similar books of your choosing to be read to them. Make sure that your child understands what the story is about by asking a few comprehension questions after reading. For example: Who are the characters in the story? What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? Was there a problem and solution in the story? Can you make a connection from the book to your own life or to another book?

Book Type	Title	Author
Beginning, Middle, and End	Love You Forever	Robert Munsch
Beginning, Middle, and End	Rosie's Walk	Pat Hutchins
Beginning, Middle, and End	The Runaway Bunny	Margaret Wise Brown
Books by the same author	Clifford series	Norman Birdwell
Books by the same author	Little Critters books	Mercer Mayer
Caldecott (awarded for illustrations)	Color Zoo	Lois Ehlert
Caldecott (awarded for illustrations)	Officer Buckle and Gloria	Peggy Rathman
Caldecott (awarded for illustrations)	Swimmy	Leo Lionni

Color and Counting	Fish Eyes	Lois Ehlert
Color and Counting	Inch by Inch	Leo Lionni
Color and Counting	Planting a Rainbow	Lois Ehlert
Folktales and Fairytales	Chicken Little	Steven Kellog
Folktales and Fairytales	Cinderella	Marcia Brown
Folktales and Fairytales	Henny Penny	H. Werner Zimmerman
Folktales and Fairytales	The Little Red Hen	Margot Zemach
Nursery Rhymes	Tomie dePaolo's Mother Goose	Tomie dePaola
Predictable Patterns	Curious George	H. A. Rey
Predictable Patterns	Millions of Cats	Wanda Gag
Predictable Patterns	The Gingerbread Boy	Paul Galdone

Entering 1st Grade

Students entering first grade will enjoy some of the books listed below, or any similar books of your choosing to read to them. Students may be able to read some of the titles to you with guidance and support.

Make sure that your child understands what the story is about by asking a few comprehension questions after reading. For example: Who are the characters in the story? What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? Was there a problem and solution in the story? Can you make a connection from the book to your own life or to another book?

Book Type	Title	Author
Alphabet Books	The Icky Bug Alphabet Book	Jerry Pallotta
Alphabet Books	Z Was Zaped	Chris Van Allsburg
Caldecott Awards	Alphabet City	Margaret Musgrove
Caldecott Awards	Owen	Kevin Henkes
Caldecott Awards	The Hello, Goodbye Window	Norton Juster and Chris Raschka

Fun Series	Author	Marc Brown
Fun Series	Berenstain Bear	Jan and Stan Berenstain
Fun Series	Dr. Seuss titles	Dr. Seuss
Fun Series	Franklin	Paulette Bourgeois
Fun Series	Froggy	Jonathan London
Fun Series	Junie B. Jones	Barbara Park
Fun Series	Nate the Great	Majorie Weinman Sharmat
Math	How Much is a Million?	David Schwartz
Math	When Sheep Cannot Sleep	Satoshi Kitamura
Must Reads	Leo the Late Bloomer	Robert Kraus
Must Reads	Make Way for Ducklings	Robert McCloskey
Must Reads	Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister
Must Reads	The Little House	Virginia Lee Burton
Must Reads	The Very Busy Spider	Eric Carle

Entering 2nd Grade

Rising second graders should be reading on at least an I level book. Students should be able to read the titles listed below to you. Make sure that your child understands what he/she read by asking a few comprehension questions after reading. For example: Who are the characters in the story? How did the main character respond to the events that took place in the story or to another character? What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? Was there a problem and solution in the story? Can they make a connection to their own lives or to another book from the story? What was the main idea of the story? Was there a lesson or moral in the story to be learned?

Book Title	Level	Genre	Author
Big Red Barn	H	Fiction	Margaret Wise Brown
Goodnight Moon	H	Fiction	Margaret Wise Brown
Just a Mess	I	Fiction	Mercer Mayer
Are You My Mother?	I	Fiction	P. D. Eastman
Hi! Fly Guy	I	Fiction	Tedd Arnold
The Fire Cat	J	Fiction	Esther Averill

Henry and Mudge	J	Realistic Fiction	Cynthia Rylant
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa	J	Fiction	Erica Silverman
Amazing Whales!	K	Informational	Sarah Thomson
How the Camel Got His Hump	K	Traditional Literature	Rudyard Kipling
Frog and Toad Together	K	Fiction	Arnold Lobel
Bats: Creatures of the Night	L	Informational	Joyce Milton
Wimberly Worried	L	Fiction	Kevin Henkes
Junie B. Jones (Any from the series)	M	Realistic Fiction	Barbara Park
The Paper Crane	M	Fiction	Molly Bang
Little House in the Big Woods (Adult reading to child)	Q	Historical Fiction	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Mr. Popper's Penguins (Adult reading to child)	Q	Fiction	Richard and Florence Atwater

Entering 3rd Grade

All 3rd graders are required to pass a MS Literacy Assessment in order to be promoted to the 4th grade. As you will see on your child's 2nd grade report card, *Level M* is the *minimal* guided reading level expected for promotion to third grade. A student entering third grade on *Level M* is going to struggle as a reader and start off the year behind many of his/her peers. To avoid starting third grade as a struggling reader, you can read aloud to or partner read (take turns reading) with your child over the summer to continue using the decoding and comprehension strategies learned during the school year.

Make sure that your child understands what he/she read by asking a few comprehension questions after reading. For example: Who are the characters in the story? How did the main character respond to the events that took place in the story or to another character? What happened at the beginning, middle, and end? Was there a problem and solution in the story? Can they make a connection to their own lives or to another book from the story? What was the main idea of the story? Was there a lesson or moral in the story to be learned?

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Ameila Bedelia series	L	Fiction	Peggy or Herman Parish
Art Around the World	M	Informational	Heather Leonard
Abe Lincoln's Hat	M	Biography	Martha Brenner

The Drinking Gourd	M	Historical Fiction	Monjo
Martin Luther King and the March on Washington	M	Informational	Frances E. Ruffin
My Father's Dragon	N	Fiction	Ruth Stiles Gannett
The Stories Julian Tells	N	Fiction	Ann Cameron
Crittercam	N	Informational	Andrew Einspruch
Amos and Boris	O	Fiction	William Steig
The Raft	O	Realistic Fiction	Jim LaMarche
The Storm	O	Fiction	Cynthia Rylant
Robinson Crusoe	P	Traditional Literature	Daniel Defoe E. W. Dolch
A Medieval Feast	Q	Informational	Aliki
Sarah, Plain and Tall (Adult read to child)	R	Historic Fiction	Patricia MacLachlan
So You Want to Be President?	S	Informational	Judith St. George
The Cricket in Times Square (Adult read to child)	S	Fiction	George Selden
A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder (Adult read to child)	S	Informational	Walter Wick
14 Cows for America (Adult read to child)	S	Informational	Carmen Agra Deedy
The Search for Delicious (Adult read to child)	U	Fiction	Natalie Babbitt
Bud, Not Buddy (Adult read to child)	U	Realistic Fiction	Paul Curtis

Entering 4th Grade

Books listed below are suggestions and should not limit a student's genre or author preference. There are many great titles available to students. The purpose of the summer reading program is to expose students to some well known children's authors and for students to read what they prefer and enjoy the content.

Book Title	Lexile	Genre	Author
Tales of the 4 th Grade Nothing	470	Realistic Fiction	Judy Blume
I Survived series	630	Adventure/ Historical Fiction	Lauren Tarshis
Holes	660	Realistic Fiction	Louis Sachar
Hardy Boys series	670	Mystery	Franklin W. Dixon
Cricket in Times Square	780	Fantasy	George Seldon

Nancy Drew series	790	Mystery	Carolyn Keene
Among the Hidden	800	Science Fiction	Margaret Peterson Haddix

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Book Title	Lexile Level	Genre	Author
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs Basil E. Frankweiler	700	Realistic Fiction	E. L. Koingsburg
Any book from the Shadow Children series	760	Science Fiction	Margaret Peterson Haddix
Walk Two Moons	770	Realistic Fiction	Sharon Creech
Frindle	830	Realistic Fiction	Andrew Clements
Matilda or any Ronald Dahl book	840	Fantasy	Ronald Dahl
Shiloh series	890	Realistic Fiction	Phyllis Renolds Naylor
Island of the Blue Dolphins	1,000	Historical Fiction	Scott O'Dell

Entering 6th Grade

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Book Title	Lexile Level	Genre	Author
Percy Jackson series	630	Fantasy	Rick Riordan
39 Clues series	750	Fantasy	Rick Riordan
Rules	780	Realistic Fiction	Cynthia Lord
Chronicles of Narnia series	870	Classic/ Fantasy	C. S. Lewis
Aquamarine	940	Fantasy	Alice Hoffman
Harry Potter series	950	Fantasy	J. K. Rowling