## Suggestions for Summer Reading for Lower School

Research has shown that children are more likely to finish books they choose and that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps to prevent "summer slide".

Students in the same grade have many different reading levels. The list below provides a few suggestions to match levels of reading and interests. **(See explanation at the bottom of the page.)** More recommendations can be found at the public library, the Association for Library Service to Children <u>www.ala.org/alsc</u>, the Texas Library Association <u>www.txla.org/reading-lists</u>, and Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme.



Author	Reading Level or Interest Level
Sophie Dahl	$K - 3^{rd}$
Helaine Becker	$1 \text{st} - 3^{\text{rd}}$
Kevin Henkes	$EC - 2^{nd}$
Lindsay Ward	$2^{nd} - 4^{th}$
Ashok Banker	$EC - 1^{st}$
Fran Pintadera	$EC - 2^{nd}$
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The Infamous Ratso	Kara Lareau	3.5
<b>Captain Pug: The Dog That Sailed</b>	Laura James	3.5
Stubby the War Dog	Ann Bausum	3.6
Small Things	Mel Tregonning	3.6
Alvin Ho	Lenore Look	3.8
Stanley and the Magic Lamp	Jeff Brown	3.8
Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?	Kate Dicamillo	3.9
Grandma and the Great Gourd	Chitra Banerjee &	
	Diva Karuni	3.9
I Survived (series)	Laurin Tarshis	4.1
Bad Kitty (series)	Nick Bruel	4.3
Astronaut, Aquanaut	Jennifer Swanson	4.3
26 Fairmount Avenue	Tomie DePaola	4.4
The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors	Drew Daywalt	4.4
<b>43 Old Cemetery</b> Road (series)	Kate Klise	4.4
A Prickly Problem	Jacqueline Kelly	4.5
Wedgie & Gizmo	Suzanne Selfors	4.9
Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible	Ursula Vernon	4.9
Older Than Dirt: A Wild		
<b>But True History of Earth</b>	Dan Brown & Mike Perfit	5.4
I'm Just No Good at Rhyming		
and Other Nonsense		
for Mischievous Kids and		
Immature Grown-ups	Chris Harris	Gr. 3 – 6

Reading Levels are determined by educational publishers and can vary. In some cases, when a reading level is not provided, the grade level or interest level is chosen as an indicator. Each child has different reading abilities and interests. Use the website:

www.readinrockets.org/article/selection-books-your-child-finding-right-books to determine what the best reading material for your child. **Remember:** Reading is the foundation to all other academic areas. Have fun -- discover new friends.