

# Summer Reading Challenge and Recommendations

Students entering PreK, Kinder, and Primer

**Goal:** To encourage student reading over the summer AND BEYOND! Books can be added to this log if they are read by the student, read to the student, or listened to as an audiobook. Include both title and author in the square.

Complete the Tic-Tac-Toe board to have your name listed on the Summer Reading Extravaganza Wall at the beginning of the 2021 - 2022 school year! Books read do not have to be selected from the recommendations below, but they are a great start!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Read a Picture Book	Read a Funny Book	Have someone read you a book!
Read a Holiday Book	Read a Crazy Book	Read ANY BOOK
Read a Non-Fiction Book	Read an Award Winner	Read a Fiction Book

Turn in to the library in August

Use an additional sheet if you read more!

## Picture Books and Authors:

The National Institute for Early Education Research states “The evidence is strong in showing that rich language and literacy experiences early on are related to later learning. Reading (and re-reading) picture books contributes to these important early experiences.” Any picture books are wonderful for Early Childhood. Children can “read” independently or benefit from hearing a story read aloud. Many of these authors have more books than what are listed here that are good for Early Childhood students.

Andrea Beaty - *Rosie Revere, Engineer, Ada Twist, Scientist, and Iggy Peck, Architect*

Sandra Boynton - *Barnyard Dance, Belly Button Book*

Virginia Lee Burton - *The Little House, Katy and the Big Snow, Mike Mulligan*

Jan Brett - *The Mitten, The Hat, The Three Snow Bears, Hedgie’s Surprise*

Eric Carle - *The Mixed Up Chameleon, The Very Hungry Caterpillar*

Anna Dewdney - *Llama Llama stories*

Kevin Henkes - *Chrysanthemum, Wemberly Worried, Owen*

Ezra Jack Keats - *Snowy Day, Peter’s Chair*

Jon Klassen - *We Found a Hat, This is Not My Hat, Shapes Trilogy*

Eric Litwin - *Pete the Cat stories*

Laura Numeroff - *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie stories*

H.A. Rey - *Curious George stories*

Peter H. Reynolds - *The Dot, Ish, Happy Dreamer, The Word Collector*

Amy Krause Rosenthal - *Uni the Unicorn, Spoon, Chopsticks, Yes Day!*

Dan Santat - *Beekle, After the Fall, Three Ninja Pigs, Are We There Yet?*

Dr. Seuss - *Green Eggs and Ham, The Foot Book, The Lorax*

Philip C. Stead - *A Sick Day for Amos McGee, Samson in the Snow, Lenny & Lucy*

William Steig - *Doctor De Soto, Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, The Amazing Bone*

Mo Willems - *Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, Pigeon*

Kobi Yamada - *What Do You Do With stories*

Jane Yolen - *How Do Dinosaurs stories*

## **Graphic Novels:**

The images in graphic novels reinforce the story. The student needs to study the pictures in order to fully understand the text, and can make inferences about the story based on both the pictures and the dialogue. Brigid Alverson writes in *School Library Journal* that "Educators agree that graphic novels are useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills." Students also gain confidence in their reading skills by being able to decipher what is going on in the story before they have learned how to read every word.

Mac Barnett : *Jack* series

Ivan Brunetti : *WordPlay*

James Burks : *Beep and Bah*

Eleanor Davis : *Stinky AND Flop to the Top*

Charise Mericle Harper : *Bean Dog and Nugget*

Victoria Jamieson : *Pets on the Loose* series

Kevin McCloskey : *We Dig Worms!*

Claude Ponti : *Chick and Chickie Play All Day*

Barnaby Richards : *BLIP!*

Sergio Ruzzier: *Good Boy* and *Fox & Chick* series

Jeff Smith : *Little Mouse Gets Ready*

James Sturm : *Sleepless Knight* AND *Hocus Focus* AND *Ogres Awake!*

Mo Willems : *Pigeon* series

## **Everybody Fiction:**

We have a section in the Good Shepherd Library that contains some of my very favorite titles for those kids who are wanting to read something that is just a little bit more than a picture book. These books are for the kids who are hoping to read chapter books but are not fully ready. I call them Everybody Fiction. When you are looking at the bookstore, look for a book with white pages (instead of a cream or beige), limited text with lots of space, and lots of pictures. It is hard to purchase these books without seeing them first, but I have listed some of the GSES Library's favorites. Also, books from the imprints *Acorns* and *Branches* are good choices!

Jack Chabert : *Eerie Elementary* series #1-#6

Troy Cummings : *Notebook of Doom* series #1-#13

Rebecca Elliot : *Owl Diaries* series #1-#8

Noah Z. Jones : *Princess Pink and the Land of Fake Believe* series #1-#4

Jordan Quinn : *Kingdom of Wrenly* series #1-#13

David Lubar : *Looniverse* series #1-#4

Megan McDonald : *Stink* series #1-#7

Cynthia Rylant : *Poppleton* series, *Henry and Mudge* series, *Mr. Putter and Tabby*

Tracy West : *Dragon Masters* series #1-#8

Jessica Young : *Haggis and Tank Unleashed* series #1-#3

### **Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children:**

It is wonderful to read picture books aloud to your children as long as you can, no child is too old for a picture book! However, it is also beneficial to read longer books aloud to your children that take a few sittings to finish. Reading 20 minutes before bedtime is a great way to spend time with your kids, and also share stories they will always remember. Here are some chapter books that kids enjoy during Early Childhood. The content can sometimes be heavier however, so make sure and preview a book if it seems scary or too much for your child.

Avi : *The End of the Beginning*

Betty G. Birney : *Humphrey* series

Michael Bond : *A Bear Called Paddington*

Beverly Cleary : *Ralph, Socks, Two Times the Fun* (PK)

Kate DiCamillo : *Mercy Watson* series

Katherine Hannigan : *Emmaline and the Bunny*

Arnold Lobel : *Frog and Toad* series, *Mouse* series

A.A. Milne : *The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh*

Elsie Holmelund Minarick : *Little Bear* series

Mary Pope Osborne : *Magic Tree House* series

Peggy Parrish : *Amelia Bedelia* series

John Peterson : *The Littles* series

George Selden : *The Cricket in Times Square*

E.B. White : *Stuart Little, Trumpet of the Swan, Charlotte's Web*

Short Story Collection : William J. Bennett's *A Children's Book of Virtues*

## Texas 2 X 2 Recommended Reading List -

### Chosen for kids age 2 - 2nd Grade

1. *Boxitects* by Kim Smith. Clarion Books.
2. *Every Night is Pizza Night* by J. Kenji López-Alt. Illustrated by Gianna Ruggiero. W.W. Norton.
3. *Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots* by Michael Rex. Nancy Paulsen Books.
4. *Federico and the Wolf*, by Rebecca Gomez. Illustrated by Elisa Chavarri. Clarion Books.
5. *First Day Critter Jitters* by Jory John. Illustrated by Liz Climo. Dial Books for Young Readers.
6. *Hike* by Pete Oswald. Candlewick Press.
7. *I Am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes. Illustrated by Gordon C. James. Penguin.
8. *Louis* by Tom Lichtenheld. Illustrated by Julie Rowan-Zoch.
9. *Packs – Strength in Numbers* by Hannah Salyer. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
10. *A Polar Bear in the Snow* by Mac Barnett. Art by Shawn Harris. Candlewick Press.
11. *See the Cat – Three Stories About a Dog* by David LaRochelle. Illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka. Candlewick Press.
12. *Shapes* by Shelley Rotner and Anne Woodhull. Photographs by Shelley Rotner. Holiday House.
13. *Speak Up* by Miranda Paul. Illustrated by Ebony Glenn. Clarion Books.
14. *The Three Billy Goats Buenos* by Susan Middleton Elya. Illustrated by Miguel Ordóñez. G.P. Putnam's Sons.
15. *Underground – Subway Systems Around the World* by Uijung Kim. Cicada Books Ltd.
16. *Up on Bob* by Mary Sullivan. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
17. *What About Worms!?* by Ryan T. Higgins and Mo Willems. Hyperion Books for Children.
18. *What Do You Do If You Work at the Zoo?* by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page. Illustrated by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
19. *The Yawns Are Coming!* by Christopher Eliopoulos. Dial Books for Young Readers.
20. *You Matter* by Christian Robinson. Atheneum Books for Young Readers.