Summer is an opportunity for students of all ages to enjoy reading in a relaxed and leisurely setting. Summer reading is also a vital way that students keep their skills sharp for the upcoming school year. Maret recommends that students spend at least 20 minutes reading each day during the summer. Students should select books and other reading material that interest and challenge them, and families should consider ways that they can read together or make discussing books a part of their lives over the summer months. We recognize that there is a range of readers at each grade level. If books on this list do not match your child's reading ability, you may choose to read them aloud to your child. Starred* titles are available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through Sora. Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.



*Under My Hijab by Hena Khan: As a young girl observes that each of six women in her life wears her hijab and hair in a different way, she considers how to express her own style one day.



*Islandborn by Junot Diaz: Lola was just a baby when her family left the Island, so when she has to draw it for a school assignment, she asks her family, friends, and neighbors about their memories of her homeland.



*The Notebook of Doom series by Troy Cummings: Alexander Bopp has just moved to a new town where he uncovers all sorts of monsters.



*The Princess in Black series by Shannon Hale: Princess Magnolia must constantly sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego, the Princess in Black.



*Mouse and Mole series by Wong Herbert Yee: Best friends Mouse and Mole go on adventures where teamwork, brainstorming, and good ideas always make for a fun day out.



*Warbler Wave by April Pulley Sayre: A photographic exploration of warbler behavior and migration.



Little People Big Dreams series: Discover the lives of outstanding people, from designers and artists to scientists. All of them achieved incredible things, yet each began life as a child with a dream.



The One Day House by Julia Durango: A little boy promises his beloved friend, an elderly lady, that one day he will fix up her old house--and his words inspire the other people in the neighborhood to pitch in and get it done.



*King and Kayla series by Dori Hillestad Butler: A lovable dog helps his human girl solve mysteries.



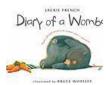
*Nate the Great series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat: After a generous breakfast of pancakes, Nate, the boy detective, plunges into each new and baffling case, solves the mystery, and tracks down the culprits.



*The Chicken Squad series by Doreen Cronin: They're darling. They're darling. They know their shapes! They're chicks on a mission!



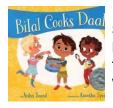
*All Around Us by Xelena
Gonzalez: Finding circles
everywhere, a grandfather and his
granddaughter meditate on the cycles
of life and nature.



Diary of A Wombat by Jackie French: In his diary, a wombat describes his life of eating, sleeping, and getting to know some new human neighbors.



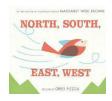
*Going Places by Peter H.
Reynolds: Rafael builds his go-cart
for the Going Places contest in record
time, but when his neighbor Maya
has a creative idea for her entry,
Rafael decides to help.



*Bilal Cooks Daal by Aisha Saeed: Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done.



I Can Read! series: Appropriately leveled texts often written by experts in the field.



North, South, East, West by Margaret Wise Brown: A book that relates the story of a little bird's first journey after leaving the nest.



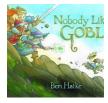
Nonfiction titles by Gail Gibbons: Gail Gibbons is a prolific author who has written and illustrated more than 170 books on various topics for kids.



*As an Oak Tree Grows by G. Brian Karas: From 1775 to the present, the landscape around a lone oak tree goes through significant changes.



*Sophia Martinez series by
Jacqueline Jules: Sofia Martinez is
used to fighting for attention. Her
outgoing personality, mixed with her
confidence and fiery passion for
everything she does, gets her that
attention--even if it's sometimes
mixed with trouble.



*Nobody Likes a Goblin by Ben Hatke: It's up to Goblin to save the day. But first he's going to have to leave the dungeon and find out how the rest of the world feels about goblins.



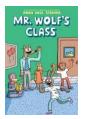
*Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol series by Andres Miedoso: Meet Desmond Cole! A fearless eight-year-old who runs his own ghost patrol, looking for ghosts, monsters, and mischief-makers everywhere.



*The Word Collector by Peter H. Reynolds: Jerome enjoys collecting and using words that he hears, reads, or sees, and then decides to share his collection with others.



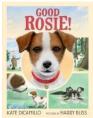
*Song Lee series by Suzy Kline:
Spring becomes a memorable time
for Miss Mackle's classroom because
of the antics of Horrible Harry and
Song Lee's special insights.



*Mr. Wolf's Class series by Aaron Nels Steinke: A vibrant, funny new series that charmingly captures the everyday antics of a fourth-grade classroom.



Julian, Secret Agent by Ann Cameron: When Julian, his little brother Huey, and their friend Gloria decide to be "crime busters," they find themselves in one adventure after another.



Good Dog, Rosie! by Kate
DiCamillo: Beloved storyteller
Kate DiCamillo and cartoonist
Harry Bliss introduce some
delightfully doggy dogs in a warm,
funny tale of a timid pup who
needs a friend.



*Bink and Gollie series by Kate DiCamillo: Celebrate the tall and short of a marvelous friendship with each Bink and Gollie adventure.



Scholastic News Nonfiction Readers series: This series features vocabulary preview and review pages and backmatter.



*Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot series by Dav Pilkey: Meet Ricky Ricotta and his giant flying robot as they soar through the air and battle diabolical figures trying to take over the world.



Rookie Readers Science series: Nonfiction texts with larger print and high quality images/photographs on various topics.



*A Family Is a Family Is a Family by Sara O'Leary: A teacher asks her classroom to think about the many different types of families in the world.



*The Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott: Eric and his friends find entry into the world of Droon by using a staircase in Eric's basement.



*Bad Kitty series by Nick Bruel: Bad Kitty is bad. Very bad. but she doesn't always mean to be. Whether she is trying to be a good little kitty or not, it seems that trouble finds her.



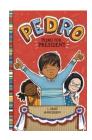
*Smell my Foot by Cece Bell: Meet Chick and Brain. And their friend Spot. Chick likes to follow the rules. Brain might not be as smart as he looks. And Spot just wants to eat lunch.



*Katie Woo series by Fran Manushkin: Katie Woo is a spunky, sassy, and stylish schoolgirl.



*Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny by
John Himmelman: Although she
can throw farther and hit harder
than anyone else at school, Isabel,
aka Bunjitsu Bunny, never hurts
another creature unless she has
to.



*Pedro series by Fran Manushkin: Join Pedro and his friends as he enjoys adventures at school, on the soccer field, and at home with his sometimes pesky, younger brother Paco!



A Day at the Museum by Christine A. Platt: Ana & Andrew are always on an adventure! They live in Washington, DC with their parents, and with family in Savannah, Georgia and Trinidad, they are always learning something exciting and new about African American history and culture!



*It Came in the Mail by Ben Clanton: After Liam writes to his mailbox, asking for more mail, he gets his wish, but soon he realizes that sending mail is even more fun than receiving it.



*Sweety by Andrea Zuill: Sweety is awkward, even for a naked mole rat, but with encouragement from her Aunt Ruth, she begins to see that being herself is the best way to find a friend.



Beware of the Crocodile by Martin Jenkins: An informative, playfully illustrated story about one of the world's most dangerous animals: the crocodile.