



Sayreville Public Schools
Office of Elementary Education
Sayreville Board of Education
Sayreville, New Jersey



Spring 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This summer, students entering grades 1-5 are being asked to read for at least twenty minutes each day and to keep a record of their reading using a Bingo-style reading challenge board. Copies of these Bingo boards will be shared by each school and can also be found on the district website. These Bingo boards will be collected by your child's teacher in September, and students will be recognized for their summer reading achievements within their individual schools.

Children can read any books they choose. We have also provided a list of suggested texts separated by grade levels. This list is located on our district website.

Reading is one of the most important endeavors we can share with our children. A student's ability to read fluently with comprehension is a lifelong skill that requires ongoing practice. We encourage you to read to your child, with your child, and to have your child read to you. This can be done at home, at the beach, at the park—anywhere you can!

Please reach out to us with any questions. Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

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Top Picks: Summer Reading 2023

Grades 1-2

Fiction

LEGO Ninjago - Various Authors
The Critter Club series - Callie Barkley
Extra Yarn – Mac Barnett
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs – Judi Barrett
FKS series - Jim Benton
According to Humphrey series – Betty G. Birney
Heidi Heckelbeck series – Wanda Coven
Mercy Watson to the Rescue – Kate DiCamillo
Bink and Gollie – Kate DiCamillo
Mouse Scouts – Sarah Dillard
Owl Diaries - Rebecca Elliot
Meet Yasmin! series - Saadia Faruqi
Captain Awesome series - Stan Kirby
Jasmine Toguchi series - Debbi Michiko Florence
Princess in Black series - Shannon Hale
The Honeybee - Kirsten Hall
Dory Fantasmagory series - Abby Hanlon
Armstrong: The Adventurous Journey of a Mouse to the Moon - Torben Kuhlmann
Ling and Ting: Twice as Silly – Grace Lin
Stink and the Incredible Super Galactic Jawbreaker – Megan McDonald
Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth / Fancy Nancy – Jane O'Connor
The Magic Treehouse series – Mary Pope Osborne
ABC Mysteries series – Ron Roy
Dragon Masters series - Tracey West

Humorous Fiction

Ivy and Bean – Annie Barrows
The Bad Guys - Aaron Blabey
Flat Stanley series – Jeff Brown
Bad Kitty series – Nick Bruel
Read the Book, Lemmings! - Ame Dyckman
Babymouse series – Jennifer L. Holm
Horrible Harry series – Suzy Kline
Alvin Ho series - Lenore Look
Clementine series – Sara Pennypacker
Ricky Ricotta series – Dav Pilkey
Splat the Cat series - Rob Scotton

Classics

The Chocolate Touch - Patrick Catling
Ramona series - Beverly Cleary
Magic Finger - Roald Dahl
The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes
Ferdinand - Munro Leaf
Pippi Longstocking – Astrid Lindgren
Frog and Toad Are Friends - Arnold Lobel
Sarah, Plain and Tall - Patricia MacLachlan
Winnie the Pooh - A. A. Milne
Amelia Bedelia – Herman Parish
Sideways Stories – Louis Sachar
Encyclopedia Brown - Donald Sobol
Stuart Little – E.B. White

Nonfiction

I Am... series - Various Authors
Extraordinary Engineering series - Various Authors
Trombone Shorty - Troy Andrews
Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur - Dr. Jose Luis Carballido
Locomotive - Brian Floca
The Iridescence of Birds - Patricia MacLachlan
Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear - Lindsey Mattick
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down - Andrea Davis Pinkney



Top Picks: Summer Reading 2023

Grades 3-5

Fiction

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda series – Tom Angleberger

American Girl series – Various Authors

Ivy & Bean series – Annie Barrows

El Deafo – Cece Bell

The Penderwicks series – Jeanne Birdsall

Humphrey series – Betty Birney

Best Babysitters Ever series - Caroline Cala

Hurricane Child - Kheryn Callendar

The Friendship War / Frindle - Andrew Clements

All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook – Leslie Connor

The Goat - Anne Fleming

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key – Jack Gantos

Kid Owner - Tim Green

Inside Out and Back Again – Thanhha Lai

Lucky Luna - Diana Lopez

The Season of Styx Malone - Kekla Magoon

Rain Reign – Ann Martin

11 Birthdays – Wendy Mass

Pax – Sara Pennypacker

My Life as a Book - Janet Tashjian

Justin Case – Rachel Vail

Historical Fiction

Dear America series – Various Authors

The War that Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Chasing Secrets – Gennifer Choldenko

Stella by Starlight – Sharon M. Draper

Some Kind of Courage – Dan Gemeinhart

Full of Beans - Jennifer L. Holm

Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

I Survived series – Lauren Tarshis

Gone Crazy in Alabama – Rita Williams-Garcia

Adventure and Fantasy

Spirit Animals series – Various Authors

The Jumbies - Tracey Baptiste

Aru Shah series - Roshani Chokshi

The Magisterium series - Holly Black and Cassandra Clare

NERDS series – Michael Buckley

Fairy Tale Reform School series - Jen Calonita

How to Train Your Dragon series – Cressida Cowell

The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo

Unicorn Rescue Society series - Adam Gidwitz

Knights vs. series - Dan Greenburg

The Princess Academy – Shannon Hale

Warrior series – Erin Hunter

A Wrinkle in Time series – Madeleine L'Engle

Whatever After series - Sarah Mlynowski

Wings of Fire series - Tui. T. Sutherland

Nevermoor series - Jessica Townsend

Dragonbreath series – Ursula Vernon

Mystery

The 39 Clues - Various Authors

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Balliett

The Sisters Grimm series – Michael Buckley

Under the Egg – Laura Marx Fitzgerald

A Tangle of Knots – Lisa Graff

The Missing series - Margaret Peterson Haddix

Nooks & Crannies – Jessica Lawson

Holes – Louis Sachar

A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket



Top Picks: Summer Reading 2023

Classics: New and Old

The One and Only Ivan – Katherine Applegate
Peter Pan and Wendy – J.M. Barrie
The Girl Who Drank the Moon – Kelly Barnhill
The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett
All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook – Leslie Connor
Sticks and Stones – Abby Cooper
The BFG – Roald Dahl
Flora and Ulysses – Kate DiCamillo
The Black Stallion - Walter Farley
George – Alex Gino
The Land of Forgotten Girls – Erin Entrada Kelly
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – Jacqueline Kelly
Listen, Slowly – Thanhha Lai
Ella Enchanted – Gail Carson Levine
The Magician’s Nephew – C.S. Lewis
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon – Grace Lin
The Remarkable Journey of Charlie Price – Jennifer Maschari
Anne of Green Gables – Lucy Maud Montgomery
Bridge to Terabithia – Katherine Paterson
The Red Pencil – Andrea Davis Pinkney
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone – J. K. Rowling
Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms – Katherine Rundell
Amal Unbound - Aisha Saeed
The Secret Horses of Briar Hill – Megan Shepherd
Charlotte’s Web - E. B. White

Nonfiction

Who Was...? series - Various Authors
Seeing Stars: a Complete Guide to the 88 Constellations - Sara Gillingham
Great Art in 30 Seconds - Susie Hodge
Bones: Skeletons and How They Work - Steve Jenkins
Ken Jennings’ Junior Genius Guides - Ken Jennings
The Building Blocks of Science series - Joseph Midthun
We Are the Ship - Kadir Nelson
Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower - Greg Pizzoli
Bomb - Steve Sheinkin
Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White - Melissa Sweet
I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters - Lauren Tarshis
Astrophysics for Young People in a Hurry - Neil Degrasse Tyson