Hawthorne Elementary School

2022 Summer Reading Recommendations

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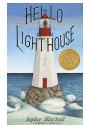
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What If... by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Mike Curato

Creativity, the power of imagination, and the importance of self-expression are celebrated in this inspiring picture book written and illustrated by real-life best friends.



Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall

Watch the days and seasons pass as the wind blows, the fog rolls in, and icebergs drift by. Outside, there is water all around. Inside, the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds. A Caldecott Medal winner.



Thank You, Neighbor by Ruth Chan

A young girl takes her dog on a walk around her neighborhood and stops to talk to the people who live and work there. Whether listening, asking, helping, or just saying hello and thank you—it is our patience and kindness that make a neighborhood feel like home.



Ladybug Girl at the Beach by David Soman and Jacky Davis

Lulu has never been to the beach but she knows she is going to love it...until she sees just how big and loud the ocean is. Ladybug Girl builds up her courage and confronts her fear of the ocean.



Don't Push the Button! By Bill Cotter

There's only one rule in Larry's book: don't push the button.

(Seriously, don't even think about it!)

Even if it does look kind of nice, you must never push the button. Who knows what would happen?



Knight Owl (A Caldecott Honor Book) by Christopher Denise

Since the day he hatched, Owl has dreamed of becoming a real knight. He may not be the biggest or the strongest, but that won't stop him from trying his hardest.



The Story of Fish and Snail by Deborah Freedman

Fish and Snail live in a book. Fish ventures forth to other books daily and brings back stories. When Fish urges a reluctant Snail to come out and experience the adventures firsthand, they have a fight that threatens their friendship, but bravery and fun ultimately prevail.



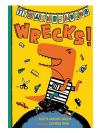
Hey, Water! by Antoinette Portis

Join a young girl as she explores her surroundings and sees that water is everywhere. But water doesn't always look the same, it doesn't always feel the same, and it shows up in lots of different shapes.



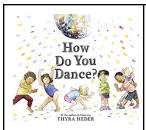
The King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes

Starting kindergarten is a big milestone--and the hero of this story is ready to make his mark! He's dressed himself, eaten a pile of pancakes, and can't wait to be part of a whole new kingdom of kids.



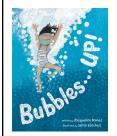
Tyrannosaurus Wrecks! by Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen, illustrated by Zachariah Ohora

A classroom full of young dinosaurs plays with toys, does art projects, and reads books. But each activity is another opportunity for the over-enthusiastic Tyrannosaurus Rex to wreak havoc.



How Do You Dance? by Thyra Heder

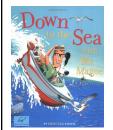
There are so many ways to dance! You can jiggle or wiggle or stomp. You can dance at the market or the bus stop, with your fingers or your face. But, what's the best way to dance? Exactly how you want to!



Bubbles . . . Up! by Jacqueline Davies, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez An everyday visit to the pool transforms into an unforgettable celebration of the water.

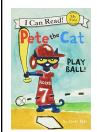


Whale in a Fishbowl by Troy Howell, illustrated by Richard Jones
Wednesday is a whale who lives in a fishbowl smack dab in the middle of a city--it's
the only home she's ever known. When a girl in a paisley dress tells Wednesday "You
belong in the sea," the whale starts to wonder and sets in motion a breathtaking
chain of events that will carry her to her rightful home.



Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee [series] by Chris Van Dusen

With enough lunch for three, Mr. Magee and his dog Dee head out to the sea. But what begins as a fun day in the sun turns a bit bumpy when one playful whale decides to say hello.



Pete the Cat: Play Ball! by James Dean

Pete's team, the Rocks, is playing the Rolls. But when the game doesn't go Pete's way, what will Pete do?



Hot Dog by Doug Salati (A Caldecott winner)

The city in the summer is too noisy, too crowded, too HOT! What's a dog to do? Escape to the beach of course!



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Fly High, Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold

Mom and Dad won't let Fly Guy go along on the family road trip. They're afraid he'll get lost. But when Dad accidentally shuts him in the trunk, Fly Guy goes along for the ride!



Do Jellyfish Like Peanut Butter?: Amazing Sea Creature Facts by Corinne Demas, Artemis Roehrig, illustrated by Ellen Shi

Do starfish sign autographs? Do seahorses wear saddles? Do lampreys get plugged in? Get silly and learn more about what lies beneath the ocean waves.



The Itchy Book! Written and illustrated by Mo Willems and LeUyen Pham Triceratops has an itch. . . so does Pterodactyl. . . and Brontosaurus. . . and T-Rex! But DINOSAURS DO NOT SCRATCH. There is a rule written in stone. What is an itchy dinosaur to do?!



The Smart Cookie by Jory John, illustrated by Pete Oswald

This cookie has never felt like a smart cookie no matter how hard she tries. Will a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of confidence be enough to help her learn that perfect scores and having all the answers aren't the only ingredients for intelligence?



Eva's Campfire Adventure [Owl Diaries Series] by Rebecca Elliott

Eva can't wait to go camping with her classmates! They pitch tents, eat yummy campfire treats, and build useful inventions. Best of all, they go on a treasure hunt through the forest. Join Eva and her friends as they work together to find the treasure!



My Toothbrush Is Missing (The Giggle Gang) by Jan Thomas

Dog's toothbrush is missing. Has anybody seen it? Maybe...But what does a toothbrush actually look like?

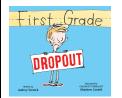


Should I Share My Ice Cream (An Elephant and Piggie Book) by Mo Willems Everyone loves ice cream and Gerald is no exception! But should he share his special treat with his best friend Piggie? What should Gerald do?



Ice Cream Summer by Peter Sís

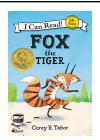
When Joe receives a letter from his grandpa asking how his summer is going, Joe proceeds to tell him about all the books he's reading and his latest explorations in history and geography all reflected in his fascination with ice cream.



First Grade Dropout by Audrey Vernick, illustrated by Matthew Cordell After an embarrassing incident in class, a boy decides that he is a laughingstock and does not want to return to Lakeview Elementary.



The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko When the fiercest dragon in the whole world smashes Princess Elizabeth's castle, burns all her clothes, and captures her fiancé, Prince Ronald, Elizabeth takes matters into her own hands. With her wits alone and nothing but a paper bag to wear, the princess challenges the dragon to show his strength in the hopes of saving the prince. But is it worth all that trouble?

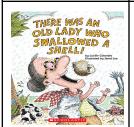


Fox the Tiger by Corey R. Tabor

Fun-loving, mischievous Fox wishes he were a tiger. Tigers are big and fast and sneaky. So he decides to become one!



What If You Could Spy like a Narwhal!?: Or have other weird animal superpowers? by Sandra Markle, illustrated by Howard McWilliam What if you woke up one morning, and you suddenly had the superpower of an unusual animal? If you could fly like a colugo, taking out the trash would be a breeze. If you could shock like an electric eel, you'd never worry about the power going out during a storm! And if you could spy like a narwhal, you'd never lose a game of hide-and-seek.



There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Shell! by Lucille Colandro, illustrated by Jared Lee

You won't believe why this old lady swallows a shell, a crab, a fish, a gull, a pail, some sand, and a wave!



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The Cookie Fiasco by Mo Willems

Hippo, Croc, and the Squirrels are determined to have equal cookies for all. But how? There are only three cookies . . . and four of them! They need to act fast before nervous Hippo breaks all the cookies into crumbs!



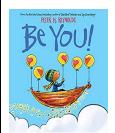
Meet Yasmin! [series] by Saadia Faruqi

In this delightful series starter, Yasmin learns about ancient explorers and mapmaking from her Baba, prompting her to explore the local farmer's market and plan out her journey.



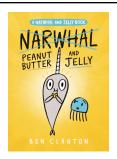
I Am Love: A Book of Compassion by Susan Verde

Love means showing kindness, living with gratitude, and taking care of our minds and bodies. Letting our hearts lead the way can help move us closer to a better world.



Be You! by Peter H. Reynolds

Discover a joyful reminder of the ways that every child is unique and special.



Peanut Butter and Jelly [A Narwhal and Jelly series] by Tony Ross

Narwhal and Jelly are back and Narwhal has a new obsession . . . peanut butter! He's so obsessed he even wants to change his name to Peanut Butter! Ever-sensible Jelly isn't so sure that's the best idea, but is all for Narwhal trying new things.



Game Over, Super Rabbit Boy! [Press Start! series] by Thomas Flintham Uh-oh, Animal Town is in trouble! Meanie King Viking has created a dreaded robot army to spread No Fun across the land. On top of that, he has stolen the happiest and most fun animal ever, Singing Dog. There is only one person who can save the day -- Super Rabbit Boy!

The Book With No Pictures

The Book with No Pictures by B. J. Novak

You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud even if the words are silly.



Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! by Jeff Brown, illustrated by Macky Pamintuan

When Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning, his brother, Arthur, is yelling. A bulletin board fell on Stanley during the night, and now he is only half an inch thick! Amazing things begin happening to him.



Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot [Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot series] by Dav Pilkey, illustrated by Dan Santat

Meet Ricky Ricotta, a little mouse with a big problem! Ricky has a hard time making friends at school, and the neighborhood bullies are always picking on him. If only Ricky could find someone to be his best buddy and keep those creepy bullies away.



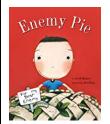
Sofia Martinez: My Family Adventure by Jacqueline Jules

Little Sofia Martinez has a big personality and big plans, which makes every day memorable. Between her sisters and cousins, her family is the focus of her many adventures. From taking school pictures to doing chores, this 7-year-old knows how to make every moment count. Sofia loves her family and loves her life. What could be better?



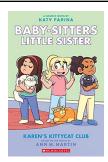
The Summer Vacation from the Black Lagoon [Black Lagoon series] by Mike Thaler, illustrated by Laurie Jared Lee

Hubie's friends are away, his mom has chores for him, and his popsicle stand is melting. How is he ever going to survive boring summer vacation?



Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

It was the perfect summer. That is, until Jeremy Ross moved into the house down the street and became neighborhood enemy number one. Luckily, Dad had a surefire way to get rid of enemies: Enemy Pie . . . but how do you make enemy pie anyway?



Karen's Kittycat Club [Baby-sitters Little Sister series] by Katy Farina Karen's best friend Hannie just got an adorable new kitten. Their neighbor Amanda has a cat, too, and Karen has grumpy old Boo-Boo. Now that they all have cats, Karen comes up with a great idea to start a Kittycat Club!



Summertime sleepers : animals that estivate

by Melissa Stewart

All science classrooms discuss animals that hibernate during winter months, but few know about animals that estivate--a prolonged sleep during hot or dry periods.



Who Would Win (Series) by Jerry Palotta

What if one dangerous animal had a fight with another? Who do you think would win? In this five-book bind-up of the popular Who Would Win? series, kids will learn about each animal's anatomy, behavior, and more. Then compare and contrast the battling pairs before finally discovering the winner! This nonfiction collection is full of facts, photos, and realistic illustrations, and it includes a range of mammals, sea creatures, insects, and dinosaurs to satisfy all kinds of animal fans