



SPRINGHURST PRESENTS



SUMMER

Reading

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1ST GRADE

A SALUTE TO GREAT
BOOKS!



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Dear Families,

With summer break just around the corner, we are thrilled to share our **2026 Summer Reading List** with you! This season offers the perfect opportunity for children to dive into new worlds, meet unforgettable characters, and embark on adventures through the pages of a book. Beyond the excitement of discovery, regular reading over the break helps keep those reading muscles strong and ready for the school year ahead. As you look for your next great story, remember that trips to the Dobbs Ferry Library also make for wonderful, air-conditioned outings.

Our list features a hand-picked selection of titles across a variety of genres, offering something for every interest. Please remember that this list is entirely optional and serves only to help spark ideas; your child is encouraged to explore any reading list or choose whichever books they find most exciting. You can find these titles listed here or on the Springhurst website—we hope this guide serves as a helpful companion for your next trip to the library or bookstore.

You can access our Bookflix subscription from home or anywhere with an internet connection this summer. Bookflix is a site with over 400 animated stories in multiple genres.

Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>

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We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with great stories, and we can't wait to see you back in September!

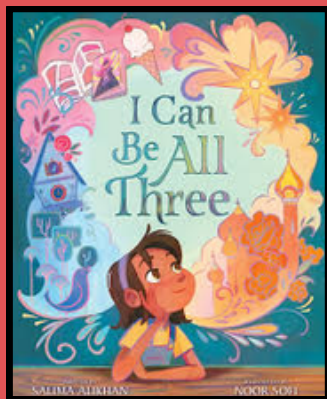
Happy Reading!

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I Can Be All Three

by Salima Alikhan



Embark on a heart-warming journey of self-discovery! This beautiful story invites families to celebrate the vibrant tapestry of multicultural identities through the eyes of a young girl. Watch your child's own confidence grow as they learn to cherish the many wonderful stories and worlds that make them unique.

When Grandpa Gives You a Toolbox

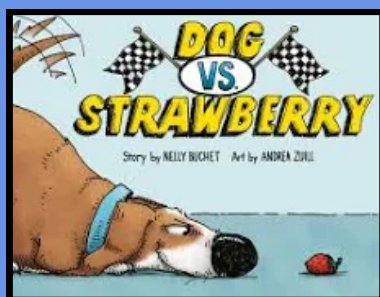
by Jamie L.B. Deenihan

Join a little boy on a creative adventure as he turns a disappointing gift from Grandpa into something amazing! With his own two hands and a bit of teamwork, he builds exactly what he dreamed of. Don't miss the companion story, When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree.



Dog Vs. Strawberry

by Nelly Buchet



After receiving a red strawberry as a treat, a goofy, plump dog transforms the moment into a high-stakes, epic race throughout the house, leading to a surprise finish that is absolutely hilarious.

How to Eat in Space

by Helen Taylor

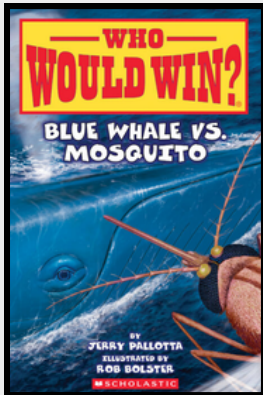
Ever wondered how astronauts enjoy a snack in zero gravity? Blast off into this fact-filled adventure that reveals the secrets of eating in space! Packed with real photos from NASA and deep-dive insights, it's a captivating look at life aboard the space station that young space explorers won't be able to put down. You will love reading this!



Who Would Win? Blue Whale vs. Mosquito

by Jerry Pallotta

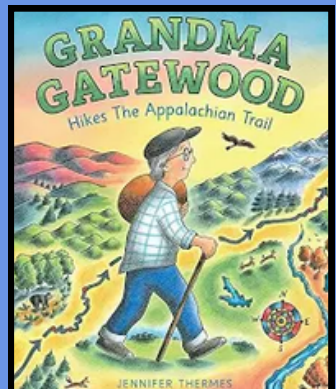
Picture a massive blue whale splashing away hundreds of mosquitoes, only for a sneaky survivor to slip inside and bite its tongue. It's a surprising battle where a tiny insect can make a giant sick! If you love wild animal showdowns, you'll love this series.



Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail

by Jennifer Thermes

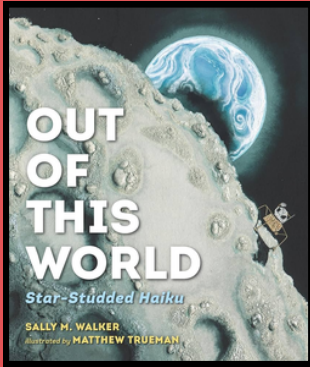
Follow the route of this inspiring Grandma as she travels the trail from Georgia to Maine. You may even want to try a short hike on the famous trail as it has entry points nearby!



Out of this World: Star Studded

Haiku

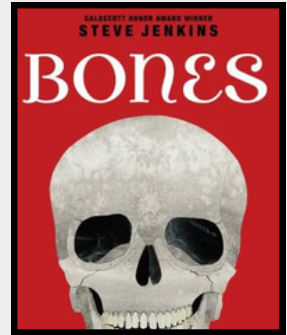
by Sally M. Walker



Take a leap into the stars! This magical blend of poetry and science, paired with stunning illustrations, invites you and your little one to explore the mysteries of the solar system and the engineering of robotics for exploring the moon. This book is an invitation to look up and dream big together.

Bones

by Steve Jenkins



Caldecott Honor winner Steve Jenkins presents a fascinating look at the bones of the human body as compared to the bones of animals, and shows them off!

Here and Now

by Julia Denos

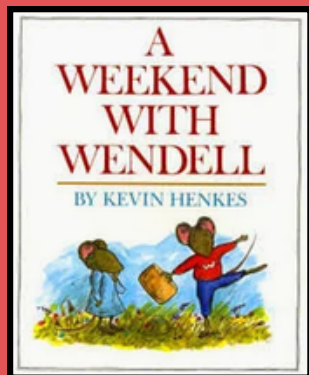


In our busy world, this book helps us take a happy inventory of the wonderful things around us! It's fun to find joy in your own space and time. Let's jump in and notice how the big world is moving, growing, and changing, just like us. In connection we can find peace.

A Weekend With Wendell

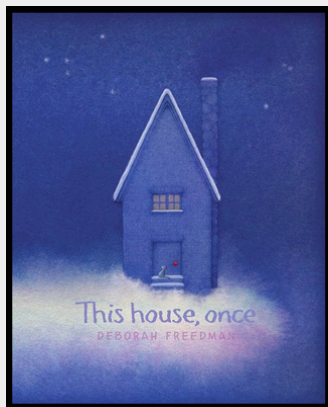
by Kevin Henkes

Come along with these inquisitive mice in a delightful tale about sharing, friendship, and the importance of self-advocacy. For those who enjoy this story, exploring other works by Henkes is highly encouraged.



This House, Once

by Deborah Freedman



Step into a whimsical, sun-dappled journey that whispers the secrets of where things begin. It is a gentle, meditative tale of how the earth's quiet treasures—sturdy wood, ancient stone, and soft clay—are lovingly woven together to build a house. Love and care make a house a home.

There is a Bird on Your Head

by Mo Willems

In *There Is a Bird On My Head!*, Gerald discovers that there is something worse than a bird on your head—two birds on your head! Can Piggie help her best friend?

Read all of Elephant Gerald and Piggie's adventures!

