Captain Awesome—Stan Kirby
When Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.

Dyamonde Daniel—Nikki Grimes
Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that doesn’t stop her from making a place for herself. With her can-do attitude and awesome brain power, she takes the whole neighborhood by storm.

Dragonbreath—Ursula Vernon
Follow the adventures of Danny Dragon, a young dragon attending a school for reptiles and amphibians.

I Survived—Lauren Tarshis
Each book in this series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who lived to tell the tale.

Lunch Lady—Jarrett J. Krosoczka
Hector, Terrence, and Dee have always wondered about their school lunch lady. What does she do when she isn’t dishing out the daily special? Little do they know, Lunch Lady doesn’t just serve sloppy joes—she serves justice! Whatever danger lies ahead, it’s no match for LUNCH LADY!

My Weird School—Dan Gutman
Follow A.J. through his wacky experiences at Ella Mentry School.

Squish—Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
In the battle between good and evil, there’s only one who has the courage to do what’s right... SQUISH! Saving the world, one cell at a time!

Who Was—?—Various Authors
Discover the lives of over 100 famous men and women from history with this series of engaging biographies.

Also look for books by these authors:
- Judy Blume
- Beverly Cleary
- Andrew Clements
- Bruce Coville
- Kate DiCamillo
- James Howe
- Gail Carson Levine
- Barbara Park
- Wendelin Van Draanen

There are many great online lists to give you even more reading ideas!

Award-Winning Children’s Books
http://www.underdown.org/childrens-book-awards.htm

Children’s Literature Web Guide
http://www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/

New York Public Library Kids!
http://kids.nypl.org

75 Authors/Illustrators Everyone Should Know
http://www.readingrockets.org/articles/58

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Dear Families:
Abington School District is pleased to suggest books your children might enjoy reading over the summer months. Also look for other books by these authors! For more suggestions about books and reading aloud, consult your school and public librarians.

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Dragon Keepers: Dragon in the Sock Drawer—Kate Klimo (first in a series)
Cousins Jesse and Daisy always knew they would have a magical adventure, but they are not prepared when the “thunder egg” Jesse has found turns out to be a dragon egg that is about to hatch.

Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor—Jon Scieszka (first in a series)
In his Grandpa Al’s garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own, and after an accident brings wisecracking Klink and overly expressive Klank to life, they set about helping Frank perfect his Antimatter Motor.

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Heidi Heckelbeck Has a Secret—Wendy Coven (first in a series)
After being homeschooled her whole life, Heidi Heckelbeck enters an elementary school in second grade, where she encounters a mean girl named Melanie who makes her feel like an alien.

Invisible Inkling—Emily Jenkins (first in a series)
When Hank Wolowitz runs into trouble in the form of a lunch-stealing bully, he finds an unlikely ally in an invisible refugee pumpking-loving bandapat named Inkling.

Liberty Porter, First Daughter Series—Julia DeVillers (first in a series)
Meet Liberty Porter, a nine-year-old with a lot going on. First of all, her dad has just started a new job. And she has to move to a house in a new city. Oh, and the really big thing? Her dad’s new job is President of the United States.

Like Bug Juice on a Burger—Julie Sternberg (first in a series)
As the days go on, nine-year-old Eleanor realizes that maybe being at summer camp isn’t so bad after all, and is full of special surprises.

Marty McGuire Has Too Many Pets—Kate Messner
After visiting a great ape sanctuary, Marty and her friends set out to raise the money to “adopt” a chimpanzee by organizing a talent show at school and starting a pet-sitting business in Marty’s basement — which soon gets out of hand.

The One and Only Ivan—Katherine Applegate
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Platypus Police Squad: The Frog Who Croaked—Jarrett J. Krosoczka (first in a series)
Detectives Zengo and O’Malley have to set aside their differences to solve a crime at the docks involving a missing schoolteacher and the possibility of illegal fish trade.

Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail—Kate Messner
Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue-dog except for the squirrels--but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850 where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail.

Spunky Tells All—Ann Cameron
Called a troublemaker by his human family, a reflective dog defends himself and then relates to the family’s adoption of an aristocratic but incompetent cat, who gives him a life purpose and a new way of looking at his world.

Star Wars Jedi Academy—Jeffrey Brown
Roan Novachez has always dreamed of going to Pilot Academy Middle School and becoming the greatest pilot in the galaxy, but the school rejected him. So, when a green guy named Yoda invites him to attend the Jedi Academy, he goes for it, but soon discovers that going to school with aliens and robots and trying to learn how to use the Force is not as easy as it sounds.

Stick Dog—Tom Watson
Stick Dog and his four friends—Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen—will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!

NONFICTION & POETRY

Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems—Paul B. Janeczko, editor
A selection of short American poems dealing with the four seasons and the different weather events and animal patterns that can occur within each one.

Lizards—Nic Bishop
This book includes full-color, illustrated photographs and description of the characteristics and behaviors of a variety of lizards around the world.

Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse—Marilyn Singer
A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.

Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farallon Islands—Katherine Roy
An up-close look at the ocean's most fearsome and famous predator and the scientists who study them--just twenty-six miles from the Golden Gate Bridge.

Nelson Mandela—Kadir Nelson
Text and illustrations present a biography of the former South African president, who was best known for his political activism and fight to end apartheid.

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin—Jen Bryant

SERIES

Babymouse—Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm
An imaginative mouse dreams her way through life.

Ballpark Mysteries—David A. Kelly
A series of mysteries set in our nation’s baseball stadiums.

Buddy Files—Dori Butler
Buddy the dog helps to solve a variety of mysteries.