



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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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **SUMMER READING – GRADES K to 2** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**PICTURE BOOKS**

***After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again***—Dan Santat

After his terrible fall from the wall, Humpty Dumpty is afraid to climb again—but really misses seeing his beloved birds. Can he find a way to conquer his fear? Also look for *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*.

***Big Cat, Little Cat***—Elisha Cooper

When a new little cat joins the family, the big cat must show it the ways of the world. A 2018 Caldecott Honor book.

***A Bike Like Sergio's***—Maribeth Boelts

Ruben wants a new bike, but when he finds a one-hundred dollar bill, he's not sure of the right thing to do with it.

***Blue Sky, White Stars***—Sarvinder Naberhaus

A beautiful celebration of America's symbols, history, landscape, and people.

***Charlie & Mouse***—Laurel Snyder

Young brothers Charlie and Mouse enjoy spending the day together. Winner of the 2018 Geisel Award for beginning readers. Also look for *Charlie & Mouse & Grumpy!*

***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut***—Derrick Barnes

A celebration of the way a fresh new haircut can make you feel. Winner of a 2018 Caldecott Honor, 2018 Newbery Honor, and 2018 Coretta Scott King Award Honor.

***Flashlight Night***—Matt Forest Esenwine

Inspired by a treehouse full of books, three kids with only a flashlight brave daring adventures on a summer night.

***Jabari Jumps***—Gaia Cornwall

Young swimmer Jabari is ready to try jumping off the diving board—or is he?

***Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion***—Alex T. Smith

In this safari-inspired version of the classic fairy tale, Little Red has some clever new ways to outsmart the Very Hungry Lion.

***Love***—Matt de la Peña

A tender exploration of the many ways we can see, feel, and experience love.

***Maybe Something Beautiful***—F. Isabel Campoy

Mira lives in a gray urban neighborhood, until a muralist arrives and inspires color, art, and joy in the community.

***Mother Bruce***—Ryan T. Higgins

Grumpy bear Bruce is just making breakfast, but when his eggs unexpectedly hatch, the goslings mistake him for their mother. Also look for *Hotel Bruce* and *Bruce's Big Move*.

***Niño Wrestles the World***—Yuyi Morales

Niño, a young lucha libre champion, can fight off any opponent—but is he ready to face his little sisters when they wake from their nap?

***The Not So Quiet Library***—Zachariah OHora

Oscar and Theo love to visit their local library on Saturday mornings, but can they save it from a hungry, book-eating monster?

***Wolf in the Snow***—Matthew Cordell

A girl and a wolf pup are both lost in a blizzard. Will either one find their way home? Winner of the 2018 Caldecott Medal. Also look for *Hello, Hello!* and *Another Brother*.

***The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse***—Mac Barnett

When a mouse is swallowed up by a wolf, he and the duck in its stomach decide that the belly of a wolf might not be such a bad home. Also look for *Extra Yarn* and *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*.

**NONFICTION & POETRY**

***The Blobfish Book***—Jessica Olien

A humorous introduction to the ugliest fish in the ocean.

***Can An Aardvark Bark?***—Melissa Stewart

Why do animals make the sounds they do? Find out!

***Cricket in the Thicket: Poems About Bugs***—Carol Murray

Poetry about various bugs, accompanied by fascinating facts about each one.

***Disgusting Critters (series)***—Elise Gravel

Introduces readers to a variety of disgusting critters, including head lice, rats, toads, worms, slugs, spiders, and flies. Includes fun graphic illustrations!

***A Friend for Lakota***—Jim Dutcher and Jaime Dutcher

A young wolf pup fights to survive the dangers of his pack and the environment until he finally finds a friend.

***Giant Squid***—Candace Fleming

Examines one of the sea's most mysterious and elusive creatures. Winner of a 2017 Sibert Honor for nonfiction.

***If Sharks Disappeared***—Lily Williams

What would happen if sharks disappeared from our planet?

***Malala's Magic Pencil***—Malala Yousafzai

How might you help the world if you had a magic pencil? An introduction to the life of education and girls' rights activist Malala Yousafzai.

**Spot the Plot**—J. Patrick Lewis

A collection of riddle poems inspired by favorite children's books and stories.

**When Green Becomes Tomatoes**—Julie Fogliano

Poems for various days and seasons throughout the year.

### SERIES

**Ballet Cat**—Bob Shea

Ballet Cat loves ballet more than anything else in the world, and wants all her friends to love it too! Continue the series with *The Totally Secret Secret*.

**Captain Awesome**—Stan Kirby

Second-grader Eugene has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, when he starts at a new school.

**Chicken Squad**—Doreen Cronin

Follow Dirt, Sweetie, Sugar, and Poppy, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, as they solve mysteries on the farm.

**Dory Fantasmagory**—Abby Hanlon

Spend the summer with Dory, the youngest in her family and a girl with a wild imagination!

**Elephant and Piggie**—Mo Willems

Gerald and Piggie are best friends! Read along as they share, play together, and make new friends. Be sure to look for the companion series, *Elephant and Piggie Love Reading*, as well.

**Henry and Mudge**—Cynthia Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

**Katie Woo**—Fran Manushkin

For Katie Woo, school is one big adventure. Follow her as she learns how to be a great classmate and friend.

**Ling & Ting**—Grace Lin

Ling and Ting are identical twins who people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

**Mercy Watson**—Kate DiCamillo

Mercy Watson is no ordinary pig. She loves toast with lots of butter, sleeps in her own bed, and is constantly getting into trouble! Also look for the companion series, *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*.

**Mr. Putter and Tabby**—Cynthia Rylant

The neighborhood adventures of Mr. Putter and his faithful cat Tabby.

**Pedro**—Fran Manushkin

Get to know Katie Woo's fun-loving friend, Pedro!

**The Princess in Black**—Shannon Hale & Dean Hale

Princess Magnolia has a secret monster-fighting alter ego: The Princess in Black!

**Roscoe Riley Rules**—Katherine Applegate

First grader Roscoe Riley doesn't mean to break the rules—he just can't help himself.

### Also look for more books by these authors:

Selina Alko & Sean Qualls

Mac Barnett

Peter Brown

Lauren Castillo

Doreen Cronin

Kelly DiPucchio

Ame Dyckman

Candace Fleming

Kevin Henkes

Oliver Jeffers

Steve Jenkins

Jon Klassen

Yuyi Morales

Zachariah OHora

Greg Pizzoli

Aaron Reynolds

Christian Robinson

Dan Santat

David Shannon

Philip C. Stead & Erin Stead

Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel

Carole Boston Weatherford

Mo Willems

Karma Wilson



There are many great resources online to give you even more summer reading ideas! Please visit our Symbaloo website to get started:

<https://tinyurl.com/ASDsummer>



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