



Dear Families:

Abington School District is pleased to suggest books your children might enjoy reading over the summer months, curated by our elementary school librarians. You may also enjoy 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 SUGGESTIONS - GRADES K to 2

### FICTION

**After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again, by Dan Santat** - After his fall from the wall, Humpty Dumpty is afraid to climb again—but misses seeing his beloved birds. Can he find a way to conquer his fear? Also look for *The Adventures of Beekle*.

**Another, by Christian Robinson** - In this wordless story, a young girl and her cat take an imaginative journey into another world.

**Bear Came Along, by Richard T. Morris** - An assortment of animals living separate lives discover they need each other when they have a chance encounter on a river.

**Because, by Mo Willems** - A series of events, some seemingly very insignificant, lead to a young girl attending a life-changing concert.

**The Book Hog, by Greg Pizzoli** - The Book Hog loves books and has a large collection, although he never learned to read.

**Going Down Home with Daddy, by Kelly Starling Lyons** - Alan looks forward to the annual family reunion at the farm where Daddy grew up, but he worries about arriving with empty hands.

**Hair Love, by Matthew Cherry** - Can Daddy help Zuri with her hair while Mommy’s gone?

**Jabari Jumps, by Gaia Cornwall** - Jabari is finally ready to try jumping off the diving board—or is he?

**Lift, by Minh Le** - Iris loves pushing the elevator buttons in her apartment building, but is she ready for

an extraordinary ride? Also look for *Drawn Together*.

**My Papi Has a Motorcycle, by Isabel Quintero** - Daisy Ramona zooms around her changing neighborhood with her papi on his motorcycle.

**Nesting, by Henry Cole** - Two robins build a nest together and raise their chicks, navigating a year of changing seasons and serpentine predators. Look for *One Little Bag: An Amazing Journey* as well.

**Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us, by Lauren Castillo** - When a storm separates Hedgehog from her friend, Mutty, she bravely sets out to find him and makes some very good new friends in the process.

**Saturday, by Oge Mora** - Ava and her mother have a special Saturday planned. Can they still find a way to appreciate their time together when things do not go as expected? Also look for *Thank You, Omu!*

**A Stone Sat Still, by Brendan Wenzel** - A stone sits still, but the world around it changes and evolves. Look for *They All Saw a Cat* and *Hello Hello* as well.

**Truman, by Jean Reidy** - He may be slow, but Truman the turtle is determined to find his girl Sarah, who has boarded a city bus on her way to school.

**Vamos: Let’s Go to the Market, by Raul the Third** - Join Little Lobo as he delivers supplies in a bustling border town, and learn some Spanish along the way! Also look for *Vamos: Let’s Go Eat!*

**We Are Water Protectors, by Carole Lindstrom** - A young water protector takes a stand to defend Earth’s most sacred resource.

## SERIES

**The Adventures of Otto, by David Milgrim** - Otto the robot loves adventure--and he wants to have an adventure with you!

**Ballet Cat, by Bob Shea** - Ballet Cat loves ballet more than anything else in the world, and wants all her friends to love it too! Start reading with *The Totally Secret Secret*.

**Charlie & Mouse, by Laurel Snyder** - Join the adventures of brothers Charlie and Mouse.

**Chick & Brain, by Cece Bell** - Meet Chick and Brain. And their friend Spot. Chick likes to follow the rules. Brain might not be as smart as he looks. And Spot just wants to eat lunch.

**Chicken Squad, by Doreen Cronin** - Follow Dirt, Sweetie, Sugar, and Poppy, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, as they solve mysteries on the farm.

**Diary of an Ice Princess, by Christina Soontornvat** - Living in a castle in the sky where she and her family use magical powers to control the weather, Princess Lina wants nothing more than to attend a normal school with her best friend Claudia, but she must keep her identity and abilities a secret.

**Dory Fantasmagory, by Abby Hanlon** - Spend the summer with Dory, the youngest in her family and a girl with a wild imagination!

**Duck, Duck, Porcupine, by Salina Yoon** - Meet Big Duck, Little Duck, and Porcupine--stars of a charming early reader series perfect for fans of *Elephant and Piggie* and *Ballet Cat*.

**Elephant and Piggie, by Mo Willems** - Gerald and Piggie are best friends! Read along as they share, play together, and make new friends. Also look for the companion series, **Elephant and Piggie Love Reading!**

**Fly Guy, by Tedd Arnold** - Funny stories about a boy and his pet fly. Check out the nonfiction series **Fly Guy Presents** as well.

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

**Jasmine Toguchi, by Debbi Michiko Florence** - Follow Jasmine as she sets out to make mochi, solve mysteries, learn a new talent, and prove she's ready for a pet!

**Katie Woo, by 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, by Grace Lin** - Ling and Ting are identical

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

**Mia Mayhem, by Kara West** - Mia comes from a family of superheroes. Follow her adventures as she discovers her own abilities!

**Mercy Watson, by 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, by Cynthia Rylant** - The neighborhood adventures of Mr. Putter and his faithful cat Tabby.

**Narwhal and Jelly, by Ben Clanton** - Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together.

**Noodleheads, by Tedd Arnold** - Enjoy this comic-style series about the gullible Noodlehead brothers, inspired by traditional folk tales.

**Pedro, by Fran Manushkin** - Get to know Katie Woo's fun-loving friend, Pedro!

**Penguin Stories, by Salina Yoon** - Charming text and bright, energetic illustrations feature Penguin as he explores new experiences and friendships.

**Penny, by Kevin Henkes** - Meet Penny, an adorable and energetic mouse.

**The Princess in Black, by Shannon & Dean Hale** - Princess Magnolia has a secret monster-fighting alter ego: *The Princess in Black!*

**Rabbit and Robot, by Cece Bell** - In *The Sleepover*, Rabbit and Robot are having a sleepover! In *Rabbit and Robot and Ribbit*, can three friends be better than two?

**Roscoe Riley Rules, by Katherine Applegate** - First grader Roscoe Riley doesn't mean to break the rules—he just can't help himself.

**Unlimited Squirrels, by Mo Willems** - A new, squirrely series from the creator of *Elephant & Piggie!*

**Yasmin, by Saadia Faruqi** - Get to know Yasmin, a creative second-grader who is ready to face any challenge with imagination and determination.

**Zoey and Sassafras, by Asia Citro** - Zoey and her cat, Sassafras, use science to help mythical and imaginary creatures.

## NONFICTION & POETRY

**Before We Eat: From Farm to Table, by Pat Brisson** - A celebration of everyone who makes it possible to enjoy a meal, from farmers and fishermen to store clerks and more.

**The Blobfish Book, by Jessica Olien** - A humorous introduction to the ugliest fish in the ocean.

**Bloom Boom! by April Pulley Sayre** - An illustrated introduction to flowers that bloom in the spring.

**Cricket in the Thicket: Poems About Bugs, by Carol Murray** - Poetry about various bugs, accompanied by fascinating facts about each one.

**Disgusting Critters, by Elise Gravel** - This series introduces readers to a variety of disgusting critters, including head lice, rats, toads, worms, slugs, spiders, and flies. Includes fun graphic illustrations!

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story, by Kevin Noble Maillard** - Join a Native American family as they make fry bread and celebrate their culture. Includes a recipe for fry bread!

**Hey Water!, by Antoinette Portis** - Exploring water in its many forms and shapes.

**If Animals Disappeared, by Lily Williams** - What would happen to our world if sharks, elephants, or polar bears became extinct? Find out in this nonfiction series about animal conservation.

**Malala's Magic Pencil, by 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.

**The Truth About Your Favorite Animals, by Maxwell Eaton** - Colorful cartoon talking animals revealing the secrets of their lives and lifestyles.

**Vivid: Poems & Notes About Color, by Julie Paschke** - Poems and facts celebrating the colors of the rainbow.

**We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga, by Traci Sorell** - Through a full year of Cherokee celebrations and experiences, the Cherokee Nation expresses gratitude and reflects on struggles.

**Whoosh! Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions, by Chris Barton** - A biography of Lonnie Johnson, an engineer at NASA who is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun.

**The World of Weird Animals, by Jess Keating** - A series introducing readers to the strangest animals on the planet.

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