

**Katy Independent School District
2019 Suggested Summer Reading List
Entering 1st Grade**

Author	Title	Summary
Foster, Travis Long, Ethan	<i>Give Me Back My Book!</i>	This story is told through pictures and speech bubbles. The characters in the story are funny and love reading. The story teaches about the joy of reading and the unexpected ways it brings people together.
Hirsch, Rebecca	<i>Plants Can't Sit Still</i>	Plants wiggle, grow, squirm and reach for light. They climb, hide and even eat insects. Take a field trip to the plant store and explore the world of plants through this book.
Keller, Laurie	<i>Potato Pants</i>	Hilarious story about a potato who really, really wants a new pair of potato pants, but Eggplant pushes him aside and beats him to the pants store the day they go on sale. Potato is NOT happy and tries to problem solve, but things go awry. This funny and silly story offers a sweet message about forgiveness and friendship.
Song, Mika	<i>Tea With Oliver</i>	A cat named Oliver would really like someone to have tea with him. A little mouse named Philbert would love to drink tea with Oliver, but Philbert has a hard time getting Oliver to notice him. This story demonstrates kindness to those that are different!
Tallec, Olivier	<i>Who What Where?</i>	Who left a jacket at home? Who's looking in the mirror? The reader must interact with this book by looking at the details to answer the questions.

AUTHORS

Arnold, Tedd	Jenkins, Steve	Stead, Philip C
Henkes, Kevin	Rosenthal, Amy Krouse	Willems, Mo

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Capucilli, Alyssa	<i>Biscuit</i>	Read about the many adventures of a friendly little puppy, Biscuit, and his friends!
Falconer, Ian	<i>Olivia</i>	Olivia is a playful and imaginative pig who always seems to find trouble or get into mischief.
Litwin, Eric Dean, James	<i>Pete the Cat</i>	Pete the Cat is a laid back blue cat whose motto is "It's all good" no matter what problem he meets.
Oldland, Nicholas	<i>Life in the Wild</i>	Fun series about a bear, moose, and beaver that promotes team work, kindness, and friendship.
Olson, et al	<i>Zoo Animal Mysteries</i>	Follow clues to solve mysteries by using a world map which highlights the locations of the animals. The clues narrow as different parts of the animal become the focus.

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Author	Title	Summary
Barton, Bethany	<i>I'm Trying to Love Spiders</i>	A hilarious and clever way to introduce the idea of fears, spiders, and general nonfiction to young readers. Provides funny illustrations to go with amazing facts about our often feared eight-legged friends.
Dyckman, Ame	<i>Misunderstood Shark</i>	A funny picture book that follows a jellyfish interviewing a shark that is always misunderstood. He can explain his innocence on several different events. He isn't planning on eating a baby seal or following blood in the water...or is he?
Faulconer, Maria	<i>A Mom for Umande</i>	True story of a baby gorilla that is rejected by his mother and cared for by the zookeepers until they find a gorilla to take care of him.
John, Jory	<i>Giraffe Problems</i>	Edward the giraffe can't understand why his neck is as long and bendy and, well, ridiculous as it is. No other animal has a neck this absurd. He's tried disguising it, dressing it up, strategically hiding it behind bushes--honestly, anything you can think of, he's tried. Just when he has exhausted his neck-hiding options and is about to throw in the towel, a turtle swoops in (well, ambles in, very slowly) and helps him understand that his neck has a purpose, and it looks excellent in a bow tie.
Zietlow, Pat	<i>Be Kind</i>	Tanisha spills grape juice on her dress and a classmate thinks of ways she can make her feel better. She thinks about what it really means to show kindness to others and how small gestures can make a big difference to someone else who may be having a tough time.

AUTHORS

Arnosky, Jim	Lester, Helen	Rylant, Cynthia
Cronin, Doreen	Prelutsky, Jack	Stevens, Janet

SERIES

Hayes, Geoffrey	<i>Benny and Penny</i>	Follow the adventures of Benny and Penny, two mice, as they pretend to be brave pirates, calm each other's bedtime fears, and go on treasure hunts in this action-filled graphic novel series.
Klein, Abby	<i>Ready Freddy!</i>	Discover how first – grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word “fin” cleverly hidden in every picture.
Lord, Cynthia	<i>Shelter Pet Squad</i>	In this series, Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect pet homes for animals in need.
Manushkin, Fran	<i>Katie Woo</i>	Share the ongoing adventures of Katie Woo and her friends as they care for the class pet, find a job for career day, and save the Earth!
McDonald, Megan	<i>Stink</i>	Judy Moody's little brother, Stink, gets involved in some hilarious adventures and even writes a comic strip for the end of each chapter.

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Blabey, Aaron	<i>The Bad Guys</i>	Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark feel extremely misunderstood, and they're determined to change their reputations by completing a series of good deeds.
Himmelman, John	<i>Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny</i>	Meet Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny! She is the best bunjitsu artist in her school. She can throw farther, kick higher and hit harder than any bunny else! But her strongest weapon is her mind!
Jenkins, Steve	<i>Speediest!: 10 Very Fast Animals</i>	This nonfiction book is about the 19 speediest animals. This book shares a simple paragraph about each animal, a map, a comparison to human size, and a fun fact in a colored circle.
Keating, Jess	<i>Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals</i>	This fun science book takes a look at the world of wonderfully weird animals that are the color pink – from the blobfish to a monster slug.
O'Roark Dowell, Frances	<i>Sam the Man & the Chicken Plan</i>	Sam needs a job! One of Sam's neighbors asks him to watch her chickens and Sam jumps on the opportunity. In this book, Sam learns about helping others, his neighbors, responsibility and chickens!

AUTHORS

Cleary, Beverly Klise, Kate	Lacey, Josh McDonald, Megan	Osborne, Mary Pope Scieszka, Jon
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Bishop, Nic	Nonfiction Animal Books	Learn about snakes, spiders, butterflies and other animals through these beautifully photographed books.
Johannes, Shelley	<i>Beatrice Zinker Upside Down Thinker</i>	Beatrice is a creative thinker who sees things differently. At the end of the school year, she makes a plan for the first day of school with her best friend Lenny, who completely forgets about it over the summer. Beatrice has to navigate how to handle this situation and trouble with her friend.
Katschke, Judy	<i>The Magic School Bus Rides Again</i>	Mrs. Frizzle's class is back and ready for more educational adventures in these early reader chapter books. In Monster Power, the gang gets ready for a wild sleepover. When it is too dark for some, the group tries to find a natural power source to turn on their lights. In Sink or Swim, the group heads to Hawaii to escape the snow for a field trip and end up having to save an endangered fish from a giant shark.
Mlynowski, Sara	<i>Whatever After</i>	Abby and Jonah's magic mirror keeps pulling them into fairy tale land where the stories get changed. Can they figure out a way to make the story turn out like it should?
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Dog Man</i>	Part dog, part man and ALL hero! Dog Man fights crime in these fast paced graphic novels.

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Arnold, Elana K.	<i>A Boy Called Bat</i>	A big-hearted book about a third grade boy nicknamed Bat, who has many challenges due to his autism, but falls in love with a baby skunk his veterinarian Mom brings home. Bat has to convince his mother that he can face the challenges required to raise baby Thor. Bat find that raising a skunk takes a lot of patience and a lot of humor.
Bishop, Sylvia	<i>The Bookshop Girl</i>	The Joneses' contest prize is the Great Montgomery Book Emporium! They discover there is more to the Emporium. The man who built the Emporium is very peculiar and the Emporium itself is magical! Property Jones also has a secret of her own. Can she save her family from a con man?
Brown, Peter	<i>The Wild Robot</i>	During a hurricane, a ship carrying robots sinks but not before Roz 7134 lands on a deserted island. Roz explores the island and learns the importance of kindness as she cares for an orphaned bird.
Green, Shari	<i>Missing Mike</i>	Wildfires are moving in on their home and they have 10 minutes to evacuate, Mike, the dog, runs and they have to leave him behind. The family moves in with another family while waiting on news of their home and Mike. Cara learns that homes comes in many forms and what makes a home is different for everyone.
Rockliff, Mara	<i>Around America To Win The Vote</i>	This book tells the true story of Nell Richardson and Alice Burke. They drove across the country over desert sands and unpaved roads in their yellow car to rally for the right for women to vote.

AUTHORS

Blume, Judy	Green, Tim	Messner, Kate
DiCamillo, Kate	Maclachlan, Patricia	Silverstein, Shel

SERIES

Gidwitz, Adam	<i>Unicorn Rescue Society</i>	A fantasy-adventure series about mythical creatures and their cultures of origin. An exciting and hilarious series about friendship, adventure, and mythical creatures from around the world.
Hale, Shannon Mull, Brandon Nix, Garth Stiefvater, Maggie	<i>Spirit Animals</i>	Set in the world of Erdas, children go through a coming of age ritual to determine if they have a spirit animal and discover their greater destiny.
Halvorson, Karin M.D.	<i>Super Simple Body</i>	This series takes a look at various body parts and their functions. Each book includes fun activities/experiments to enhance the student's understanding of the body.
Hicks, Deron	<i>The Letterford Mysteries</i>	Someone is attempting a hostile takeover of Letterford Publishing Company, but Colophon is not going to let anyone take it away from her dad.
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>I Survived...</i>	Each story tells a thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who survived the event. This book details thoroughly researched facts from each event or disaster.

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MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>My Father's Words</i>	A heartwarming story filled with love, struggles, humor and family. Fiona, brother Finn and Mom, Mrs. O'Brien, struggle to deal with a terrible loss. Mrs. O'Brien returns to her classes and Fiona fills the time with finding ways to help her brother Finn cope with the changes to their lives. They begin volunteering at an animal shelter and find Emma, the rescue dog who also rescues them.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Louisiana's Way Home</i>	Louisiana's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her they have to leave home immediately. Louisiana isn't overly worried. But this time, things are different. Separated from her best friends, Louisiana struggles to oppose the winds of fate and find a way home. Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small town.
McMullen, Beth	<i>Mrs. Smith's Spy School For Girls</i>	A girl discovers her boarding school is actually an elite spy-training program, and she must learn the skills of the trade in order to find her mother in this action-packed story.
Glaser, Karina Yan	<i>The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street</i>	The Vanderbeekers live in a home that they rent from the upstairs neighbor, but right before Christmas the owner decides that he no longer wants them as tenants. The children don't want to move and leave all their friends, so they get busy trying to find a way to persuade the owner to keep them. Everything goes south. The blended family never gives up and the parents keep everyone upbeat.
Sweet, Melissa	<i>Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White</i>	Filled with actual photographs with insets using typewriter font, Melissa Sweet tells the "Sweet" story of E. B. White. Actual photographs are included.

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Creech, Sharon Gibbs, Stuart	Hahn, Mary Downing Lerangis, Peter	Lin, Grace Riordan, Rick
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Colfer, Chris	<i>The Land of Stories</i>	Fast-paced adventures of twins lost in a world filled with fairy tale characters.
Fleming, Candace	<i>History Pals</i>	Nolan and Olive have famous historical guests from the past visit their house! Ben Franklin wants to investigate everything! When Eleanor Roosevelt time travels to visit, they do not recognize her at first. Nolan and Olive have an adventure with each of these famous Americans!
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Genius Files</i>	Twins, Coke and Pepsi, travel across the country on exciting summer adventures. Follow their travels on Google Maps.
Hale, Nathan	<i>Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales</i>	Action-packed graphic series focusing on important people and events in history.
Korman, Gordon	<i>Swindle Titanic Trilogy</i>	Griffin Bing relies on his friends to help solve mysteries. Adventure trilogy based on the Titanic disaster.