

**Katy Independent School District  
Suggested Summer Reading List 2017  
Entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Agee, Jon	Lion Lessons	Earning a lion diploma is not easy to do. A boy learns seven steps in becoming a lion and learns a little about friendship along the way.
Fenske, Jonathan	A Pig, A Fox, and a Box	Fox tries to play tricks on his friend Pig when he finds a box that he can hide in.
Hirsch, Rebecca	Plants Can't Sit Still	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.
Tallec, Olivier	Who What Where?	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.
Yolen, Jane	What To Do With A Box	A simple box can have endless, magical uses! Find out lots of creative ways to use a box.

**AUTHORS**

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

**SERIES**

Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit	Read about the many adventures of a friendly little puppy, Biscuit, and his friends!
Falconer, Ian	Olivia	Olivia is a playful and imaginative pig who always seems to find trouble or get into mischief.
Joyner, Andrew	Boris	These chapter books are great for beginning readers! There are pictures on every page and Boris is so much fun! Boris loves to go on adventures with his family and friends.
Litwin, Eric Dean, James	Pete the Cat	Pete the Cat is a laid back blue cat whose motto is "It's all good" no matter what problem he meets.
Oldland, Nicholas	Life in the Wild	Fun series about a bear, moose, and beaver that promotes team work, kindness, and friendship.
Olson, et al	Zoo Animal Mysteries	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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Barnett, Mac	Rules of the House	Ian always follows the rules but his sister, Jenny, never does. When Jenny angers some monsters at their vacation house in the woods by breaking all of their rules, Ian has to decide if it's worth it to break a rule to save his sister.
Barton, Bethany	I'm Trying to Love Spiders	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.
Faulconer, Maria	A Mom for Umande	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.
Messner, Kate	How to Read a Story	This is a creative how-to book that teaches young children, step by step, how to discover the love of reading.
O'Leary, Sara	This is Sadie	Sadie is a girl with a big imagination. She loves spending time creating new things and going on adventures through the books that she reads.
<b>AUTHORS</b>		
Arnosky, Jim	Lester, Helen	Rylant, Cynthia
Cronin, Doreen	Prelutsky, Jack	Stevens, Janet
<b>SERIES</b>		
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny and Penny	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	Ready Freddy!	Discover how first – grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word “fin” cleverly hidden in every picture.
Lord, Cynthia	Shelter Pet Squad	In this series, Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect pet homes for animals in need.
Manushkin, Fran	Katie Woo	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!
Markle, Sandra	What If You Had Animal_____	With colorful, fun illustrations, this series takes a look at what it would be like if people had various animal features.
McDonald, Megan	Stink	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	The Bad Guys	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.
Bryant, Jen	Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille	A young inventor develops an alphabet with raised dots allowing the blind to read and write. Never has a child made such important and lasting contributions.
Himmelman, John	Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny	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!
Keating, Jess	Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals	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	Sam the Man & the Chicken Plan	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 Scieszka, Jon
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**SERIES**

Bishop, Nic	Nonfiction Animal Books	Learn about snakes, spiders, butterflies and other animals through these beautifully photographed books.
Holub, Joan	Heroes in Training Goddess Girls	Series based on Gods and Goddesses from Greek Mythology.
Messner, Kate	Marty McGuire	Marty is a tom-boy who idolizes Jane Goodall. She always tries to do what is right, but sometimes things don't always cooperate.
Mills, Claudia	Franklin School Friends	Each book in the series focus on a different friend and his/her strengths. The characters and problems are easy to relate to.
Mlynowski, Sara	Whatever After	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?
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton	Follow the adventures of a talking mouse that lives in New Mouse City and works as the editor of <i>The Rodent's Gazette</i> , the fictional newspaper

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Bond, Rebecca	Escape from Baxter's Barn	A group of barnyard animals overhear their desperate farmer hatching a plot to burn down the barn for insurance money, and they work together to form an escape plan. A sweet story that was reminiscent of Charlotte's Web.
Brown, Peter	The Wild Robot	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.
Holm, Jennifer	The Fourteenth Goldfish	Eleven-year-old Ellie Cruz's life changes dramatically when her mother brings a teenage boy home one night and she learns it is her estranged grandfather. Melvin is a scientist who has figured out how to reverse aging and is now 13 again.
Rockliff, Mara	Around America To Win The Vote	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.
Weing, Drew	Creepy Case Files of Margo Maloo	When Charles moved to Echo City, he never imagined he'd be bullied by monsters-literally! Luckily, Margo Maloo knows how to deal with the creepers who won't leave him alone.

**AUTHORS**

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

**SERIES**

Buckley, Michael	The Sisters Grimm	Welcome the Sisters Grimm, Sabrina and Daphne, two girl sleuths. Their adventures are filled with hilarious fairy-tale twists and are sure to delight fantasy readers.
Hale, Shannon Mull, Brandon Nix, Garth Stiefvater, Maggie	Spirit Animals	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.	Super Simple Body	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	The Letterford Mysteries	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 Survived...	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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Grimes, Nikki	Garvey's Choice	Garvey, an overweight boy who is bullied, decides he must make a difficult choice to be true to himself--one that will cause others to accept him.
Hilton, Marilyn	Full Cicada Moon	Mimi Yoshiko Oliver, the daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother, hopes to be an astronaut. She makes bold choices at a time when most girls follow traditional roles.
Hunt, Lynda M.	Fish in a Tree	Ally is very good at math and art, but she struggles with reading until Mr. Daniels helps her understand her struggle with dyslexia.
Plourde, Lynn	Maxi's Secret	Life lessons are learned from a lovable dog who wiggles her way into the hearts of the characters and the reader.
Sweet, Melissa	Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White	Filled with actual photographs with insets using typewriter font, Melissa Sweet tells the "Sweet" story of E. B. White. Actual photographs are included.

**AUTHORS**

Creech, Sharon	Hahn, Mary Downing	Lin, Grace
Gibbs, Stuart	Lerangis, Peter	Riordan, Rick

**SERIES**

Colfer, Chris	The Land of Stories	Fast-paced adventures of twins lost in a world filled with fairy tale characters.
Gutman, Dan	The Genius Files	Twins, Coke and Pepsi, travel across the country on exciting summer adventures. Follow their travels on Google Maps.
Hale, Nathan	Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales	Action-packed graphic series focusing on important people and events in history.
Korman, Gordon	Swindle Titanic Trilogy	Griffin Bing relies on his friends to help solve mysteries. Adventure trilogy based on the Titanic disaster.
TenNapel, Doug	Nnewts	Herk and his sister must battle the Lizzarks for control of Amphibopolis.