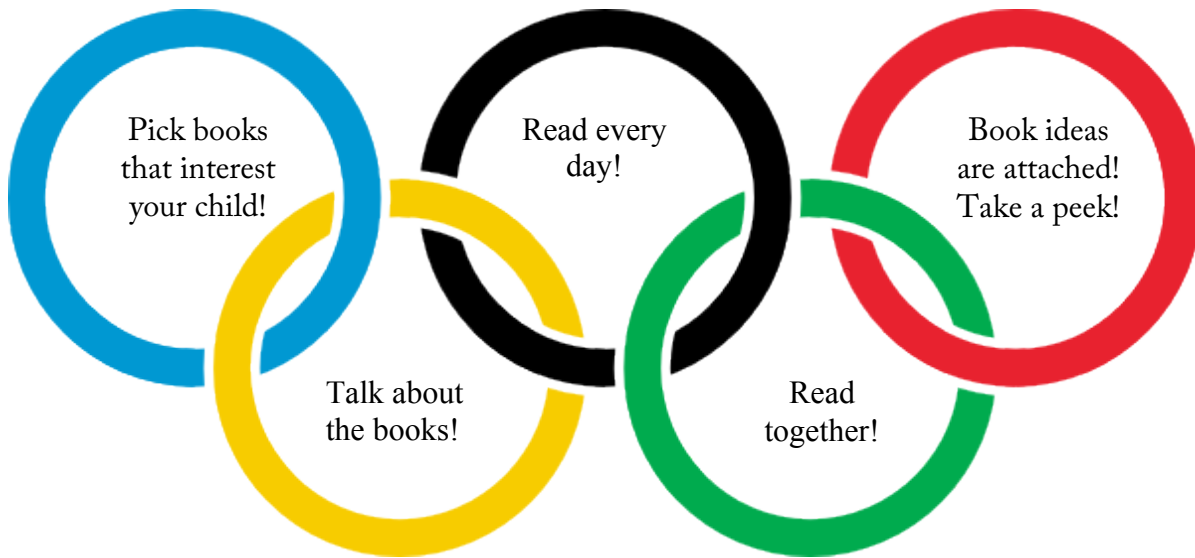


Go for the gold!



Make reading a daily habit this summer!

Show your stuff! Return the attached reading log next fall!

Happy Reading from the Lower School Library!

Summer reading suggestions for students entering First Grade

Animal Stories

- Click, clack, moo: cows that type (and others) by Doreen Cronin - Funny books that are good for thinking about others' perspective. Enjoy the many great books by this author!
- Duck at the door by Jackie Urbanovic - Hilarious books with great illustrations feature Max the Duck. Duck soup and Duck and cover are also by this author.
- My lucky day by Kasza Keiko - This is one of several clever books by this author. A pig outsmarts a wily wolf and gains a yummy dinner.

Books for Beginning Readers

- Elephant Joe, brave firefighter by David Wojtowycz – How will Elephant Joe and his friend Zebra Pete rescue a dragon from a tree?
- Oliver and Amanda pig books by Jean Van Leeuwen - Lovely tales with short chapters make good choices for beginning readers.
- Penny and her song by Kevin Henkes - Penny, a small mouse, wants to share her song, but has trouble getting anyone to listen. Also look for Penny and her marble and Penny and her doll.
- Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant - Fun series for beginning readers.
- We both read series by various authors - These books, at different levels of difficulty, are explicitly meant to be read with an adult.

Amazing Nonfiction

- An ambush of tigers: A wild gathering of collective nouns by Betsy R. Rosenthal – A humorous lesson about the collective nouns used for groups of animals.
- Did dinosaurs eat pizza? Mysteries science hasn't solved by Lenny Hort - This funny book raises questions about what we know and don't know about dinosaurs.
- National Geographic little kids first big book of animals - There are many topics of this "First big book" series and they all have stellar illustrations.
- Who says women can't be doctors by Tanya Lee Stone- The story of Elizabeth Blackwell who did what no woman before her had done and became a doctor.

Predictable Books

- Q is for duck: an alphabet guessing game by Michael Folsom - This sophisticated alphabet book will help students think in creative ways.
- What Pete ate from A to Z by Maria Kalman - Pete is a beloved dog that eats everything a dog shouldn't.

Favorite Authors

- Charlie Cook's favorite book by Julia Donaldson – A creative book about reading and favorite characters. There are many wonderful books by this author.
- Get out of bed (and many other books) by Robert Munsch - Hilarious author takes things to extremes for a good laugh.
- One boy by Laura Vaccaro Seeger - Every book by this author is clever and original. Enjoy Walter is worried and others also by Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

Friends and Family

- A couple of boys have the best week ever by Marla Frazee - A clever tale of two boys who prefer to watch TV than play outside.
- Mama Seeton's Whistle by Jerry Spinelli – Even when her children are grown and living far from home, they still come home when she blows her whistle for dinner.
- The only child by Guojing – A young girl becomes lost on the way to her grandmother's and befriends a magical creature. A wordless picture book.

Just For Fun

- How I became a pirate by Melinda Long - Jeremy is good at digging and is recruited to dig a hole for some pirates!
- Miss Nelson books by Harry Allard - Entertaining stories about Miss Nelson's class and the substitute teachers they have.
- My teacher is a monster (no, I am not) by Peter Brown - Bobby has the worst teacher. It's bad enough that he sees her in class. Then the unthinkable happens, Bobby sees her at the park!
- This plus that by Amy Krause Rosenthal - Clever, clever books about a wide array of topics. *This plus that* begs for your creativity. Enjoy the many other clever books by this author!
- Traction Man is here by Mini Grey - Great books about the adventures of an action figure through the imagination of a little boy. Look for other books by this author.
- Willy's stories by Anthony Browne – Willy goes on all sorts of adventures in classic children's books. Use the clues to guess where he's gone and what will happen next!

Perfect Read Alouds

- George's marvelous medicine by Roald Dahl – A young boy concocts a potion to turn his grandma from grumpy to sweet with an unexpected consequence. A hilarious author!
- Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant – When a storm separates a squirrel from her babies, her animal friends come to the rescue.
- The Littles by John Peterson – The Little are like any other family, with one tiny difference. Read along with the big adventures of this little family.

Name _____

My Summer Reading Log

Select at least ten books to be read by or to read to your child. The attached list gives some suggestions but books need not be on the list. Note the titles here and return the log to your child's teacher in the fall.

Title

Author
