



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 3 & 4

FICTION

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

A Boy Called BAT, by Elana K. Arnold - Bixby Alexander Tam (BAT for short) loves animals and wants to become a veterinarian just like his mom. What happens when his mom brings home a newborn skunk kit? Also look for the sequels, *BAT and the Waiting Game* and *BAT and the End of Everything*.

Dragons in a Bag, by Zetta Elliott - Jaxon gets more than he bargains for when his mother leaves him with a neighbor one morning. What follows is a magical adventure that will change his life! Look for the sequel, *The Dragon Thief*, as well.

The Friendship War, by Andrew Clements - When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a trend at school that complicates her friendships..

Just Ask!, by Sonia Sotomayor - Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers they have as well.

Knights vs. Dinosaurs, by Matt Phelan - With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all: dinosaurs! Look for *Knights vs. Monsters* too.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie, by Julie Sternberg - Nine-year-old Eleanor's summer doesn't go as

planned when her beloved babysitter Bibi moves away. Also look for *Like Bug Juice on a Burger* and *Like Carrot Juice on a Cupcake*.

Lucy and the Rocket Dog, by Will Buckingham - Will Buckingham Lucy is a brilliant scientist who has built her very own rocket! When her dog Laika sneaks aboard, the rocket accidentally launches. Will they ever be reunited?

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say, by Angela Dominguez - A new student is joining Stella's class and she is eager to make a new friend. But will things work out the way she hopes? Look for the sequel, *Stella Diaz Never Gives Up*, as well.

Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom, by Louis Sachar - For the first time in twenty-five years, Wayside School is back in session in this brand-new, fourth installment in the perennially beloved and bestselling series by Newbery Medal-winning author Louis Sachar.

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

Weekends with Max and His Dad, by Linda Urban - Third-grader Max pursues neighborhood adventures with his dad as they both adjust to recent changes in their family. Look for *Road Trip with Max and His Mom* too!

Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate - Red, an old oak tree, has watched over her neighborhood for centuries. Can she and her crow friend, Bongo, find a way to help the community when an immigrant family is threatened?

SERIES

Buddy Files, by Dori Butler - Buddy the dog helps solve mysteries.

Clementine, by Sara Pennypacker - Follow third-grader Clementine's many escapades at school and at home.

Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol, by Andres Miedoso - Desmond Cole and his best friend Andres run a ghost-hunting service.

Dyamonde Daniel, by Nikki Grimes - Dyamonde Daniel may be new in town, but that won't stop her from taking the whole neighborhood by storm.

I Survived, by Lauren Tarshis - Each book in this series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale.

Jasmine Toguchi, by Debbi Michiko Florence - Follow Jasmine as she sets out to make mochi, solve mysteries, and more!

Mac B., Kid Spy, by Mac Barnett - Life is pretty ordinary for Mac. B, until the day he gets a call from the Queen of England and starts his career as a spy!

Marty McGuire, by Kate Messner - Marty loves animals, the outdoors, and being herself. Join her adventures on stage, at school, and outside!

Platypus Police Squad, by Jarrett J. Krosoczka - Platypus detectives Zengo and O'Malley work together to solve various crimes in Kalamazoo City.

The Questioners, by Andrea Beaty - Join Rosie Revere, Ada Twist, Iggy Peck, and Sofia Valdez as they work to help others, solve mysteries, and learn about science and engineering.

Ranger in Time, by Kate Messner - Ranger, a golden retriever, unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back in time.

Sarai, by Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown - Fourth grader Sarai Gonzalez can do anything! Follow her as she navigates life with her friends and family.

Shelter Pet Squad, by Cynthia Lord - The Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect homes for animals in need.

Unicorn Rescue Society, by Adam Gidwitz (and various authors) - Join Elliot and Uchenna as they work with Professor Fauna to protect the world's mythical creatures.

Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream, by Hena Khan - Join fourth-grader Zayd on and off the basketball court.

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Babymouse, by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm - In this graphic novel series, an imaginative mouse dreams her way through life.

Bad Guys, by Aaron Blabey - Generally known as bad guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha decide they want to become heroes.

Bird & Squirrel, by James Burks - Squirrel, who is afraid of everything, teams up with Bird, who is fearless.

Comics Squad!, by Various Authors - Each book in this series features a collection of side-splitting original stories from your favorite graphic novel authors and illustrators.

Hilo, by Judd Winick - A mysterious boy named Hilo falls to the Earth with no memory of who he is or where he came from. Can Gina and DJ help him remember his past—and save the world?

Hippopotamister, by John Green - Hippo isn't happy. But what can he do? A hippopotamus can't leave the zoo. A hippopotamus can't get a job. But a hippopotamister can... and what hippo really needs is a job where he can be himself!

Lucy & Andy Neanderthal, by Jeffrey Brown - A funny (and informative!) graphic novel series about two cave kids growing up in the Ice Age.

Lunch Lady, by Jarrett J. Krosoczka - Three kids discover that their school lunch lady is a secret crime-fighter and superhero!

Mr. Wolf's Class, by Aron Nels Stenke - A graphic novel series following the kids in Mr. Wolf's class!

Pets on the Loose, by Victoria Jamieson - A fun series about the secret lives of class pets! Start with *The Great Pet Escape*.

Science Comics, by Various Authors - A graphic nonfiction series exploring various science topics.

Squish, by Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm - An adventurous amoeba is determined to save the world—one cell at a time!

Star Wars Jedi Academy, by Various Authors - Star Wars fans will love the adventures of a new generation of young Jedis-in-training!

Stargazing, by Jen Wang - Moon and Christine have nothing in common but the Chinese-American suburb in which they both live. Can they find a way to be friends despite their differences?

NONFICTION & POETRY

The Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs, by Kate Messner - A nonfiction picture book that examines the ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs.

Chef Roi Choi and the Street Food Remix, by Jacqueline Briggs Martin & June Jo Lee - Learn about the life of chef Roi Choi. Also look for *Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*.

The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons, by Natascha Biebow - Tells the story of the invention of the Crayola crayon by inventor Edwin Binney.

Firefly July, edited by Paul B. Janeczko - A collection of very short poems to celebrate the seasons.

First Garden: The White House Garden and How it Grew, by Robbin Gourley - Learn more about the White House Kitchen Garden, including how it was created, what is grown there, and how it is cared for.

Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams, by Lesa Cline-Ransome - Shares the story of the sisters and tennis stars.

Grumbles from the Forest: Fairy-Tale Voices with a Twist, by Jane Yolen and Rebecca Kai Dotlich - Fairy tale characters express their opinions in poems.

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.

Joan Procter, Dragon Doctor: The Woman Who Loved Reptiles, by Patricia Valdez - A picture book biography of Joan Procter, who worked with Komodo dragons at the London Zoo in the 1920s,

No More Poems! A Book of Verse That Just Gets Worse, by Rhett Miller - A collection of entertaining poems about family and being a kid.

Rags: The Hero Dog of WWI, by Margot Theis Raven - The true story of a stray dog named Rags who befriended a U.S. soldier in Paris, France during WWI.

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.

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

The Undefeated, by Kwame Alexander - A celebration of African American history and culture.

MORE SUGGESTED AUTHORS

Katherine Applegate
Andrea Beaty
Judy Blume
Monica Brown
Beverly Cleary
Andrew Clements
Lesa Cline-Ransome
Bryan Collier
Sharon Creech
Jacqueline Davies
Kate DiCamillo
Debbi Michiko Florence
Nikki Grimes
Dan Gutman
Shannon Hale
Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm
Steve Jenkins
Jess Keating
Hena Khan
Cynthia Lord
Meghan McCarthy
Kate Messner
Barbara O'Connor
Jack Prelutsky
Joyce Sidman
Marilyn Singer
Holly Goldberg Sloan
Eileen Spinelli
Melissa Stewart
Lauren Tarshis
Don Tate
Duncan Tonatiuh
Carole Boston Weatherford
Eric Wight
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