

Guilford Public Schools

Suggestions for Summer Reading

Entering Grade 2

Families are encouraged to read with their child a variety of factual science books about plants, soil, and nutrition, poetry, beginning biographies, and especially multicultural folk tales, those from areas other than Europe, such as the African Anansi tales.

Some suggested authors and series are:

Adler, David – Cam Jansen mysteries

Abbott, Tony – Secret’s of Droon series. Fantasy adventures

Bunting, Eve - Picture books that make young people ponder and encourage them to ask questions. Rich illustrations and storylines.

Brett, Jan – Wonderful stories of animals and folklore. Beautifully illustrated by the author.

Brown, Marc - Arthur and D.W. series.

Cohen, Miriam - Stories about children in first and second grades.

Cosby, Bill - His easy readers deal with childhood problems and solutions.

Cronin, Doreen – Barnyard animals come to life in hilarious award-winning stories.

DiCamillo, Kate – Mercy Watson Books

Eastman, P.D. - Animal fantasy as early readers.

Freeman, Don - Fictional animal books including the Corduroy series.

Giff, Patricia Reilly - Polk Street School stories.

Henkes, Kevin- wonderful stories about Lilly and Owen.

Hoban, Lillian and Russell - Two wonderful series using animals, Frances and Arthur.

Hoff, Syd - Many I Can Read books with animals as the main characters.

Himmelman, John – author/illustrator of Fix-it Family series, humorous fiction and nature stories.

Kline, Suzy - Horrible Harry, Mary Mahoney, Song Lee school stories.

Let’s Read and Find Out Science Series - Many scientific topics explained and illustrated.

Lobel, Arnold – adventures of the good friends Frog and Toad

Maccarone, Grace - A variety of childhood experiences are portrayed.

Milne, A.A. – author of the classic Winnie-the-Pooh stories.

Marshall, James Enjoyable series about Fox and his friends and the Yummers; George and Martha books.

Palatini, Marjorie –award winning authors of whimsical, humorous stories sure to get kids smiling.

Parish, Peggy and Herman - Amelia Bedelia series.

Pilkey, Dave – Ricky Ricotta series

Rockwell, Anne - Fiction and nonfiction for beginning readers.

Rookie Read About Science Series - Wide variety of science topics covered.

Rylant, Cynthia - Henry & Mudge, Mr. Putter & Tabby are two appropriate early reader series.

Selsam, Millicent - Interesting nonfiction for nonreaders.

Seuss, Dr. - Nonsense rhymes and a wide variety of imaginative creatures.

Sharmat, Marjorie - Nate the Great mysteries.

Shannon, David – Award-winning author and illustrator of naughty children’s stories
A kid’s favorite!

Van Leeuwen, Jean - Series of family and school life with Oliver and Amanda Pig.

Viorst, Judith - Family life as seen through the eyes of Alexander and his brothers.

Ziefert, Harriet - Beginning readers on a variety of subjects.

Tip: How will parents know if the book their child selects is “just right” for independent reading? Listen to your child read a page or two of the book. As a rule of thumb, if your child can read 95% of the words with ease, it is a “just right” book.