

# District Summer Reading List

Incoming Second Graders for the 2022 – 2023 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of summer reading is to encourage students to read (or have read aloud) an approved novel that appeals to their own personal interests, instilling a love of reading as well as increasing literacy across the district. The following books were chosen based on many criteria, including reading level, student interest, and more.

Students can choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below.

## Happy reading!



Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<b><i>Henry and Mudge: The First Book</i></b>	Cynthia Rylant	Fiction	The first book in the acclaimed Ready-to-Read series from Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant featuring Henry and his lovable 180-pound dog, Mudge. Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.
<b><i>Amelia Bedelia</i></b>	Peggy Parish and Fritz Siebel	Fiction	From dressing the chicken to drawing the drapes, Amelia Bedelia does <i>exactly</i> what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her to do. If things get a bit mixed up, well, that's okay. When Amelia Bedelia is involved, everything always turns out perfectly in the end!
<b><i>Arthur's Teacher Trouble</i></b>	Marc Brown	Fiction	On the first day of school Arthur discovers he's got the toughest teacher in the third grade! The pressure is on to study hard for the all-school Spellathon. Can Arthur beat last year's champion speller? Or will he let Mr. Ratburn d-o-w-n?

\*Teachers may request to add a book to this list by submitting it through the school's novel selection process.

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***Song and  
Dance Man***

Karen  
Ackerman

Fiction

In this affectionate story, three children follow their grandfather up to the attic, where he pulls out his old bowler hat, gold-tipped cane, and his tap shoes. Grandpa once danced on the vaudeville stage, and as he glides across the floor, the children can see what it was like to be a song and dance man. Bespectacled, enthusiastic Grandpa clearly exudes the message that you're only as old as you feel, but the children respond--as will readers--to the nostalgia of the moment.

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***The Magic  
School Bus at  
the  
Waterworks***

Joanna  
Cole

Informational  
Fiction

Ms. Frizzle, an unflappable science teacher, drives the magical school bus into a cloud where the children shrink to the size of water droplets and follow the course of water through the city's waterworks system.

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