

# District Summer Reading List

Incoming Third 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, connections to future ELA content, 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
<i>Tops and Bottoms</i>	Janet Stevens	Folktale	Once upon a time, there was a lazy Bear and a clever Hare. Bear had lots of money and lots of land but all he wanted to do was sleep. Hare had nothing but hungry children, so he came up with a plan to convince Bear to split his land down the middle—tops and bottoms. Hare can work all day and Bear can sleep. It's the perfect solution! Or is it?
<i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i>	Beatrix Potter	Fiction	This classic tale follows mischievous and disobedient young Peter Rabbit as he gets into, and is chased around, the garden of Mr. McGregor.
<i>Fancy Nancy, My Family History</i>	Jane O'Connor	Fiction	When Nancy has to write a report on her ancestors for school, she can't help exaggerating a little—at first. After all, what's wrong with making her family history sound fancier? But Nancy goes too far and has to deal with truth and consequences!

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<b><i>Too Many Tamales</i></b>	Gary Soto	Fiction	Christmas Eve started out so perfectly for Maria. Snow had fallen and the streets glittered. Maria's favorite cousins were coming over and she got to help make the tamales for Christmas dinner. It was almost too good to be true when her mother left the kitchen for a moment and Maria got to try on her beautiful diamond ring. This is the story of a treasure thought to be lost in a batch of tamales; of a desperate and funny attempt by Maria and her cousins to eat their way out of trouble; and the warm way a family pulls together to make it a perfect Christmas after all.
<b><i>Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House #1)</i></b>	Mary Pope Osborne	Fiction	Jack and Annie's very first fantasy adventure in the series—the Magic Tree House! Where did the tree house come from? Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the prehistoric past. Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark . . . or will they become a dinosaur's dinner?
<b><i>Wagon Wheels</i></b>	Barbara Brenner	Fiction	The Muldie boys and their father have come a long way to Kansas. But when Daddy moves on, the three boys must begin their own journey. They must learn to care for one another and face the dangers of the wilderness alone.

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