

# District Summer Reading List

Incoming Kindergarten 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
<i>The Little Engine That Could</i>	Watty Piper	Fiction	<i>The Little Engine That Could</i> is an American fairytale used to teach children the value of optimism and hard work. In the tale, a long train must be pulled over a high mountain after its engine breaks down. Larger engines are asked to pull the train; for various reasons they refuse. The request is sent to a small engine, who agrees to try. The engine succeeds in pulling the train over the mountain while repeating its motto: "I-think-I-can".
<i>Harold and the Purple Crayon</i>	Crockett Johnson	Fiction	The protagonist, Harold, is a curious four-year-old-boy who, with his purple crayon, has the power to create a world of his own simply by drawing it.  Harold wants to go for a walk in the moonlight, but there is no moon, so he draws one. He has nowhere to walk, so he draws a path. He has many adventures looking for his room, and in the end he draws his own house and bed and goes to sleep.

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<b><i>Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend</i></b>	Melanie Watt	Fiction	The book tells the story of Scaredy Squirrel in his latest adventure where he sets out to make The Perfect Friend. Once he's spotted a perfectly safe candidate (with no teeth), Scaredy's ready. Armed with a name tag, mittens, a mirror and a lemon, he's prepared to make The Perfect First Impression. But just when every detail is under control, Scaredy's Action Plan takes a surprising --- and "toothy" --- turn. Will he survive this ordeal? Will he find his kindred spirit? Will he discover the true meaning of friendship?
<b><i>Z is for Moose</i></b>  <a href="#"><u>Online reading of book</u></a>	Kelly Bingham	Fiction	<i>Z is for Moose</i> is a story about a moose, a zebra, and the alphabet! Zebra wants to put on a show as simple as ABC, but Zebra's friend Moose has other (unexpected and hilarious) ideas! Zebra thinks the alphabet should be simple. A is for Apple. B is for Ball. Easy! But his friend Moose is too excited to wait his turn, and when M <i>isn't</i> for Moose (Mouse gets the honor), the rest of the letters better run for cover. Exuberant and zany storytelling brings to life two friends and one laugh-out-loud comedy of errors that's about friendship, sharing, and compromise.
<b><i>At the Supermarket</i></b>	Anne Rockwell	Fiction	On a special trip to the supermarket, a young boy helps his mom buy what they need. There are meats, fruits, and vegetables to put in the shopping cart; soap and toilet paper, too. But the most important ingredients are those needed to bake a birthday cake. Children love to help out at the grocery store.
<b><i>If You Were a Penguin</i></b>	Wendell and Florence Minor	Informational	In this simple, rhyming picture book, the youngest readers will learn about penguins. This is the perfect read-aloud for adults to share with young children as they imagine what life as a penguin is like.

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