

District Summer Reading List

Incoming First 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 |
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| <i>The Rainbow Fish</i> | Marcus Pfister | Fiction | The story is about a fish with shiny, multi-colored scales named Rainbow Fish. The universal message at the heart of this simple story is about a beautiful fish, who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions, that gives the book its lasting value. |
| <i>Clifford the Big Red Dog</i> | Norman Bridwell | Fiction | Imagine having a dog bigger than a house! In the original story that has sparked the imaginations of young readers for generations, a little girl gets a tiny puppy that grows up to be the biggest dog in the whole world. He's so big that he can fetch robbers...and their car! Most importantly, Clifford is a good friend who's always cheerful and ready to play and help. |
| <i>The Doorbell Rang</i> | Pat Hutchins | Fiction | <i>The Doorbell Rang</i> tells the simple story of Sam and Victoria, who were just about to sit down and enjoy fresh cookies when two friends arrive and the four children divide up the cookies four ways. Soon, the doorbell rings again, and then again, and each time the number of cookies per person dwindles. |

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

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| <i>Hi! Fly Guy</i> | Tedd Arnold | Fiction | <i>When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong. Boy and fly meet and so begins a beautiful friendship.</i> |
| <i>A Tree is a Plant</i> | Clyde Robert Bulla | Nonfiction | In this book, readers will learn how a tree grows and how it gets food and water. You can also find out what happens to water after it travels through a tree's roots, branches, and leaves, and how to figure out a tree's age. Clyde Robert Bulla's simple and concise text and Stacey Schuett's lush illustrations follow a tree's continuous life cycle through spring, summer, winter, and fall. |
