

Congratulations Parents and Students...You have completed another school year!!! Regardless of whether this year presented you some challenges or you felt it was smooth sailing, give yourselves a well-deserved pat on the back for finishing strong!!

Throughout this school year, we have continuously encouraged you to promote reading with your child because we cannot stress enough the importance of your child being a good reader. A child has to be taught how to read by the school teacher; however, parents must be the catalyst behind ensuring that reading is practiced and modeled at home.

Based on the research by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), indicates, "Reading is the single most important skill necessary for a happy, productive and successful life. A child that is an excellent reader is a confident child, has a high level of self-esteem and is able to easily make the transition from learning to read to reading to learn."

Although the summer has already kicked in, we strongly advise our parents to implement "Drop Everything And Read," (DEAR) time at home. The research says that instituting DEAR time is advised for use not only in the classroom but also at home. DEAR time means exactly what it stands for: Stop everything and take 20 to 30 minutes every day (Monday-Friday), read to your child and/or allow your child to read to you. For the older children in grades (8-12) they can silently read a book they have chosen.

On the reverse of this page is a summer reading list arranged by grade level. Periodically throughout the summer we suggest you spend some quality time at the public library. Apply for a library card and have your child check out books he/she would like to read. Holding, handling, and turning the pages of a book is extremely powerful and priceless. Parents, we also suggest you check out Tumble Book Cloud for access to hundreds of titles on their site. They offer a free 30 day trial to new users. Grades K-6 should visit: [www.tumblebooklibray.com](http://www.tumblebooklibray.com)  
Grades 7-12 should visit: [www.tumblebookcloud.com](http://www.tumblebookcloud.com)

Lastly, we encourage you to take time to enjoy the summer and all it has to offer. Stay active both physically and mentally so you will be refreshed and ready to go back to school and start off strong!

If you have questions regarding any topics in this newsletter, please feel free to call the Education Department at 301-568-4984.

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*"Children who learn early in life the value of investing in themselves will have a great storehouse available for their adult lives." L. Scott*

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## Upcoming Events

- UniverSoul Circus Fun Day  
Wednesday, July 19 - 9:00 a.m.
- Graduate Honors Day  
Sunday, July 30 - 11:00 a.m.
- School Supply Drive  
July - August - Ongoing
- Washington Mystics Game  
Saturday, August 12 - 7:00 p.m.

"The more you read  
the more things you know.  
The more that you learn  
the more places you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

# Summer Fun Reading List

## Kindergarten

The Runaway Bunny, by Brown  
How To Be a Nature Detective, by Selsam  
Sunflower House, by Bunting  
Do Like Kyla, by Johnson  
Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On, by Ehler  
The Very Busy Spider, by Carle  
Mouse Paint, by Walsh  
Corduroy, by Freeman  
Curious George Goes to School, by Rey  
The Giving Tree, by Silverstein  
The Little Engine That Could, by Piper  
The Three Little Pigs, by Galdone  
George and Martha One Fine Day, by Marshall  
Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf, by Ehler

## First Grade

Berlioz the Bear, by Brett  
JoJo's Flying Side Kick, by Pinkney  
A House for Hermit Crab, by Carle  
If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, by Numeroff  
Johnny Appleseed, by Kellogg  
Tell Me a Story, Mama, by Johnson  
Frog and Toad Are Friends, by Lobel  
Ira Sleeps Over, by Waber  
Little Red Riding Hood, by Hyman  
Now One Foot, Now the Other, by DePaola  
Peter's Chair, by Keats  
Jamaica Tag-Along, by Havill  
Newt, by Novak  
Galimoto, by Williams

## Second Grade

Mirandy and Brother Wind, by McKissack  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, by Steig  
Miss Nelson is Missing! by Marshall  
The Grouchy Ladybug, by Carle  
Aunt Flossie's Hat, by Howard  
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, by Burton  
Meet Danitra Brown, by Grimes  
The Popcorn Book, by DePaola  
Kitten Training and Critters, Too, by Peterson-Fleming  
Gregory Cool, by Binch  
Honey, I love and other Love Poems, by Greenfield  
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, by Steptoe  
Junie B. Jones and Some Sneaky Peeky Spying, by Park

## Third Grade

Amber Brown Is Green With Envy, by Danziger  
Amelia Bedelia Series, by Paris  
Charolette's Web, by E.B White  
A Bear Called Paddington, by Bond  
The Courage of Sarah Noble, by Dalgliesh  
The Wheel on the School, by De Jong  
Little House in the Big Woods, by Wilder  
Encyclopedia Brown Series, by Sobel  
Where the Sidewalk Ends, by Silverstein  
Nate the Great Series, by Sharmat  
Look Who's Playing First Base, by Christopher  
Meet Addy, by Porter  
To Think I Saw It on Mulberry Street, by Dr. Seuss  
East of the Sun and West of the Moon, by Asbjornsen  
My Black Me: A Beginning Book of Black Poetry, by Adoff

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, by O'Brien  
The Not Just Anybody Family, by Byars  
Sideways Stories from Wayside School, by Sachar  
Getting Something on Maggie Marmelstein, by Sharmat  
Class Clown, by Hurwitz  
The Good Master, by Seredy  
Comin on Home Soon by Woodson  
The Trumpet of the Swan, by White  
The Kid in the Red Jacket, by Park  
Where the Red Fern Grows, by Rawls  
Matilda, by Dahl  
The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, by Konigsburg  
A Wrinkle in Time, by L'Engle  
The Laura Ingalls Wilder Series, by Wilder  
Superfudge, by Blume  
The Baby Sitters series, by Martin

## Fifth Grade

The Hero and the Crown, by McKinley  
Dear Mr. Henshaw, by Cleary  
Ben and Me, by Lawson  
Encyclopedia Brown Saves the Day, by Sobol  
The Whipping Boy, by Fleischman  
The Egypt Game, by Snyder  
All Things Bright and Beautiful, by Herriot  
The Sign of the Beaver, by Speare  
A Light in the Attic, by Silverstein  
Koya Delaney and the Good Girl Blues, by Greenfield  
Letter from Rifka, by Hesse  
Into the Mummy's Tomb, by Reeves  
Circle of Gold, by Boyd  
Yolanda's Genius, by Fenner

## Sixth Grade

Under the Blood Red Sun, by Salisbury  
Secret of Gumbo Grove, by Tate  
Red Tail Angels: The Story of the  
Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, by McKissack  
Call it Courage, by Armstrong  
Stepping On the Cracks, by Hahn  
Jayhawker, by Beatty  
Island of the Blue Dolphins, by O'Dell  
Call of the Wild, by Long  
Robinson Crusoe, by Defoe  
Treasure Island, by Stevenson  
Abel's Island, by Steig  
The Chronicles of Narnia, by Lewis  
The Secret Garden, by Burnett  
Tuck Everlasting, by Babbitt

## Seventh Grade

Travel Team by Mike Lupica  
The Moorchild by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
Agnes Parker...Girl in Progress by Kathleen O'Dell  
Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues by Harriette Robinet  
Holes by Louis Sachar  
The Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt  
Out from Boneville (or other Bone books) by Jeff Smith  
Taking Sides by Gary Soto  
Library Card by Jerry Spinelli  
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson  
Every Minute on Earth by Steve Murreie  
A Dream of Freedom by Diane McWhorter  
Albino Animals by Kelly Milner Halls  
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor

## Eighth Grade

Schooled by Gordon Korman  
The Night Tourist by Katherine Marsh  
Red Midnight by Ben Mikaelson  
The Other Side of Truth by Beverly Naidoo  
Soldier's Heart by Gary Paulsen  
Lady Knight (or others in the Protector of the Small series) by Tamora Pierce  
Under the Blood-Red Sun by Graham Salisbury  
The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman  
Crash by Jerry Spinelli  
The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien  
The Thief by Megan Whalen Turner  
Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen  
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines  
The Slave Dancer by Paula Fox  
Street Love by Walter Dean Myers

## Ninth Grade

The Pigman (P. Zindel)  
Speak (L. H. Anderson)  
Outside Shot (W. D. Myers)  
You Don't Know Me (D. Klass)  
The Hobbit (J. R.R. Tolkien)  
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (B. Smith)  
Ender's Game (O.S. Card)  
Somewhere in the Darkness (W.D. Myers)  
The Skin I'm In (S. Flake)

## Tenth Grade

Angels (W. D. Meyers)  
Zack (W. Bell)  
The Silver Kiss (A. Klause)  
A Raisin in the Sun (L. Hansberry)  
Angela's Ashes (F. McCourt)  
Member of the Wedding (C. McCullers)  
Road to Memphis (M. Taylor)  
Into the Wild (J. Krakauer)  
Up From Slavery (B.T. Washington)

## Eleventh Grade

The Color Purple (A. Walker)  
A Catcher in the Rye (J. D. Salinger)  
The Bluest Eye (T. Morrison)  
The Joy Luck Club (A. Tan)  
The Grapes of Wrath (J. Steinbeck)  
Uncle Tom's Cabin (H.B. Stowe)  
A Tale of Two Cities (Dickens)  
Julius Caesar (Shakespeare)

## Twelfth Grade

The Scarlet Letter (N. Hawthorne)  
Siddhartha (H. Hesse)  
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents (J. Alvarez)  
Love in the Time of Cholera (G. G. Marquez)  
The Plague (A. Camus)  
Beowulf  
Their Eyes Were Watching God (Z.N. Hurston)  
Invisible Man (Ralph Ellison)  
Roots  
Oedipus Rex (Sophocles)



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Everyday

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