



# District Summer Reading List



Incoming Third Graders for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

Parents/Guardians,

The purpose of this optional summer reading list is to encourage students to read an approved book 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, content, interest, and more.

Students should choose one book to read over the summer from the grade-level list below\*. Happy reading!

Title	Author	Genre	Synopsis
<p><i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i></p> <p><i>Free digital version is not available. It is available at the public library.</i></p>	<p>Andrea Beaty</p>	<p>Fiction</p>	<p>Rosie may seem quiet during the day, but at night she's a brilliant inventor of gizmos and gadgets who dreams of becoming a great engineer. When her great-great-aunt Rose (Rosie the Riveter) comes for a visit and mentions her one unfinished goal--to fly--Rosie sets to work building a contraption to make her aunt's dream come true. But when her contraption doesn't fly but rather hovers for a moment and then crashes, Rosie deems the invention a failure. On the contrary, Aunt Rose insists that Rosie's contraption was a raging success. You can only truly fail, she explains, if you quit.</p>
<p><i>Freckle Juice</i></p> <p><a href="#">Free download of Freckle Juice</a></p>	<p>Judy Blume</p>	<p>Fiction</p>	<p>Nicky has freckles: they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty. One day after school, Andrew works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got his freckles. When know-it-all Sharon overhears, she offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe for fifty cents. It's a lot of money, but Andrew is desperate. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens...</p>
<p><i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i></p> <p><i>Borrow a digital copy of this book with a free sign up on <a href="#">Open Library</a>. Just sign up for free, search for the book, and click borrow.</i></p>	<p>Patricia MacLachlan</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>	<p>Set in the late nineteenth century and told from young Anna's point of view, Sarah, Plain and Tall tells the story of how Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton comes from Maine to the prairie to answer Papa's advertisement for a wife and mother. Before Sarah arrives, Anna and her younger brother Caleb wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she sing? Will she stay? Sarah, Plain and Tall gently explores themes of abandonment, loss and love.</p>

<p><i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> (Magic Tree House #1)  <a href="#">Online read aloud of book</a>  <i>It is available at the public library.</i></p>	Mary Pope Osbourne	Fiction	Jack and Annie's very first fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade 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?
<p><i>Magic Tree House Fact Tracker #1: Dinosaurs: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark</i></p> <p><i>Free digital version is not available. It is available at the public library.</i></p>	Mary Pope Osbourne	Nonfiction	When Jack and Annie got back from their adventure in <i>Magic Tree House #1: Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> , they had lots of questions. When did the dinosaurs live? What other animals lived at that time? Which dinosaur was biggest? How do we know about dinosaurs? Find out the answers to these questions and more as Jack and Annie track the facts.
<p><i>The Boxcar Children</i> (Book 1)  <i>Can be borrowed by signing up for a free account</i>  <a href="https://archive.org">https://archive.org</a></p>	Gertrude Chandler Warner	Fiction	Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny are orphans. The only way they can stay together as a family is to make it on their own. So when the children find an abandoned boxcar in the woods, they decide to call it home—and become the Boxcar Children!

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

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