

## Jefferson Annex Summer Reading Selections: Grades PreK-2

This is a list of titles from which you may choose your summer reading. These books should be easily available at the public library or in local bookstores.

### **PreK**

ASHMAN, LINDA: *Rain!*

A delightful exploration of the power of positive thinking, in a board book format for young children.

CHERRY, MATTHEW: *Hair Love*

Daddy steps in when Mommy is busy and Zuri needs help doing her hair.

DEMPSEY, KRISTY: *Ten Little Toes, Two Small Feet/ Diez deditos de los pies, dos piecitos*

A diverse parade of toddlers wiggle, waddle, and learn to count in English and Spanish.

DOERRFELD, CORI: *Goodbye, Friend! Hello, Friend!*

Stella and Charlie are best friends, but how will their friendship change when Charlie must move away?

DOPIRAK, KATE: *Hurry Up! A Book about Slowing Down*

With repeating refrains, this picture book follows a busy morning and afternoon of a young girl. After school, she learns to slow things down and enjoy what is around her.

EMBERLEY, ED: Ed Emberley is American artist and illustrator best known for his children's books. Read about all types of feelings in *Glad Monster, Sad Monster* or overcome bedtime frights with *Go Away Big Green Monster!*

GODWIN, JANE: *Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown Mouse*

A little brown mouse makes her way around town, naming colors and more as she goes. Engaging rhymes and questions will keep young readers enthralled.

HENKES, KEVIN: *A Parade of Elephants*

Five elephants are on a mission, marching from dawn to dusk, up and down, through and around in this colorful concept book.

JARAMILLO, SUSIE: *Little Sunny Sunshine/ Sol Solecito*

A little piggy celebrates the radiance of the sun and the wistfulness of the moon, in English and Spanish.

JULLIEN, JEAN: *Before & After*

A series of clever and funny before-and-after scenarios that explore the concept of cause and effect.

LLENAS, ANNA: *The Color Monster*

MADISON, MEGAN AND JESSICA RALLI: *Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race*

A clear, direct book for young children about skin color and race, accompanied by questions to spark conversation. Part of the First Conversations series.

PARR, TODD: *The Feelings Book; The Peace Book; The I'M NOT SCARED Book*

PFEFFER, RUBIN: *Summer Supper*

Shovel, sow, seed, snack: learn how food goes from farm to table in this vibrant tale.

ROBINSON, CHRISTIAN: *You Matter*

An uplifting and inspiring book encourages readers to explore the many different people we encounter in our world and our connection to them.

RODRIGUEZ, PATTY: *The Solar System with Ellen / El sistema solar con Ellen*  
Text in English and Spanish brings our youngest bookworms on a trip through outer space with Ellen Ochoa, the first Latina astronaut.

ROTNER, SHELLEY: *All Kinds of People*

Vibrant photographs will inspire young readers to notice that people come in lots of shades in this introduction to diversity.

SAKS, DAN: *Families Belong*

A celebration of families loving, singing, and belonging together.

SCHEFER, CAROLE: *Ciao, Baby! In the Park*

Baby and Nonna go to the park and greet new friends with warm hello: Ciao squirrel! Ciao pigeon!

SINGER, MARILYN: *Best Day Ever!*

This rhyming story features a boy and his dog as their day goes from best to worst and back to best.

YULY, TONY: *Ollie Feels Fine*

Ollie the octopus comes to understand his many feelings with the help of his friend Stella the starfish. This board book introduces the complexities of emotion.

ZIETLOW MILLER, PAT: *Be Kind*

This sweet story shows how acts of kindness, both big and small, can make a huge difference in someone's life--and yours!

## **Grade K**

BRIDWELL, NORMAN: Adventures of *Clifford, the Big Red Dog*.

CARLE, ERIC: Series of very colorful picture books that are excellent for young children. Titles include - *Very Busy Spider; Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

CURTIS, JAMIE LEE: *Today I Feel Silly*. Silly, cranky, excited, or sad—everyone has moods that can change each day. And that’s okay! Follow the boisterous, bouncing protagonist as she explores her moods and how they change from day to day.

FLEMING, DENISE: Children will love the predictable text pattern of the chicks who go looking for their mother in *The Cow Who Clucked*. Other titles include - *Alphabet Under Construction* and *Barnyard Banter*.

HIGGINS, RYAN T.: *What about Worms!?*

Tiger is big and brave—except when it comes to worms! When faced with a worm-themed book and then a big group of worms, he must try to overcome his fear.

JOY, ANGELA: *Black Is a Rainbow Color*

There’s no black in rainbows, but Black is more than a color. It’s a culture. This picture book celebrates African American history and identity.

MANTCHEV, LISA: *Strictly No Elephants*

When the local Pet Club won’t admit a boy’s tiny pet elephant, he finds a solution—one that involves all kinds of unusual animals.

MARTINEZ-NEAL, JUANA: *Alma and How She Got Her Name*

Alma learns the stories behind the wonderful people who influenced her name.

REY, R.H.: The adventures of *Curious George*.

REYNOLDS, PETER H.: *Be You!; Ish;*

ROBINSON, CHRISTIAN: *Another*

In this wordless picture book, readers are taken on a fantastical journey through a young girl's dream.

SHANNON, DAVID: Follow the adventures of the incorrigible David. *No David; David Goes to School*. Other books include *A Bad Case of the Stripes* and *Good Boy, Fergus*.

WILLEMS, MO: Several terrific award winning picture books - Titles include - *The Pigeon Drives the Bus; Elephant and Piggie; Knuffle Bunny*.

WOODSON, JACQUELINE: *The Day You Begin*.

YUM, HYEWON: *Saturday is Swimming Day*

A little girl gradually conquers her fear of swimming in this inspiring story of bravery.

## NON-FICTION

ASTON, DIANA: *An Egg is Quiet; A Seed is Sleepy; A Butterfly is Patient*. Beautifully illustrated books that explore nature in a gentle way.

JENKINS, STEVE: *Dogs and Cats* interesting facts about dogs and cats with beautiful illustrations. In *Living Color*, he explores the animal kingdom sorted by color. *Actual Size* has beautiful illustrations of animals and portions of animals in their actual sizes.

SANDSTROM, DONNA: *Orca Rescue! The True Story of An Orphaned Orca Named Springer*

A volunteer tells the story of reuniting a stranded orca calf with her family almost 300 miles away. Includes many resources for further exploration.

## **Grade 1**

BECKER, SHELLEY: Superheroes are just like us! Read about superheroes who overcome challenges in *Even Superheroes Have Bad Days* and *Even Superheroes Make Mistakes*

BOURGEOIS, PAULETTE: Easy to read stories about a turtle named Franklin and his adventures with his many animal friends. Titles include - *Franklin in the Dark; Franklin Goes to School; Franklin's Neighborhood*.

BRETT, JAN: Beautifully illustrated folk and fairy tales. Some titles include - *The Mitten, Goldilocks and the Three Bears; The Gingerbread Man*.

BROWN, MARC: Arthur and friends deal with the problems and joys of childhood in a series of fast-moving stories. Titles include - *Arthur's Reading Race; Arthur's Computer Disaster; Arthur's Chicken Pox*.

CAPUCILLI, ALYSSA This playful series follows the adventures of Biscuit the puppy. Titles include - *Biscuit Flies a Kite; Biscuit Goes Camping*

COOK, JULIA: Julia Cook is a national award-winning children's author best known for her books about social-emotional learning! Some popular titles include: *The Tease Monster; Decibella and Her 6-Inch Voice; My Mouth is a Volcano!; A Bad Case of Tattle Tongue*

CRONIN, DOREEN: Series of very funny farmyard stories. Titles include - *Click Clack Moo; Giggle Giggle Quack; Dooby Dooby Moo*.

GAULD, TOM: *The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess*

An original fairy tale with adventure, a clever witch, helpful beetles, and the love of a brother and sister.

HENKES, KEVIN: Wonderful stories about childhood using animal characters. Some titles include - *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse; A Good Day; Kitten's First Full Moon; Sheila Rae, the Brave.*

KROUSE ROSENTHAL, AMY: *Spoon; Chopsticks; Straw; Friendshape*

LOBEL, ARNOLD: Insightful characterizations are the hallmark of this author.

Titles include - *Frog and Toad* stories; *The Bears of the Air.*

O'CONNOR, JANE: *Fancy Nancy Series.* Nancy believes that more is better when it comes to being fancy

PRELUTSKY, JACK: Explores poetry through many situations. Some titles include - *The New Kid on the Block; Tyrannosaurus Was a Beast.*

PENFOLD, ALEXANDRA: **All Are Welcome**

A group of diverse students is shown throughout the school day having fun together, with an emphasis on how all are welcome. The story ends at a neighborhood gathering where all are welcome!

SEUSS, DR.: Wonderful series of mostly rhyming stories. Titles include - *The Cat in the Hat; Yertle the Turtle; The Lorax.*

VAN LEEUWEN, JEAN: Stories about *Amanda the Pig* and her brother, Oliver.

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BISHOP, NIC: *Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths; Nic Bishop Frogs; Nic Bishop Spiders,* etc. Beautifully photographed nature books.

KIPP, STEVEN: Full-color photographs from NASA allow students to experience the beauty of each planet.

MITCHELL, BARBARA: Subjects of her biographies come alive with feelings. Some titles include - *Shoes for Everyone; We'll Race You Henry*.

SIMON, SEYMOUR: Books about outer space. Some titles include - *Mars; The Moon; Galaxies*.

## **Grade 2**

ADLER, DAVID: Easy mystery and detective stories. Some titles - *Cam Jansen Adventure Series*.

ARNOLD, TEDD Has written over 50 books including very popular **Fly Guy** books

BERENSTAIN, STAN and JAN: Chapter books about the *Berenstain Bears*.

BOELTS, MARIBETH: *Those Shoes*

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DE LA PENA, MATT: *Last Stop on Market Street*. During CJ's journey on the bus with his grandmother, she helps him become a better witness to what is beautiful.

DICAMILLO, KATE: The Mercy Watson series follows the misadventures of an adorable little pig and her family. Titles include - *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride; Mercy Watson to the Rescue; Mercy Watson Fights Crime*.



FARUQI, SAADIA: *Meet Yasmin!*

Meet Yasmin, a bright, fun Pakistani American second grader. With her oversized imagination and a little help from her family, there's no problem she can't solve.

HENKES, KEVIN: *The Year of Billy Miller*. Billy starts second grade with lots of problems and worries.

HOWE, JAMES: Stories from the animals' point of view. Titles include - *Bunnacula; Howliday Inn; The Celery Stalks at Midnight*.

KHEIRIYEH LEVINE QUERIDO, RASHIN: *The Shape of Home*

On the way to her first day of school in America, Rashin notices all the fun shapes in her new neighborhood. In class, her teacher makes a game out of shapes as the students introduce themselves and their countries of origin.

KLEIN, SUSIE: The *Horrible Harry and Song Lee* series follow the antics of their fellow second grade classmates.

LIN, GRACE - *The Year of the Dog* is a story of a Taiwanese American girl growing up in a New York town.

LUDWIG, TRUDY: *The Invisible Boy*. Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party... until, that is, a new kid comes to class.

MARSHALL, JAMES: Funny fairy tale retellings include - *Little Red Riding Hood* and *The Three Little Pigs*.

MUHAMMAD, IBTIHAJ: *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family*  
Faizah's older sister, Asiya, is a princess. She certainly looks like one of her first day of school wearing her beautiful, bold blue headscarf.

PARK, BARBARA: The hysterically funny *Junie B. Jones* series.

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RUBINSTEIN, GARY and MARK PETT: *The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes.* Beatrice Bromwell has never (not once!) made a mistake. In fact, the entire town calls her the Girl Who Never Made Mistakes. Life for Beatrice is sailing along pretty smoothly until she does the unthinkable, she makes her first mistake. And in a very public way!

SAIED MENDEZ, YAMILE: *Where Are You From?*

A young girl is asked where she is from, so she turns to her abuelo for help answering and gets a very unexpected response.

SHARMAT, MARJORIE: Numerous stories that will hold the interest of young children. Some titles include the *Nate the Great* series.

SILVERSTEIN, SHELL: Explores life through poems and illustrations. Titles include - *A Light in the Attic; Where the Sidewalk Ends; Falling Up.*

STEPTOE, JOHN: Retells African folktales such as *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.*

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GIBLIN, JAMES CROSS: *The Many Rides of Paul Revere.* Get to know the man behind the legend.

PATTERSON, FRANCINE: Adventures of a gorilla named Koko. Titles include *Koko's Story* and *Koko's Kitten*.

RAY, DEBORAH KOGAN: *Down the Colorado: John Wesley Powell, the One-Armed Explorer*. An exciting true story of Powell's life and explorations.

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