

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that the school year is drawing to a close – **thank you** so much for your partnership! You are your child's most valuable teachers, and we truly appreciate the opportunity to work with you to lead our scholars toward progress each year!

It is critical for kids to continue reading, writing, and practicing mathematics over the summer in order to maintain their skills. This will enable students to hit the ground running when they return in August, prepared to pick up where they left off.

Below, you'll find a list of recommended books by reading level, along with a list of local public libraries and their addresses. We recommend that your child read for at least thirty minutes each day.

Splash Math and *Xtra Math* are excellent online resources that your child can use to practice math skills. Please connect with your child's current teacher for login information.

While academic practice is very important, we also hope that your child has plenty of opportunities to play and relax this summer! Thank you so much for your support. Please reach out with any questions.

Wishing you a fantastic summer!

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Levels A-H (Pre-Reading through 1st grade):

- The “Fly Guy” series by Tedd Arnold Books by Gail Gibbons
- The “Elephant and Piggie” series by Mo Willems Hello Reader! Books (Level 1 or 2)
- A Kiss for Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarik The “David” series by David Shannon
- The “Clifford” series by Norman Bridwell Scholastic Readers (Level 1 or 2)

Level I & J (End of 1st grade):

- Pepper’s Adventure by Beverly Randell
- How the Mouse Got Brown Teeth by Freda Ahenakew
- Happy Birthday, Sam by Pat Hutchins
- Two Messy Friends by Barbara Bottner
- Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel
- Hare and Rabbit: Friends Forever by Julia Noonan
- Poppleton series by Cynthia Rylant
- Rabbit’s Party by Eve Bunting
- Just Us Women by Jeanette Caines
- The “Henry and Mudge” series by Cynthia Rylant Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Klaus
- The “How Do Dinosaurs” series by Jane Yolen
- The “Berenstain Bears” series by Stan and Jan Berenstain Books by Giles Andrea
- Hello Reader! Books (Level 2) The “Pigeon” series by Mo Willems
- The “Pete the Cat” series by Eric Litwin The “Young Cam Jansen” series by David A. Adler
- Picture books by Ezra Jack Keats The “Pinch and Dash” series by Michael J. Daley
- The “Henry and Mudge” series by Cynthia Rylant The “Poppleton” series by Cynthia Rylant
- The “Mr. Putter and Tabby” series by Cynthia Rylant Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice
- The “Froggy” series by Jonathan London Sendak

Levels K & L (Beginning & Middle of 2nd grade):

- What a Trip Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger
- Cam Jansen series by David Alder
- Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo
- Nate the Great series by Marjorie Sharmat
- George and Martha series by James Marshall
- Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline
- Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar

- The “Alexander” series by Judith Viorst The “Ricky Ricotta” series by Dav Pilkey
- The “Stink” series by Megan McDonald The “Arthur” series by Marc Brown
- The “Frog and Toad” series by Arnold Lobel The “Frances the Badger” series by Russell Hoban
- The “Katie Woo” series by Fran Manushkin The “Franklin” series by Paulette Bourgeois
- The “Madeline” series by Ludwig Bemelmans

Level M (End of 2nd grade):

- A to Z Mysteries series by Ron Roy
- Nancy Drew Notebooks series by Carolyn Keene
- Jake Drake by Andrew Clements
- Bailey School Kids by Debbie Daedy
- The Littles series by John Peterson
- Follow the Drinking Gourd by Jeanette Winter
- The “Judy Moody” series by Megan McDonald The “Ivy and Bean” series by Annie Barrows
- The “Magic Tree House” series by Mary Pope Osborne The “Littles” series by John Peterson
- The “My Father’s Dragon” series by Ruth Stiles Gannett The “Horrid Henry” series by Francesca
- The “Junie B. Jones” series by Barbara Park
- The “Flat Stanley” series by Jeff Brown

Level N (Beginning of 3rd grade):

- Malcolm X by Rudy Gutierrez, Arnold Adoff
- Catwings by Ursula LeGuin
- I, Amber Brown by Paula Danziger
- The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl
- Only Emma by Sally Warner
- Jigsaw Jones by James Preller
- The “Ralph S. Mouse” series by Beverly Cleary The “Littles” series by John Peterson
- The “Jigsaw Jones” series by James Preller The “Catwings” series by Ursula K. Le Guin

Level O (Middle of 3rd grade):

- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
- Pony Pals series by Jeanne Betancourt
- Ramona series by Beverly Cleary
- Mouse and the Motorcycle series by Beverly Cleary
- Clementine series Sara Pennypacker

- The “Mrs. Piggle Wiggle” series by Betty MacDonald
- Books by Tomie dePaola

Level P (End of 3rd grade):

- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Time Warp Trio series by Jon Scieszka
- Tales from the Odyssey by Mary Pope Osborne
- Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting
- Wayside School series by Louis Sachar
- What Was the March on Washington? by Kathleen Krull
- The “Geronimo Stilton” series by Edizioni Piemme
- The “Magic School Bus” series The “Girls to the Rescue” series by Bruce Lansky
- The “Frankly, Frannie” series by AJ Stern

Level Q (Beginning of 4th grade):

- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
- Drita, My Home Girl by Jenny Lombard
- Fourth Grade Rats by Jerry Spinelli
- Superfudge by Judy Blume
- According to Humphrey series by Betty Birney
- The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black
- There’s a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar
- Books by Andrew Clements
- The “American Girls” series by Valerie Tripp
- Mr. Popper’s Penguins by Richard Atwater The “If You…” series by Ann McGovern
- The “Little House” series by Laura Ingalls Wilder Books by Judy Blume
- Books by Roald Dahl
- “The Amazing Days of Abby Hayes” series by Anne Mazer

Level R (Middle of 4th grade):

- The Jacket by Andrew Clements
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- Caddie Woodlawn by Carol Ryrie Brink
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Level S (End of 4th grade):

- Heroes for Civil Rights by David A. Adler
- Dragons of Deltora series by Emily Rodda
- The Sea of Monsters by Rick Riordan
- The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
- Two-Minute Mysteries by Donald Sobol
- Dead Letter by Betsy Byars
- Journey by Patricia MacLachlan
- Junebug and the Reverend by Alice Mead

Level T (Beginning of 5th grade):

- The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond by Brenda Woods
- Hardy Boys series by Scott Lobdell
- Last Shot series by John Feinstein
- Going Home by Nicholasa Mohr
- Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos
- Any Small Goodness by Tony Johnston

Level U (Middle of 5th grade):

- Hidden Figures (Young Reader Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Levine
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- Nothing but the Truth by Avi
- Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis

Levels V-W (End of 5th grade and Beginning of 6th grade):

- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Firefly Letters by Margarita Engle
- Crash by Jerry Spinelli
- Save the Queen of Sheba by Louise Moeri
- Lily's Ghosts by Laura Ruby
- Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- The Girl Who Could Fly by Victoria Forester
- Chasing Redbird by Sharon Creech
- The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket
- The Cay by Theodore Taylor
- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling
- Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling
- Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling
- Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli

- The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin
- The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
- Crispin by Avi
- Hoot by Carl Hiaasen
- Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer
- The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster
- Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
- Bad Magic by Pseudonymous Bosch

Local Boston Public Libraries:

- Adams Street - 690 Adams Street, Dorchester (617) 436-6900
- Codman Square - 690 Washington St., Dorchester (617) 436-8214
- Dudley- 65 Warren Street, Roxbury (617) 442 – 6186
- Fields Corner - 1520 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester (617) 436-2155
- Grove Hall - 41 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester (617) 427-3337
- Hyde Park - 35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park (617) 361-2524
- Lower Mills - 27 Richmond St., Dorchester (617) 524-2053