

Summer, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Student Entering Kindergarten or Grade 1:

Reading research has shown that reading just a few minutes a day significantly increases a child's reading ability. The suggestions on the next page are chosen to make reading an enjoyable part of your child's life. You can help make summer reading successful by taking a positive attitude and encouraging your child as he/she participates. Feel free to supplement these suggestions with books you and your child enjoy!

The Trumbull Public Library is a great resource for books; please ask the Children's Service Staff for assistance.

At the end of the summer, students should record their progress online: <https://goo.gl/BRoQRd>. Completion of the Google Form will also facilitate our District's participation in the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

Let's make this our most successful summer of reading ever!

Sincerely,

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## For Students Entering Grades K & 1



Summer is almost here and we hope that as you enjoy the sunshine you will take along a good book. Good readers read! So this summer, make sure you dive into some stories or learn something new from an informational book. This handout provides you with suggestions of some popular authors, series, and genres to get you started, but there are so many choices. Feel free to choose titles that aren't on this list that are a good fit for you. Remember, spending time with books is the only way to become a stronger reader, so read on and enjoy your summer. We can't wait to hear all about your reading adventures in the fall!

### Favorite Authors

- Leo Lionni
- Jan Brett
- Eric Carle
- Kevin Henkes
- Mo Willems
- Devin Scillian
- Dr. Seuss
- Brian Lies

### Fictional Series

- Pete the Cat
- Elephant and Piggie
- Fancy Nancy
- Scaredy Squirrel
- Those Darn Squirrels
- Fly Guy
- Henry and Mudge
- George and Martha
- Splat the Cat
- Mr. Putter and Tabby

### Informational

- Pebble Plus series  
(Some topics include Space, Countries, Dinosaurs)
- Gail Gibbons – any topic
- DK Readers: Level One

### Poetry

Search the shelves  
and you will find  
a book of poems  
to feed your mind.

There are so many  
It's hard to choose,  
So head to 811  
and you cannot lose!

### Award Winners

The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award is given to authors and illustrators who write quality books for beginning readers. New awards are given out every year. For more information on the winners and honor books, you can visit your local library or the American Library Association web page at <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward>.

### Fairy and Folktales

Visit the 398.2 section of the library to look for classic tales that your child may enjoy such as Cinderella, Hansel & Gretel, Paul Bunyan, and Stone Soup. While you're there, be sure to choose some folktales from around the world.

# Happy Reading!