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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Summer vacation is a wonderful time to enjoy family, friends, and the warm weather. Sharing a great story together fosters wonderful conversation, enhances vocabulary, and provides a warm bonding experience. Summer reading also helps to build background knowledge for study in the content areas. Most importantly, it allows children to develop their own reading interests and to maintain and enrich their literacy skills.

The books on the lists for each grade level are examples of titles and authors that students at each grade level should be able to read. Some of the stories and topics listed will be explored further during the school year ahead. When your child has familiarity with a topic, or has read a book by the author, the conversations in class can focus on deeper meaning of the text. Many titles suggested are part of the NYS Common Core list of books to share with children.

The faculty and administration hope that you and your child will embrace the summer as a time to explore the joys of reading together throughout the months of July and August. Please review the directions below to complete the Summer Reading Assignment. Students who participate will be recognized in September.

For students who are entering kindergarten and grades one through six:

1. **Read at least 3 books from the attached lists.** Your child may read the selections with a family member or independently. Either way, encourage your child to share what they are reading with you. Ask questions about the book and allow them to share what they are learning about the characters or the topics. The books are grouped into fiction and non-fiction lists for each grade level. The books represent a range of reading levels. On the fiction lists, series books are included because children often enjoy getting to know an author's characters through several different titles. If your child finds a favorite author as a result of reading one title, they will probably enjoy other titles by that same author.
2. **Non-fiction Titles:** Reading for information is an important skill for your child. The list for the grade level is associated with some of the topics they will encounter in reading, science and social studies. Reading non-fiction can be more challenging because of the variety of vocabulary words related to a topic and because of the different ways the text may be structured. For this reason, you may want to share a non-fiction reading selection with your child.

3. **Other Titles:** You may also add titles that are based on recommendations from your teachers or our librarians. The lists provided are guides to help you and your child select books that are appropriate for the grade level and topics covered in science and social studies. Some books are available in an audio edition through the public library system. If your child would like to read a more challenging title, it may be helpful to provide support by borrowing the CD or tape of the book from the library. Children can read the book while the audio version plays in the background. If an audio version is unavailable, both the parent and child may share the reading. Also, if the book has been made into a movie, it is a great idea to watch the movie once the reading is completed. Celebrate the completion of the reading with a family movie night! This makes for a great opportunity to compare and contrast the book and the movie in a family discussion.
4. Feel free to encourage your child to read more than 3 books!
5. **Children should prepare one bookmark for each book they read.**
 - Respond to each book on a bookmark. Children may write a short summary, describe a favorite part of the story, or a favorite character. For non-fiction titles, children may write a brief summary, or tell 3 or 4 new facts that they learned.
 - Write legibly and use full sentences, unless you are asked to draw, label, or list.
 - Decorate the bookmarks. Use imagination and artistry!
6. **THREE bookmarks are due to your new teacher by Monday, September 23, 2013.**
 - Your child's new classroom teacher will collect the bookmarks. A display with the book marks will be created in your child's school.
7. **Recognition for participating in the program will occur at your child's school at the end of September.**

We hope you will enjoy and encourage the joy of reading with your child this summer.

Sincerely,



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Kindergarten Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
P.D. Eastman	Are You My Mother?
Tomie DePaola	Pancakes for Breakfast
Kevin Henkes	Kitten's First Full Moon
Mem Fox	Whoever You Are
Alyssa Satin Capucili	Biscuit Goes to School
Bill Martin	Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
Nancy L. Carlson	I Like Me!
Laura Joffe Numeroff	If You Give a Mouse A Cookie
Kevin Henkes	My Garden
David Shannon	No, David!
Rosemary Wells	Timothy Goes to School
Rosemary Wells	My Kindergarten
Eric Carle	The Tiny Seed
Eric Carle	Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Eric Carle	Rooster's Off to See the World
Leo Lionni	A Color of His Own
Mem Fox	Zoo Looking
Mem Fox	Time for Bed
Barbara Kersley	You and Me Together
Anno	Anno's Counting Book
Margaret Wise Brown	Goodnight Moon
Eric Carle	Any Eric Carle picture book
Kevin Henkes	Chrysanthemum
Ezra Jack Keats	Peter's Chair and other books by this author
Tony Johnston	Off to Kindergarten
Leo Lionni	Frederick
Bill Martin	Chicka Chicka 123
Allison McGhee	Countdown to Kindergarten
Helen Oxenbury	We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Dr. Seuss	Green Eggs and Ham
Joseph Slate	Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten

Kindergarten Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Aliki	My Five Senses
Margaret Hall	Seasons of the Year
Donald Crews	Truck
Tana Hoban	I Read Signs
Robin Page and Steven Jenkins	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
Aliki	My Hands
Tana Hoban	26 Letters and 99 Cents
Byron Barton	Airport
Patricia Lauber	Be a Friend to Trees
Kevin Lewis	Big Machines! Big Buildings!
Susan Canizares	Butterfly
Lois Ehlert	Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z
Donald Crews	Freight Train
Francis Bellamy	The Pledge of Allegiance
Donald Crews	Ten Black Dots

Summer Readers

Bookmark Directions

for Students Entering Kindergarten:

1. Draw your favorite characters, places or happenings on the bookmark.
2. Decorate the bookmarks. Be creative!
3. Grown-ups may help to write the following information:

Your Name

Title of the Book

Author

Kindergarten Summer Reading



My Name: _____

My Class: _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

Here is a picture that tells about the book.

Grade 1 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Sue Williams	Let's Go Visiting
Jane Yolen & Mark Teague	How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight
Mira Ginsberg	The Chick and the Duckling
Nancy Tafuri	Silly Little Goose
Eric Carle	A House for Hermit Crab
Karen Beaumont	I Like Myself
Charlotte Zolotow	Do You Know What I'll Do?
Nancy Tafuri	Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails
Michael Garland	Incredible Story Book
Michael Garland	Hooray Jose!
David Diaz	The Little Scarecrow Boy
Else Holmelund	Little Bear
Arnold Lobel	Frog and Toad Together
Arnold Lobel	Owl at Home
Dr. Seuss	Green Eggs and Ham
Jerry Pinkney	Little Red Riding Hood
Ed Young	Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China
Nancy Carlstrom	Jessie Bear What Will You Wear?
Mem Fox	Hattie and the Fox
Paul Galdone	Henny Penny
Paul Galdone	The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Kevin Henkes	Chester's Way
Kevin Henkes	A Good Day
Victoria Kann	Pinkalicious
Robert Krauss	Leo the Late Bloomer
Leo Lionni	Swimmy
Susan Meddaugh	Martha Speaks
Robert Munsch	We Share Everything
Laura Numeroff	If You Give a Moose a Muffin
Jane O'Connor	Fancy Nancy
Jon Scieszka	The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs
Judith Viorst	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Audrey Wood	The Napping House
David Adler	Young Cam Jansen
Syd Hoff	Danny the Dinosaur
Arnold Lobel	Mouse Soup
Ian Falconer	Olivia
Jean Van Leeuwen	Amanda Pig

Grade 1 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected
To build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Gail Gibbons	Cats
Aliki	My Visit to the Aquarium
Aliki	Digging Up Dinosaurs
Gail Gibbons	Fire! Fire!
Clyde Robert Bulla	A Tree is a Plant
Alice and Martin Provensen	The Year at Maple Hill Farm
Cynthia Overbeck Bix and Mark Rauzon	Water, Water Everywhere
Robin Page and Steve Jenkins	What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?
Wendy Pfeffer	From Seed to Pumpkin
Sarah L. Thomson	Amazing Whales!
Anne Rockwell	Bugs are Insects
Anne Rockwell	Four Seasons Make a Year

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Student's Name:

Class:

(Please Circle One) September Grade: 1 2

Title: _____



Student's Name:

Class:

(Please Circle One) September Grade: 1 2

Title: _____

Grade 2 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Rosemary Wells	Make New Friends (Yoko and Friends School Days)
Cynthia Rylant	Mr. Putter and Tabby (Any book in the series)
Ruth Stiles Gannett	My Father's Dragon
Ester Averill	The Fire Cat
Ann Cameron	The Stories Julian Tells
Cynthia Rylant	Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures
Cynthia Rylant	Poppleton in Winter
David Adler	Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Dinosaur Bones
Hans Christian Anderson	The Princess and the Pea
Ludwig Bemelmans	Madeline (Series)
Doreen Cronin	Diary of a Spider
Kate DiCamillo	Mercy Watson (Series)
P.D. Eastman	Are You My Mother?
Gene Zion	Harry the Dirty Dog
Syd Hoff	Danny and the Dinosaur (Series)
Pat Hutchins	The Doorbell Rang
Ruth Krauss	The Carrot Seed
Peggy Parish	Amelia Bedelia (Series)
Patricia Polacco	Thundercakes
H. A. Rey	Curious George (Series)
Cynthia Rylant	Thimbleberry Series
David Shannon	A Bad Case of the Stripes
Jean Van Leeuwen	Oliver and Amanda Pig (Series)
Rosemary Wells	Bunny Cakes
Mo Willems	Edwina: The Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct
Kevin Henkes	Sheila Ray the Brave
Pat Morra	Pablo's Tree
E.B. White	Charlotte's Web (Read Aloud)

Grade 2 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Shari Halpern	My River
Seymour Simon	Whales
Bobby Kalman	Firefighters to the Rescue!
John Himmelman	Ibis: A True Whale Story
Connie Fluet	A Day in the Life of a Nurse
Nate LeBoutillier	A Day in the Life of a Zookeeper
Bobby Kalman	Veterinarians Help Keep Animals Healthy
Franklyn Branley	Sunshine Makes the Seasons
Anne Rockwell	Clouds
Gregory Vogt	Solar System
Joanne Mattern	The Pebble: First Guide to the Solar System
Seymour Simon	Our Solar System
Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld	Where Did Dinosaurs Come From?
Catherine D. Hughes	National Geographic Little Kid's First Big Book of Dinosaurs
Hugh Brewster	Dinosaurs in Your Backyard
Gillian Clements	The Picture History of Great Inventors
David Adler	A Picture Book of Rosa Parks
David Adler	A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Patricia J. Murphy	Election Day
Annabelle Kindersly	Celebrations!
Gail Gibbons	From Seed to Plant
Judith St. George	So You Want to be President?
Kathleen V. Kudlinski	Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs
Nicola Davies	Bat Loves the Night
Sarah L. Thomson	Where Do Polar Bears Live?
Adele Richardson	First Facts: Exploring the Animal Kingdom

Please cut out the bookmark



Student's Name:

Class:

(Please Circle One) September Grade: 1 2

Title: _____



Student's Name:

Class:

(Please Circle One) September Grade: 1 2

Title: _____

Grade 3 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Amanda Irma Perez	My Diary from Here to There
Mary Hoffman	Boundless Grace
David Adler	Cam Jensen Mystery (Series) The First Day of School Mystery
Judy Delton	Pee Wee Scouts (Series)
James Howe	Pinky and Rex (Series)
Patricia Reilly Giff	Polk Street School (Series)
Matt Christopher	All Star Fever
Johanna Hurwitz	Russell Sprouts
Louis Sachar	Marvin Redpost (Series)
Ron Roy	A-Z Mysteries: The White Wolf (Series)
Ron Roy	A-Z Mysteries: Jun Jam (Series)
Johanna Hurwitz	School Spirit
Suzy Kline	Herbie Jones (Series)
Gertrude Chandler Warner	Boxcar Children (Series)
Beverly Cleary	Ramona Quimby, Age 8
Dean Hughes	Angel Park Soccer Stars (Series)
Mary Hoffman	Bravo, Grace
Gary Soto	Baseball in April
Jon Scieszka	Summer Reading is Killing Me!
Arnold Lobel	Fables
John Rocco	Wolf! Wolf!
Jane Yolen	A Sip of Aesop
William Bennett	The Children's Treasury of Virtues (Collected Short Stories)
B.G.Hennessy	The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Grade 3 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Margaret Hynes	Extreme Weather
Mary Pope Osborne	Twisters and Other Terrible Storms
Seymour Simon	Storms
Gail Gibbons	Tornadoes!
Joy Cowley	Red-Eyed Tree Frog
Alyse Sweeney	Frogs
Gail Gibbons	Frogs
Bobbie Kalman	Frogs and Other Amphibians
Willow Clark	Wolves: Life in the Pack
Don McLeese	Gray Wolves
Kate Riggs	Wolves
Tracy Read	Exploring the World of Wolves
Meish Goldish	Gray Wolves: Return to Yellowstone
Oona Gaarder-Juntti	What in the World is Green Energy!
Jean Craighead George	The Wolves Are Back
Gail Gibbons	Recycle!
Robert Coles	The Story of Ruby Bridges
William Thomas	What are Citizens Basic Rights?
Bobbie Kalman	Explore Asia (and other continents in this series)
Ann Heinrichs	China (and other countries)
Ann Heinrichs	Japan
Ann Heinrichs	Brazil
Jim Arnosky	Wild Tracks! A Guide to nature's Footprints

Grade 4 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Kate DiCamillo	Because of Winn Dixie
Ann Cameron	The Stories That Julian Tells
Jeanne Betancourt	Pony Pals (Series)
Amanda Irma Perez	My Very Own Room
Johanna Hurwitz	The Tales of Ali Baba Bernstein
Cynthia Rylant	An Angel for Solomon Singer
Betty MacDonald	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle
Ann M. Martin	Eleven Kids, One Summer
Lois Lowry	Gooney Bird Greene
Beverly Cleary	Henry and Ribsy
Jon Scieszka	Time Warp Trio (Series)
Johanna Hurwitz	Fourth Grade Fuss
Cynthia Rylant	Gooseberry Park
John Reynolds Gardiner	Stone Fox
Judy Blume	Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing
James Howe	Bunnicula
American Girls Collections	Meet Felicity
Roald Dahl	James and the Giant Peach
Avi	Keep Your Eye on Amanda!
Patricia MacLachlan	Sarah, Plain and Tall
Andrew Clements	Frindle
Gary Paulsen	Hatchet
E. B. White	The Trumpet of the Swan
Ralph Fletcher	Fig Pudding
Roald Dahl	The Witches
Brian Selznick	The Invention of Hugo Cabret
Marcia Williams	Greek Myths for Young Children
Christopher Paul Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy
Natalie Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting
Chief Seattle	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky: A Message from Chief Seattle

Grade 4 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Elizabeth Mills	New York State: Past and Present
Barbara Somerville	New York
Mark Stewart	All Around New York: Regions and Resources
Mark Stewart	New York Plants and Animals
Ellen Levine	If you Lived with the Iroquois
Bobbie Kalman	Life in a Longhouse Village
Emily Dolbear	The Iroquois
Charlotte Wilcox	The Iroquois
Genevieve St. Lawrence	The Iroquois and Their History
Stefanie Takas	The Iroquois
Russell Freedman	Lafayette and the American Revolution
John Micklos	The Brave Women and Children of the American Revolution
Cassie Mayer	George Washington
Dennis Fradin	Who Was Ben Franklin?
Gene Barretta	Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Ben Franklin
David Peterson	Grand Canyon National Park
David Peterson	Yellowstone National Park
Julia Barnes	101 Facts About Deserts
Lucy Baker	Life in the Deserts
Cathryn Sill	All About Habitats: Deserts
Gregory Vogt	Solar Systems
Howard Trammel	The Solar Systems
Mike Goldsmith	Solar Systems
Melvin Berger	Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet
Patricia Lauber	Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms
Joy Hakim	A History of US

Grade 5 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Shiloh
Christopher Paul Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy
Patricia Mac Lachlan	Skylark
Patricia McKissack	Mirandy and Brother Wind
Gary Paulsen	Hatchet
E. B. White	The Trumpet of the Swan
Avi	The Good Dog
Lauren Child	Utterly Me, Clarice Bean
Dan Gutman	Satch and Me
Myron Uhlberg	Dad, Jackie and Me
Avi	Crispin
Eleanor Coerr	Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes
Anne Rockwell	They Called Her Molly Pitcher
E. L. Konigsberg	From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Colleen McKenna	Fifth Grade: Here Comes Trouble
Cynthia Rylant	The Van Gogh Café
Mildred Taylor	The Friendship
Katharine Peterson	The Great Gilly Hopkins
Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
Louise Erdrich	The Birchbark House
Cynthia Rylant	The Islander
C. S. Lewis	The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
Elizabeth Levy	My Life as a Fifth Grade Comedian
Natalie Babbitt	Tuck Everlasting
Lois Lowry	Number the Stars
Elizabeth Speare George	Sign of the Beaver
Jerry Spinelli	Maniac Magee
Jerry Spinelli	Star Girl
Richard Peck	A Year Down Yonder

Grade 5 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles are best shared with an adult partner. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Karen Latchana Kenney	Ellis Island
Raymond Bial	Ellis Island: Coming to the Land of Liberty
William Thomas	What is a Constitution?
Lynne Cheney	We the People: The Story of Our Constitution
Norman Pearl	The Bill of Rights
Alan Schroeder	Ben Franklin
Ann Gaines	James Madison
Amos Esty	Unbound and Unbroken: The Story of Frederick Douglas
Melvin Berger	Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet
Madelyn Wood Carlisle	Let's Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps
Patricia Lauber	Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms
Seymour Simon	Volcanoes
Henrietta Buckmaster	Underground Railroad
Kadir Nelson	We Are The Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

Grade 6 Suggested Reading List – Fiction

Author	Title
Betsy Byars	Summer of the Swans
Cynthia Rylant	Every Living thing
Avi	Crispin
Barbara Williams	The Titanic
Katherine Paterson	Bridge to Terabithia
George Selden	The Cricket in Times Square
Katherine Paterson	The Great Gilly Hopkins
Bette Bao Lord	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson
Cynthia Rylant	The Islander
Karen Hesse	A Light in the Storm
C.S. Lewis	The Chronicles of Narnia
Jean Craighead George	Julie
Eleanor Estes	Ginger Pye
Zilpha Keatley Snyder	The Egypt Game
Jerry Spinelli	Crash
Linda Sue Park	A Single Shard
Susan Patron	The Higher Power of Lucky
Patricia Reilly Giff	Pictures of Hollis Woods
Ellen Raskin	The Westing Game
Madeline L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
E. L. Konigsberg	Favorite Greek Myths
J. K. Rowling	Harry Potter (Series)
Carl Hiaasen	Hoot
Lawrence Yep	Dragonwings
Sandra Cisneros	The House on Mango Street
Mildred Taylor	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
Jacqueline Woodson	Feathers
Jane Yolen	The Devil's Arithmetic
Wilson Rawls	Where the Red Fern Grows
Cynthia Voigt	Homecoming
Ann M. Martin	A Corner of the Universe
Jack London	Call of the Wild
Lois Lowry	The Giver
Laura Amy Schlitz	Good Master! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village
Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire	D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths

Grade 6 Suggested Reading List – Nonfiction

Note: Non-fiction titles may require some support from an adult. These titles have been selected to build background knowledge and vocabulary in content areas.

Author	Title
Jim Arnosky	Watching Desert Wildlife
Kathryn Lasky	Shadows in the Dawn: Lemurs in Madagascar
Cathy Camper	Bugs Before Time: Prehistoric Insects and Their Relatives
Jane Goodall	The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours
Jean Craighead George	Incredible Animal Adventures
Seymour Simon	Muscles: Our Muscular System
Gail Gibbons	Weather Words and What They Mean
Barbara Hehner	First on the Moon
Patricia Murphy	Exploring Space With an Astronaut
Aliki	A Medieval Feast
Russell Freedman	Confucius: The Golden Rule
Diana Childress	Marco Polo's Journey to China
Jane Shuter	Ancient China
Ivan Minnis	You Are in Ancient China
Stephen Kramer	Hidden Worlds: Looking Through a Scientist's Microscope
Russell Freedman	The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott
Miranda Smith	Ancient Egypt
Phillip Steele	Ancient Egypt
Robert Sabuda	Tutankhamen's Gift
Aliki	Mummies Made in Egypt
Jill Rubalcaba	National Geographic Investigates Ancient Egypt
Struan Reid and Patricia Fara	The Usborne Book of Inventors
Martin V. Sandler	Inventors
Phil Isaacson	A Short Walk Through the Pyramids
David Macaulay	Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction
Roland Smith	Sea Otter Rescue: The Aftermath of An Oil Spill
Thomas Smith	The Titanic Sinks!
Robert D. Ballard	Exploring the Titanic

