

McDonogh Lower School

SUMMER READING

Directions for Summer Reading...

- 1. Have fun!**
- 2. Summer can be busy. Make time with books a habit and reading a priority.**
- 3. Talk about what you read with family and friends.**
- 4. Use the following lists only as a guide. These lists primarily focus on fiction titles. Visit your local library and bookstore to find other fiction and nonfiction books that interest you as a reader.**
- 5. Keep track of the books you read using the online reading log or by keeping a hand written list.**
- 6. Set a personal reading goal and work to meet it!**

Kindergarten, Prefirst & First Grade

Suggested Picture Book Authors

Eric Carle
Kurt Cyrus
Tomie DePaola
Oliver Jeffers
Leo Lionni
Kadir Nelson
Laura Numeroff
Laura Vaccaro Seeger
Melanie Watt
Mo Willems

Award Winners!

2018 Caldecott Winner



2017-2018 BES Winner



2017-2018 McD BES Winner 2018-2019 BES Nominee Preview!



Suggested Early Chapter Books



Suggested Chapter Book Read Alouds

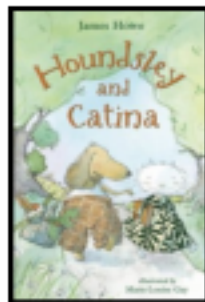


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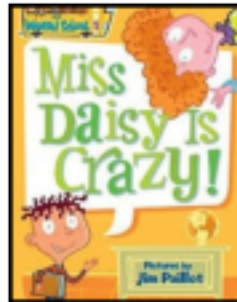
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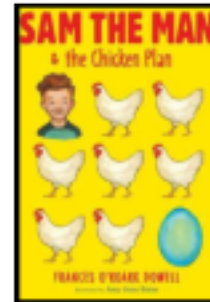
Mercy Watson Series
By Kate DiCamillo



Houndsley and Catina
By James Howe



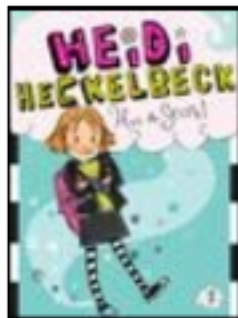
My Weird School
By Dan Gutman



Sam the Man and the Chicken Plan
By Frances O'Rourke Dowell



What If You Had Animal Hair?
By Sandra Markle



Heidi Heckelbeck
By Wanda Coven



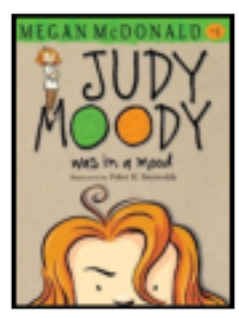
Cam Jansen Series
By David A. Adler



A to Z Mysteries
By Ron Roy



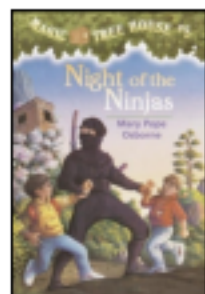
Franny K. Stein
By Jim Benton



Judy Moody
By Megan McDonald



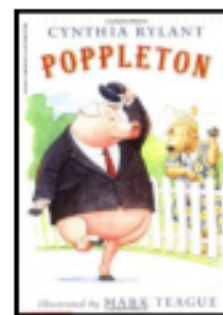
Ling and Ting Series
By Grace Lin



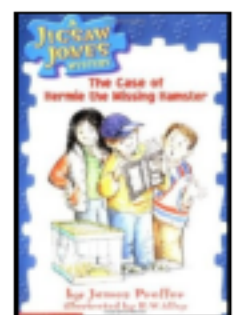
Magic TreeHouse
By Mary Pope Osborne



Iris and Walter
By Elissa Haden Guest



Poppleton Series
By Cynthia Rylant



Jigsaw Jones Mysteries
By James Preller

Third Grade

Required Reads:

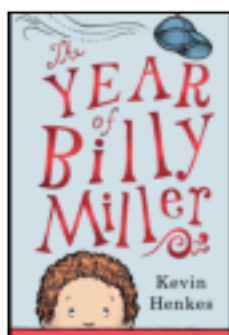


***Shoeshine Girl* by Clyde**

Robert Bulla

***Dog Days* by Karen English**

Suggested Titles:



**The Year of
Billy Miller**
By Kevin Henkes



**Clementine
Series**
By Sara
Pennypacker



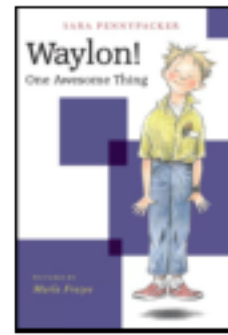
**Lost! A Dog
Called Bear**
By Wendy Orr



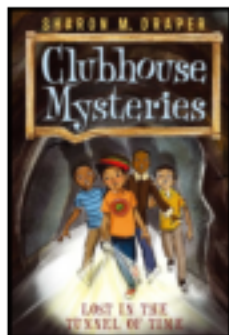
Masterpiece
By Elise Broach



**Jake Drake
Series**
By Andrew
Clements



**Waylon One
Awesome Thing**
By Sara Penny-
packer



**Clubhouse
Mysteries**
By Sharon M.
Draper



**Like Pickle Juice
On a Cookie**
By Julie
Sternberg



**The World
According to
Humphrey Series**
By Betty G.
Birney



**Calvin Coconut
Series**
By Graham
Salisbury



Lone Bean
By Chudney Ross



**A Room with a
Zoo**
By Jules Feiffer

Fourth Grade



Required Read:

Save Me a Seat

By Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Additional Required Reading (Please choose two):

All of these titles listed below are 2018-19 Maryland Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Nominees for 4th-6th Grade.



Me and Marvin Gardens By Amy Sarig King

Obe Devlin spends a lot of his time cleaning up the creek that runs through what little is left of his family's once extensive farmland, and worrying about what the developers are doing nearby, and the pollution it is causing—but one day he finds a strange creature by his creek that eats plastic, and soon the animal he calls Marvin Gardens becomes his personal secret, which he believes needs to be protected from pretty much everybody.



Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen—he can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own. But then the unthinkable happens. Cool Papa Byrd dies, and Clayton's mother forbids Clayton from playing the blues. And Clayton knows that's no way to live. Armed with his grandfather's brown porkpie hat and his harmonica, he runs away from home in search of the Bluesmen, hoping he can join them on the road. But on the journey that takes him through the New York City subways and to Washington Square



Wishtree By Katherine Applegate

An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.



The Safest Lie By Angela Cerrito

Nine-year-old Anna Bauman is one of the Jewish children who Jolanta (code name for the real-life World War II Resistance spy Irena Sendler) smuggles out of the Warsaw ghetto. Anna, given a new name and false papers, must keep her true identity secret, first at a Catholic orphanage and then with a foster family. Ironically, she discovers that the most difficult part isn't remembering her new identity, but trying not to forget the old one. Anna's story, suspenseful and deeply moving, sheds light on yet another aspect of the Holocaust: rescued children who lost not only their loved ones, but their very identities and Jewish heritage.



Amina's Voice By Hena Khan

Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she's in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with Emily, one of the "cool" girls in the class, and even talking about changing her name to something more "American." Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.



A Long Pitch Home By Natalie Dias Lorenzo

Ten-year-old Bilal liked his life back home in Pakistan. He was a star on his cricket team. But when his father suddenly sends the family to live with their aunt and uncle in America, nothing is familiar. While Bilal tries to keep up with his cousin Jalaal by joining a baseball league and practicing his English, he wonders when his father will join the family in Virginia. Maybe if Bilal can prove himself on the pitcher's mound, his father will make it to see him play. But playing baseball means navigating relationships with the guys, and with Jordan, the only girl on the team—the player no one but Bilal wants to be friends with. A sensitive and endearing contemporary novel about family, friends, and assimilation.



Chester and Gus By Cammie McGovern

Chester has always wanted to become a service dog. When he fails his certification test, though, it seems like that dream will never come true—until a family adopts him. They want him to be a companion for their ten-year-old son, Gus, who has autism. But Gus acts so differently than anyone Chester has ever met. He never wants to pet Chester, and sometimes he doesn't even want Chester in the room. Chester's not sure how to help Gus since this isn't exactly the job he trained for—but he's determined to figure it out. Because after all, Gus is now his person.



The Someday Birds By Sally Pla

Charlie's perfectly ordinary life has been unraveling ever since his war journalist father was injured in Afghanistan. When his father heads from California to Virginia for medical treatment, Charlie reluctantly travels cross-country with his boy-crazy sister, unruly brothers, and a mysterious new family friend. He decides that if he can spot all the birds that he and his father were hoping to see someday along the way, then everything might just turn out okay.



Stef Soto, Taco Queen By Jennifer Torres

Seventh grader Estefania "Stef" Soto is itching to shake off the onion-and-cilantro embrace of Tia Perla, her family's taco truck. She wants nothing more than for her dad to get a normal job and for Tia Perla to be put out to pasture. It's no fun being known as the "Taco Queen" at school.