

Torrance Unified School District
Elementary School Suggested Summer Reading List



Incoming Fifth Grade Reading List

- *The Search for WondLa* by Toni Di Terlizzi
- *At Gleason's Gym* by Ted Lewin (fiction)
- *Jar of Dreams* by Yoshiko Uchida (historical fiction)
- *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine
- *Locomotive* by Brian Floca, 2014 Newbery Medal
- *Lincoln and His Boys* by Rosemary Wells (biography)
- *Nothings Fair in Fifth Grade* by Barthe de Clements (realistic fiction)
- *Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries* by Elizabeth MacLeod (science)
- *The Name of this Book is a Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch (fantasy)
- *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson, Sibert Medal Winner 2009
- *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd (fantasy)
- *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi (fantasy series)
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien (classic)
- *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet (informational)
- **Books of your choice!**

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Incoming Fourth Grade Reading List



- *Aesop's Fables* by Beverly Naidoo
- *Lost and Found* by Andrew Clements (fiction)
- *Cool World Cooking: Fun and Tasty Recipes for Kids* by Lisa Wagner
- *Henry Aaron's Dream* by Mark Tavares 2012 (biography)
- *Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South* by Robert San Souci
- *The Secret School* by Avi, 2001 (historical fiction)
- *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo (fantasy)
- *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl (classic)
- *Face Bug* by J. Patrick Lewis (science poetry)
- *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh (realistic fiction)
- *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- *Bandit's Moon* by Sid Fleischman (historical fiction)
- *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, 2003 (Biography)
- *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech (fiction)
- *One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson, (fiction)
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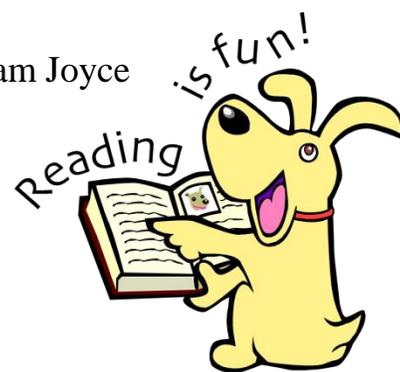
- *Dr. De Soto* by William Steig (fantasy)
- *Mr. Lincoln's Way* by Patricia Polacco (fiction)
- *The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend* by Dan Santat
- *A Taste of Colored Water* by Matt Faulkner
- *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill (historical)
- *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale* by Carmen Agra Deedy
- *Secrets of Droon- Knights Of The Ruby Wand* by Tony Abbott (series)
- *Just So Stories; The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling (classic)
- *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo* by Nancy Krulik (series)
- *Summer Reading is Killing Me!* by Jon Scieszka (fantasy)
- *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary (fantasy)
- *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant (realistic fiction)
- *Third Grade is Terrible* by Barbara Baker (realistic fiction)
- *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet
- *Uncle Jed's Barbershop* by Margaret Mitchell (realistic fiction)
- *One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo and David Small
- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes (realistic fiction)
- *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Maria Frazee (fiction)
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Incoming Second Grade Reading List

- *The Rabbit and the Turtle* by Eric Carle, 2008
- *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds
- *Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita* by Angela Dominguez
- *Vulture View* by April Pulley Sayre (science)
- *Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore* by William Joyce
- *Green* by Laura Vaaccaro Seeger, Caldecott Honor 2013
- *Keeping Quilt* by Patricia Polacco
- *Wabi Sabi* by Mark Reibstein and Ed Young, 2009
- *Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems* by Kate Coombs 2012
- *Nacho and Lolita* by Pam Munoz Ryan, 2005
- *How I Learned Geography* by Uri Shulevitz, 2008
- *The Wolves Are Back* by Jean Craighead George, 2008
- *My Dog Is as Smelly as Dirty Socks: And Other Funny Family Portraits* by Hanoch Piven, 2007
- *I, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger, (series)
- *Fandango Stew* by David Davis (fiction)
- *How I Spent My Summer Vacation* by Mark Teague, 2006
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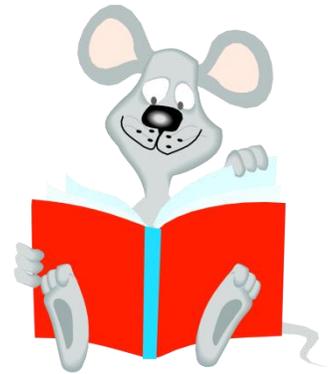
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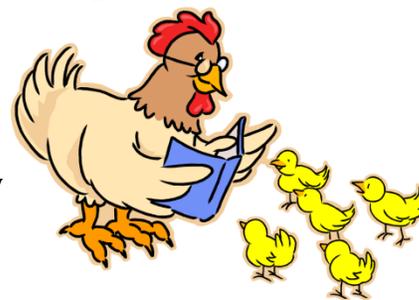
- *Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures* by Cynthia Rylant
- *Once I Ate a Pie* by Patricia Maclachlan
- *Charley's First Night* by Amy Hest and Helen Oxenbury
- *The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County* by Janice Harrington
- *Eggs* by Marilyn Singer
- *Even More Parts: Idioms from Head to Toe* by Tedd Arnold
- *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole* by Mac Barnett
- *Dear Hot Dog* by Mordicai Gerstein
- *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon and Marla Frazee
- *Tortoise and the Hare* by Pinkney
- *Nate the Great* (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
- *Cassie's Word Quilt* by Faith Ringgold
- *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza
- *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty
- *Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose* by Leo and Diane Dillon
- *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
- *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt
- *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Williams
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Incoming Kindergarten Reading List



- *Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham and Paul O. Zelinsky
- *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *The Important Book* by Margaret Wise Brown
- *The Numberlys* by William Joyce
- *A Sick Day For Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead, 2011 Caldecott Medal
- *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney, 2010 Caldecott Medal
- *From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems (Delombligo de la luna y otros poemas de verano)* by Francisco X. Alarcon
- *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Jan Brett
- *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle
- *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola
- *Little Red Riding Hood* by Jerry Pinkney
- *Little Dog Poems* by Kristine O'Connell George
- *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems
- *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli
- *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig
- *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See* by Bill Martin, Jr.
- *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin
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