

**Amherst Central School District
Windermere Blvd. School**

**Suggested Summer Reading List
Kindergarten through Grade 2**

Picture Books:

The following stories are written by well-respected authors;
any books by these authors would be good choices:

Patrick's Dinosaur, Carol Carrick

Is Your Mama a Llama? Deborah Guarino

Harry the Dirty Dog, Gene Zion

How Much is a Million? David Schwartz

The Patchwork Quilt, Valerie Flournoy

The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile, Bernard Waber

The Rainbow Fish, Marcus Pfister

Officer Buckle and Gloria, Peggy Rathmann

Owen, Kevin Henkes

Fireflies, J. Brickloe

Goodnight Moon, Margaret W. Brown

The Wednesday Surprise, Eve Bunting

Dad and Me, Peter Catalanotto

Island Boy, Barbara Cooney

Tough Boris, Mem Fox

The Biggest Boy, Kevin Henkes

Dreams, Ezra Jack Keats

Leo the Late Bloomer, Robert Kraus

Together, George Ella Lyon

Chicka, Chicka Boom Boom, Bill Martin

Uncle Ted's Barbershop, M. Mitchell

Grandfather's Journey, Alan Say

No, David! David Shannon

A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. Williams

Be Good to Eddie Lee, J. Fleming

Hooway for Wodney Wat, Helen Lester

Swimmy, Leo Lionni

The Napping House, Audrey Wood

Amazing Grace, M. Hoffman

A New Coat for Anna, Harriet Ziefert

The Pain and the Great One, Judy Blume

Flat Stanley, J. Brown

Verdi, Jannell Cannon

Nursery Rhymes and Poetry

A Lucky Thing, Alice Schertle

Riddle Road, Elizabeth Spires

Spectacular Science, Lee Bennett Hopkins

Whatever Happened to Humpty Dumpty?, David Greenberg

Brian Wildsmith's Mother Goose

In a Pumpkin Shell, Joan Walsh Anglund

Biography

A. Lincoln and Me, Louise Borden

Casey Jones, Fireman, Nancy Farmer

If a Bus Could Talk, Faith Ringgold

Molly Bannaky, Alice McGill

Our Neighbor is a Strange, Strange Man, Tres Seymour

A Picture Book of George Washington Carver, David Adler

Fables

Aesop's Fox, Aki Sogabe

The Hare and the Tortoise, Helen Ward

Luba and the Wren, Patricia Polacco

Fables, Arnold Lobel

Folk Tales/Tall Tales/Fairy Tales

The Dancing Pig, Judy Sierra

The Donkey and the Rock, Demi

The Emperor's Old Clothes, Kathryn Lasky

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat, Simms Taback

Leola and the Honeybears, Melodye Benson Rosales

Pumpkin Soup, Helen Cooper

The Tale of the Turnip, Brian Alderson

The Three Sillies, Steven Kellogg

Children should be familiar with traditional fairy tale and folk tale story lines and characters, such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Little Red Hen, Rapunzel and the Snow Queen. Sharing Classic fairy tales, Disney fairy tales, traditional folk tales (Brothers Grimm, for example) will encourage richness in language and story patterns.

Informational Books/Articles/Magazines

By the Blazing Blue Sea, S.T. Garne

My Rows and Piles of Coins, Tolowa Mollel

The Night Has Ears, Ashley Bryan

Nilo and the Tortoise, Ted Lewin

Yanni Rubbish, S.L. Oppenheim

What You Never Knew About Fingers, Forks and Chopsticks, Patricia Lauber

The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses, J. Cole

Good Enough to Eat, Lizzy Rockwell

The Fossil Girl, Catherine Brighton

Mary Anning and the Sea Dragon, Jeannine Atkins

Rare Treasure, Don Brown

Stone Girl, Bone Girl, Laurence Anholt

Sector 7, David Wiesner

Crinkleroot's Nature Almanac, Jim Arnosky

Bats, Gail Gibbons

Outside and Inside Kangaroos, Sandra Markle

Safe, Warm and Snug, Stephen Swinburne

Snow Bear, Jean Craighead George

Coyote: North America's Dog, Stephen R. Swinburne

Morning, Noon and Night, Jean Craighead George

Sweet Dreams, Kimiko Kajikawa

What's Under the Log?, Anne Hunter

Highlights for Children Magazine

Ranger Rick Magazine

Sports Illustrated for Kids Magazine

My Big Backyard Magazine

Cricket Magazine

National Geographic World Magazine

Kids Discover Magazine

Eyewitness Juniors Series, Alfred A. Knof, Inc.

How Science Works (various authors)

Janice VanCleave, author of science and social studies explorations books

Rookie Read About Science series, Children's Press

Realistic Fiction, Early Readers, Beginning Chapter Books

A Bug in Teacher's Coffee, Kalli Dakos

Henry and Mudge and the Snowman Plan, Cynthia Rylant

Horse Heroes, Kate Petty

Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy, Barbara Park

Marvin Redpost: Class President, Louis Sachar

Poppleton in Spring, Cynthia Rylant

Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery, David Adler

Busybody Nora, Johanna Hurwitz

Henry and Mudge, Cynthia Rylant

Ira Sleeps Over, Bernard Waber

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, Judith Viorst

Additional reading in the area of realist fiction might include:

Ramona books, by Beverly Cleary

Polk Street Kids series, by Patricia Reilly Giff

Junie B. Jones series, Barbara Park

Mystery

The Case of the Shrunken Allowance, Joanne Rocklin

Nate the Great series, by Marjorie Sharmat

Flatfoot Fox series, Eth Clifford

Cam Jansen and the Barking Treasure Mystery, David Adler (series)

Young Cam Jansen and the Baseball Mystery, David Adler (series)

The Boxcar Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner

The *Something Queer* series, Elizabeth Levy

The following series of books are also recommended:

George and Martha, James Marshall

Miss Spider books

Eric Carle's books

Arthur series by Marc Brown

Martha series, by Susan Meddaugh

Magic Tree House series, Mary Pope Osborne

Jigsaw Jones series

Primary Grade Teachers' Favorite Authors:

Jim Arnosky
Frank Asch
Paulette Bourgeois
Jan Brett
Norman Bridwell
Eric Carle
Carol and Donald Carrick
Donald Crews
Lois Elhert
Alan Fowler
Gail Gibbons
Tana Hoban
Marc Pfister
Mercer Mayer
Mary Pope Osborne
Peggy Parish
Arnold Lobel
Tomie dePaola
Judy Blume (Fudge series)
Marc Brown
Maurice Sendak
Dr. Seuss
Bernard Waber
James Marshall
Bill Martin
Cynthia Rylant
Judith Viorst
Kevin Henkes
Mem Fox
Patricia Polacco
Robert Munsch
Bill Martin Jr.
Margaret and H.A. Rey

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**Suggested Summer Reading List
Intermediate Grades 3, 4 and 5**

Picture Books

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters, John Steptoe

The Book of Giant Stories, David Harrison

The Great Kapok Tree, Lynne Cherry

Chicken Sunday, Patricia Polacco

Thank You, Mr. Falkner, Patricia Polacco

Owl Moon, Jane Yolen

Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie, Peter Roop

Two Bad Ants, Chris Van Allsburg

It is recommended that children “revisit” old favorites on their bookshelves! Many children experienced their picture books as read alouds done by adults and can now enjoy the language, art and story lines as independent readers.

Biography/Autobiography

Homesick: My Own Story, Jean Fritz

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes, Eleanor Coerr

Standing in the Light, Mary Pope Osborne

The Beaded Moccasins, Lynda Durrant

Pioneer Girl, William Anderson

Lewis and Papa, Barbara Joosse

It is recommended that children read books or magazine articles about the following:

Native Americans

African Americans

Explorers

Famous Women in History, Science and the Arts

Famous Figures in American History

Informational Books/Magazines

Magic School Bus series, Joanna Cole

Women in Space: Reading the Last Frontier, by Carole Briggs

Big Book of Tell Me Why, Arkady Leokum

Cybersurfer: The Owl Internet Guide for Kids, Nyla Ahmad

Accidents Can Happen: Fifty Inventions Discovered by Mistake, Charlotte Foltz Jones

National Geographic World Magazine

Cricket Magazine

Kids Discover Magazine

National Geographic Magazine

Janice VanCleave's science and social studies explorations books

Seymour Simon's books

Poetry

Joyful Noises, Paul Fleishman

Where the Sidewalk Ends, Shel Silverstein

A Light in the Attic, Shel Silverstein

Something Big Has Been Here, Jack Prelutsky

The following authors of poetry are also recommended:

Eve Merriam

Joseph Bruchac

Judith Viorst

Fantasy/Fables/Myths/Legends

Tales From Gold Mountain, Paul Lee

Legend of Sleepy Hollow, Washington Irving

Squids Will Be Squids, Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith

Mary Pope Osborne's Mythology collections

Poppy, Avi

Poppy and Rye, Avi

A Wrinkle in Time, M. L'Engle

Music of the Dolphins, Karen Hesse

Time Warp Trio series, J. Scieszka

It is recommended that children read tales from Roman and Greek mythology and any of Aesop's fables.

Historical Fiction

Journey to Nowhere, Mary Jane Auch
Ben and Me, Robert Lawson
Mr. Revere and I, Robert Lawson
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? Jean Fritz
Samuel's Choice, Richard Berleth
Courage of Sarah Noble, Alice Dalgliesh
King of the Wind, Marguerite Henry
Number the Stars, Lois Lowry
In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson, Betty Lord
Night Crossing, K. Ackerman
Sarah, Plain and Tall, Patricia McLachlan
Grasshopper Summer, Ann Turner
Train to Somewhere, Eve Bunting
Nettie's Trip South, Ann Turner
Gentle Ben, Walt Morey
Pink and Say, Patricia Polacco
Anne of Green Gables, L.M. Montgomery
Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes
Rachel's Journal, M. Moss
Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Ryrie Brink
Red Scarf Girl, J.L. Jiang
Indian School, Gloria Whelan
Sign of the Beaver, Elizabeth George Speare
The Friendship, Mildred Taylor
Weasel, Cynthia DeFelice
Dear America series, Scholastic
My Name is America series, Scholastic
Little House series, Laura Ingalls
American Girls series

Folk Tales/Tall Tales/Fairy Tales

Song of the Trees, Mildred Taylor
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses, Paul Goble
Pecos Bill, Steven Kellogg
Cinderella, Charles Perrault
Kneeknock Rise, Natalie Babbitt
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, J. Scieszka
Chronicles of Narnia, C.S. Lewis

It is recommended that children read “fractured fairy tales” such as those written by Jon Scieszka, a collection of folk tales by the Brothers Grimm, Roald Dahl’s fantasies, books by E.B. White and the collection of Steven Kellogg’s tall tales.

Realistic Fiction

My Mother Got Married, Barbara Park

Circle of Gold, Candy Sawson Boyd

Felita, Nicholasa Mohr

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.I. Konigsburg

Harriet the Spy, Louise Fitzhugh

The Incredible Journey, Scott O'Dell

The Worst Best School Year Ever, Barbara Robinson

Chocolate Fever, Robert Smith

Call It Courage, Armstrong Sperry

Bud, Not Buddy, C.P. Curtis

Holes, Louis Sachar

Shiloh, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Stone Fox, John R. Gardiner

The Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson Burnett

Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls

Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell

How to Eat Fried Worms, Thomas Rockwell

Fourth Grade Celebrity, Patricia Reilly Giff

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume

The Summer of the Swans, Betsy Byars

The Great Gilly Hopkins, Katherine Paterson

Call of the Wild, Jack London

Thirteen Ways to Sink a Sub, Jamie Gibson

Trouble River, Betsy Byars

Sleep Out, Carol Carrick

The Barn, Avi

Veronica the Show-Off, Nancy K. Robinson

Superfudge, Judy Blume

Lizzie Lies a Lot, Elizabeth Levy

Skinnybones, Barbara Park

The Midnight Fox, Betsy Byars

Bridge to Terebithia, Katherine Patterson

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great, Judy Blume

Baseball Fever, Joanna Hurwitz

Jenny Archer series, Ellen Conford

Amber Brown series, Paula Danziger

Elisa and Russell series, Joanna Hurwitz

Meet M&M series, Pat Ross

Mystery

Something's Upstairs: A Tale of Ghosts, Avi

Dollhouse Murders, Betty Ren Wright

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective, Donald Sobol

Bunnicula, James Howe

Other recommendations include the following series:

Cam Jansen, David Adler

The Box Car Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner

Nancy Drew series

Hardy Boys series

Stevie Diamond series, Linda Bailey

Brian Jacques' *Redwall* series

Jon Scieszka's *Time Warp Trio* series

Recommended Authors:

Kate DiCamillo

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Beverly Cleary

Robert McCloskey

Cynthia DeFelice

Jerry Spinelli

Ruth Heller

Lynne Reid Banks

Gordon Korman

Roald Dahl

Avi

Barbara Park

Patricia McLachlan

Robert Newton Peck

Katherine Paterson

C.S. Lewis

Sharon Creech

Gary Paulsen

Just for Fun: Word/Language Play

Marvin Terban books (Guppies in Tuxedos, too Hot to Hoot, In a Pickle, and others)

Who Ordered the Jumbo Shrimp, Jon Agee

Any riddle/joke books