

**Katy Independent School District
Suggested Summer Reading List 2015
Entering 1st Grade**

Author	Title	Summary
Hutmacher, Kimberly M.	I Want a Hamster	See if a hamster is the right pet for you with this overview of the care of hamsters. Suggested websites in the back of the book.
Goodrich, Carter	Mister Bud Wears the Cone	Two dogs living in the same house go through different issues when one of them ends up having to wear a cone. Zorro is upset and causes trouble when Mr. Bud gets all the attention.
Curato, Mike	Little Elliot, Big City	Elliot, a small polka-dotted elephant, lives in New York City and enjoys the little things like cupcakes! He has a big problem, how can he get into the bakery to get his cupcake! Elliot meets someone smaller than himself and together they find a way to solve Elliot's problem.
Bertier, Anne	Wednesday	"Every Wednesday, Little Round and Big Square get together to play..." Thus begins the story of two shapes who must learn to work together in spite of their different abilities.
Beavis, Paul	Mrs. Mo's Monster	When Mrs. Mo answers the door, in comes a monster who only knows how to, "crunch, munch, and chew." Slowly, but surely the monster discovers that maybe he can learn to do more with Mrs. Mo's help.
AUTHORS		
Appelt, Kathi Arnold, Tedd	Henkes, Kevin Jenkins, Steve	Watt, Melanie Willems, Mo
SERIES		
Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit	Read about the many adventures of a friendly little puppy, Biscuit, and his friends!
Falconer, Ian	Olivia	Olivia is a playful and imaginative pig who always seems to find trouble or get into mischief.
Hoberman, Mary Ann	You Read to Me, I'll Read to You	Through short stories and rhymes, this series is designed to be read by two voices that, at times, come together for shared lines.
Olson, et al	Zoo Animal Mysteries	Follow clues to solve mysteries by using a world map which highlights the locations of the animals. The clues narrow as different parts of the animal become the focus.
Litwin, Eric Dean, James	Pete the Cat	Pete the Cat is a laid back blue cat whose motto is "It's all good" no matter what problem he meets.
Oldland, Nicholas	Life in the Wild	Fun series about a bear, moose, and beaver that promotes team work, kindness, and friendship.

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Faulconer, Maria	A Mom for Umande	True story of a baby gorilla that is rejected by his mother and cared for by the zookeepers until they find a gorilla to take care of him.
Meltzer, Brad	I Am Amelia Earhart	Discover Amelia Earhart's adventures as seen through the eyes of young Amelia.
Shea, Bob	Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads	When Drywater Gulch has a toad problem, seven-year-old Sheriff Ryan comes riding into town on a tortoise.
Hopkins, Jackie Mims	Prairie Chicken Little	Fractured fairy tale of Chicken Little in which Mary McBlicken, the prairie chicken, thinks that a stampede is coming and runs to warn the other animals.
Bar-el, Dan	Not Your Typical Dragon	Crispin doesn't breathe fire like your typical dragon. When he meets a knight who must slay a fire-breathing dragon, an unlikely friendship forms.
AUTHORS		
Arnosky, Jim Cronin, Doreen	Lester, Helen Rylant, Cynthia	Stevens, Janet
SERIES		
Lord, Cynthia	Shelter Pet Squad	In this series, Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect pet homes for animals in need!
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny and Penny	Follow the adventures of Benny and Penny, two mice, as they pretend to be brave pirates, calm either others bedtime fears and go on treasure hunts in this action-filled graphic novel series.
Klein, Abby	Ready Freddy!	Discover how first-grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word "fin" hidden cleverly in every picture.
Manushkin, Fran	Katie Woo	Share the ongoing adventures of the Katie Woo and her friends as they care for Binky, the class pet, find the perfect job for career day, and save the earth by having a garage sale to recycle their toys.
McDonald, Megan	Stink	Judy Moody's little brother, Stink, gets involved in some hilarious adventures and even writes a comic strip for the end of each chapter!
Silverman, Erica	Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa	Cowgirl Kate and her feisty horse, Cocoa, ride the range demonstrating Kate's roping skills, counting cows and changing the Wild West forever.

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Heyman, Alyssa	Twelve Dancing Unicorns	Desperate to discover the cause of the broken chains around his unicorns each morning, the king offers a handsome reward. A young girl uses a special gift from her mother to discover the unicorns' magical secret.
Himmelman, John	Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny	Meet Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny! She is the best bunjitsu artist in her school. She can throw farther, kick higher and hit harder than anybunny else! But her strongest weapon is her mind!
MacLachlan, Patricia	The Truth of Me	Robbie and his dog Ellie spend a summer with his grandmother, and learn the truth about his grandmother's connection with the animals around her, as well as his family and himself.
Jenkins, Steve	Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do	This question and answer non-fiction book allows animals with exotic features to explain the function of their unique look.
Kurtz, Chris	Adventures of a South Pole Pig	Flora, an adventurous pig is determined to escape the boring pen life and allows herself to be transported to a ship traveling to Antarctica until it is shipwrecked.

AUTHORS

Byars, Betsy	McDonald, Megan	Palatini, Margie
Cleary, Beverly	Osborne, Mary Pope	Scieszka, Jon

SERIES

Mlynowski, Sara	Whatever After	Abby and Jonah's magic mirror keeps pulling them into fairy tale land where the stories get changed. Can they figure out a way to make the story turn out like it should?
Bishop, Nic	Nonfiction Animal Books	Learn about snakes, spiders, butterflies and other animals through these beautifully photographed books.
Gutman, Dan	My Weird School	AJ attends a weird school. With titles such as <i>Mr. Klutz Is Nuts!</i> and <i>Ms. Todd Is Odd!</i> , you will soon understand why the school is so zany!
Messner, Kate	Marty McGuire	Marty is a tom-boy who idolizes Jane Goodall. She always tries to do what is right, but sometimes things don't always cooperate.
Look, Lenore	Alvin Ho	Alvin Ho is a normal kid who happens to be frightened of many of things. And when he gets scared, he has a problem...he can't talk. Readers will enjoy Alvin's unique sense of humor.
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton	Follow the adventures of a talking mouse that lives in New Mouse City and works as the editor of <i>The Rodent's Gazette</i> , the fictional newspaper.

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Wiley, Melissa	Prairie Thief	Louisa's Pa, accused of stealing, is taken to jail while she is left to live with the difficult Smirch family, but she finds the real thief, a brownie.
Jinks, Catherine	How to Catch a Bogle	Birdie is the apprentice to Alfred the Bogler, a man who catches and destroys monsters that prey upon children. While she may appear to be a frail child, she is much more than meets the eye.
Holm, Jennifer	The Fourteenth Goldfish	Eleven-year-old Ellie Cruz's life changes dramatically when her mother brings a teenage boy home one night and she learns it is her estranged grandfather. Melvin is a scientist who has figured out how to reverse aging and is now 13 again.
Ochiltree, Diane	Molly, by Golly!	When many of the firefighters at New York City's Fire Company 11 are sick with the flu, Molly Williams, the African American cook for the group, springs into action to stop a fire at a small house. She is considered the first female firefighter in the U.S.A.
Roy, Katherine	Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farralon Islands	Learn about many aspects of great whites – their anatomy, how they hunt, and their place in the ecosystem, as well as how scientists study them.

AUTHORS

Clements, Andrew	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Silverstein, Shel
DiCamillo, Kate	LaFevers, Robin	Stevens, Janet

SERIES

Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived. . .	Each story tells a thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who survived the event.
Broach, Elise	Superstition Mountain	The Barker brothers are told Superstition Mountain is off-limits. When their cat runs away in that direction, they follow and discover three human skulls. The children research local history and try to solve the mystery.
Mull, Brandon Stiefvater, Maggie Nix, Garth Hale, Shannon	Spirit Animals	Set in the world of Erdas, children go through a coming of age ritual to determine if they have a spirit animal and discover their greater destiny.
Hicks, Deron	The Letterford Mysteries	Someone is attempting a hostile takeover of Letterford Publishing Company, but Colophon is not going to let anyone take it away from her dad.
Buckley, Michael	The Sisters Grimm	Welcome the Sisters Grimm, Sabrina and Daphne, two girl sleuths. Their adventures are filled with hilarious fairy-tale twists and are sure to delight fantasy readers.

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Lloyd, Natalie	A Snicker of Magic	Midnight Gulch, a remote mountain town, used to be a magical and Felicity's mother returns there with Felicity and her little sister. Felicity finally believes she's found a place to call home that holds promises of magic and friendship.
Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived True Stories: Five Epic Disasters	Follow the fascinating stories of children as they struggle to survive five epic disasters.
Tui T.& Kari Sutherland	The Menagerie	Follow the suspense surrounding a hidden and closely guarded Menagerie filled with magical creatures in Wyoming.
Grabenstein, Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	After winning a contest to spend the night in the town's new library which was designed by a world famous game maker, Kyle and his friends must solve puzzles to find their way out the next morning.
Larson, Kirby	Dash	Mitsi Kashino is forced from her home into an internment camp and must leave her beloved dog Dash behind. As everything around her seems to fall apart, the one thing Mitsi looks forward to is the letters her neighbor who is caring for Dash sends.
Martin, Ann	Rain Reign	Rose is a girl with OCD, Asperger's syndrome, and a love for homonyms. When her dad brings home a lost dog, she becomes inseparable with the dog, Rain. When a storm hits and Rain goes missing, Rose is determined to find her dog.

AUTHORS

Avi	Hahn, Mary Downing	Lupica, Mike
Creech, Sharon	Kehret, Peg	Riordan, Rick

SERIES

Gutman, Dan	The Genius Files	Twins, Coke and Pepsi, travel across the country on exciting summer adventures. Follow their travels on Google Maps.
Haddix, Margaret Peterson	Found	Thirteen years after a plane full of orphaned babies mysteriously arrives, they learn that they have been found.
Hunter, Erin	Warriors	Four Clans of wild cats share their ancestral forest until the warrior code is threatened by the aggressive Shadow Clan that seems to grow more powerful every day.
Korman, Gordon	Dive Trilogy Everest Trilogy Island Trilogy Titanic Trilogy	Each of the adventure trilogies focuses on such topics as shipwrecks, survival or escape.
Grisham, John	Theodore Boone	Theodore Boone, son of lawyer parents, embraces their profession while solving crimes, dispensing legal advice and sharing his insight on the legal system.