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## Summer Reading List 2019-20

### INCOMING K - GRADE 1

Anansi the spider: a tale from the Ashanti Adapted and illustrated, by Gerald McDermott  
In trying to determine which of his six sons to reward for saving his life, Anansi the Spider is responsible for placing the moon in the sky.

Big Cat, Little Cat by Elisha Cooper A tale about friendship, new beginnings, and cats.

The Book with No Pictures by B.J. Novak

Discover how much fun a picture book with no pictures can be in this absurd, hilarious book.

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire.

Doctor DeSoto by William Steig

Doctor DeSoto was not in the habit of treating animals that were dangerous to mice. When a fox with a painful toothache showed up, he had quite a decision to make.

Duck, Duck, Porcupine! by Salina Yoo.

Big Duck likes to boss around her younger brother, Little Duck, and she fancies herself the leader of their trio when joined by their gentle friend Porcupine. Little Duck does not speak yet, but through his expressions and his actions, he shows that he has a better grasp on any situation than his older sister.

Frog and Toad are Friends by Arnold Lobel

Five tales recounting the adventures of two best friends - Frog and Toad.

Go Otto Go! by David Milgrim

Using just twenty different words, readers encounter an engaging robot adventure with surprising emotional complexity. Milgrim masterfully expands this extremely simple text through humorous, energetic illustrations.

Good Night Owl by Greg Pizzoli

As owl is going to sleep, he is repeatedly interrupted by a “squeek”. Determined to find its source, Owl tears apart his house from cupboard to floorboard to roof.

Henry and Mudge and the Great Grandpas by Cynthia Rylant (Beginner Reader Series)

Henry’s family visits his Great-Grandpa Bill, who happens to share a house with several other great- grandpas.

Hi, Koo! A Year of Seasons by Jon J. Muth

Koo the panda is back and discovering each season through poetry.

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons. He's passed his swim test. It's just... maybe he should do some stretches first. 'Looks easy,' says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back.

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback

A very old overcoat is recycled many times into a variety of garments.

Magic Tree House (Series) by Mary Pope Osborne

A book in the Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie away on a series of exciting adventures.

Mrs. Moskowitz and the Sabbath Candlesticks by Amy Schwartz

Mrs. Moskowitz and her cat move from their house into a new apartment and feel a little lost. They miss their house, filled with family memories.

Muncha! Muncha! Muncha! by Candace Fleming

After planting the garden he has dreamed of for years, Mr. McGreely tries to find a way to keep some persistent bunnies from eating all his vegetables.

My New Friend Is So Fun! (Series) by Mo Willems

Will a new friend break apart Piggie and Gerald’s friendship?

Prehistoric Actual Size by Steve Jenkins

Collage art depicts a variety of life-sized animal features in different creatures.

Rapunzel by Paul O. Zelinsky

A retelling of the German folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress.

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen

Sam and Dave do not find what they expect when they dig a hole, but they still end up having a pretty good day.

Strega Nona by De Paola, Tomie

When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Wolfie the Bunny by Ame Dyckman

When her parents find a baby wolf on their doorstep and decide to raise him as their own, Dot is certain he will eat them all up until a surprising encounter with a bear brings them closer together.

Why Dogs Have Wet Noses by Kenneth Steven, illustrated by Øyvind Torseter

A retelling of Noah's Ark as a pourquoi tale.

### INCOMING GRADES 2-3

Alvin Ho: allergic to camping, hiking, and other natural disasters. (Series) by Lenore Look

Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping, hoping to install a love of nature like that of their hometown hero, Henry David Thoreau.

Best Friends Forever (Bink and Gollie Series) by Kate DiCamillo

When Gollie suspects she has royal blood in her veins and begins to act like a snob, Bink must find a way to deal with her friend's new behavior in order to keep their friendship.

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (Series) by Doreen Cronin

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what Tail the squirrel is so afraid of.

Clementine (Series) by Sara Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich by Greg Trine; illustrated by Rhode Montijo

After graduating from the Superhero Academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles, where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers.

Eva's Treetop Festival (Owl Diaries Series) by Rebecca Elliott

Eva Wingdale gets in over her head when she offers to organize a spring festival at school. Even with her best friend Lucy's help, there is NO way she will get everything done in time.

Heidi Heckelbeck Goes to Camp (Series) by Wanda Cove

Heidi is excited about spending two weeks with Lucy at Camp Dakota, but Lucy's friends from last year ignore Heidi and make her feel unwelcome, leading Heidi to cast a friendship spell on them.

The Infamous Ratsos by Kara LaReau

Two city dwelling rat brothers set out to prove just how tough they are. Yet their every attempt to cause havoc has unintended – and positive – outcomes. More experienced beginning readers will find delightful misadventures told with accessible text, varied sentence structure, and black and white highly humorous illustrations.

Journey : based on the true story of OR7, the most famous wolf in the West by Emma Bland Smith

A fictionalized account about a real wolf with the scientific name OR7 (the 7th radio-collared wolf in Oregon) that traveled from eastern Oregon to northern California—the first known wolf in the Golden State in 90 years.

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

C.J. and his grandma take an eye-opening bus ride across town. Where do they go every Sunday?

Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Julie Sternberg. illus. by Matthew Cordell

Told in first-person verse and illustrated with line drawings that reflect each emotional up and down, this charmer provides a candid, believable, and engaging look at growing up.

Mo Jackson Series by David A. Adler

What Mo lacks in size and athleticism he makes up for in determination and love of the game. Young sports enthusiasts will be eager to read the play-by-play accounts of his experiences in every sports season.

Newton and Me by Lynne Mayer ; illustrated by Sherry Rogers

A young boy learns about how Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion work while pulling a wagon, riding a bike, and having fun with his dog Newton.

Out of the Box by Jemma Westing

Creative readers who are looking for something more hands-on will love this book that's filled with unique craft projects based on something that most families have lying around the house.

Princess in Black by Shannon Hale

While having hot cocoa with the Dutchess, Princess Magnolia must sneak away to fight monsters as her alter ego the Princess in Black.

Ramona Quimby, age 8 by Beverly Cleary; illustrated by Alan Tiegreen

The further adventures of the Quimby family as Ramona enters the third grade. Newbery Award winner

Ruby Lu, Brave and True by Lenore Look. Illustrated by Anne Wilsdorf

Most days the best thing about being Ruby is everything. Like when she's the star of her own backyard magic show. Or when she gives a talk at the school safety assembly on the benefits of reflective tape. Or when she rides the No. 3 bus all the way to Chinatown to visit GungGung and PohPoh.

Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton

Tells the true story of inventor Lonnie Johnson who stumbled upon the mechanics of the iconic Super Soaker water gun while trying to create a new cooling system for refrigerators and air conditioners.

## INCOMING GRADES 4-5

**As you choose your summer reading - please choose one from the “classics” list and one from the list below. Feel free to either read or listen to these wonderful books!**

### **Classics List**

Frindle by Andrew Clements, Brian Selznick

From bestselling and award-winning author Andrew Clements, a quirky, imaginative tale about creative thought and the power of words that will have readers inventing their own words.

Holes by Louis Sachar

Stanley tries to dig up the truth in this inventive and darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment—and redemption.

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

When James accidentally drops some magic crystals by the old peach tree, strange things start to happen. The peach at the top of the tree begins to grow, and before long it's as big as a house.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

In the never-ending war between good and evil, The Chronicles of Narnia set the stage for battles of epic proportions. Some take place in vast fields, where the forces of light and darkness clash. But other battles occur within the small chambers of the heart and are equally decisive.

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma.

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

"Are you a gifted child looking for special opportunities?" ad attracts dozens for mind-bending tests readers may try. Only two boys and two girls succeed for a secret mission, undercover and underground into hidden tunnels. At the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, the only rule is - there are no rules.

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all.

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. (Series)

Marty's deception in secretly keeping a beagle pup that he knows belongs to a cruel owner causes him heartache and trouble as one lie leads to another. A near tragedy reveals his secret and brings Marty face-to-face with the owner.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Life with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble.

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli spends her days working hard in the fields and her nights listening to her father spin fantastic tales about the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon. Minli's mother, tired of their poor life, chides him for filling her head with nonsense. But Minli believes these enchanting stories and embarks on an extraordinary journey.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A loving threesome, they ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn. Little Ann had the brains, and Billy had the will to make them into the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too. Where the Red Fern Grows is an exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget.

The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin

A bizarre chain of events begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. And though no one knows why the eccentric, game-loving millionaire has chosen a virtual stranger - and a possible murderer - to inherit his vast fortune, one thing's for sure: Sam Westing may be dead... but that won't stop him from playing one last game!

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

It was a wild stormy night when the unearthly visitor arrived to change the lives of Meg, Charles-Wallace and their mother. The first book of a trilogy

Zlateh the Goat and Other Stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer, Elizabeth Shub, Maurice Sendak (Illustrator)

Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer introduces readers to the village of Chelm in this Newbery Honor Book. Chelm is a village of fools. The most famous fools—the oldest and the greatest—are the seven Elders. But there are lesser fools too: a silly irresponsible bridegroom; four sisters who mix up their feed in bed one night; a young man who imagines himself dead.

### **Additional suggestions**

Belly up by Stuart Gibbs

Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.

Dark Emperor & other Poems of the Night written by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Rick Allen  
A collection of poems that celebrates the wonder, mystery, and danger of the night and describes the many things that hide in the dark.

Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. Newbery Award winner

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle and his friends get to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by the famous Mr. Lemoncello, but in the morning they must solve puzzles in order to escape. Read Sequels: Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics (2016), and Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race (2017).

Flush by Carl Hiaasen

Expresses ecological concern focusing on the illegal dumping of raw sewage from a floating casino. Deals with ecological and personal issues.

Half Upon a Time by James Riley

In the village of Giant's Hand Jack's grandfather has been pushing him to find a princess and get married, so when a young lady falls out of the sky wearing a shirt that says "Punk Princess," and she tells Jack that her grandmother, who looks...

Honus and Me by Dan Gutman (Series)

Joey, who loves baseball but is not very good at it, finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet Honus.

Letters from Rivka by Karen Hesse

In letters to her cousin, a young Jewish girl chronicles her family's flight from Russia in 1919 and her own experiences when she must be left in Belgium for a while when the others immigrate to America.

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

Twelve-year-old Greg who has always been good at money making projects, is surprised to find himself teaming up with his lifelong rival to create a series of comic books to sell at school.

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy by Jeanne Birdsall

A summer vacation in a picturesque Berkshire cottage is complicated by the estate's owner, the frosty Mrs. Tipton.

Savvy by Ingrid Law

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"-- a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

A small mouse, who loves light, music and a princess, becomes engaged in a desperate adventure which tests his valor.

The War That Saved My Life by Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker

.A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

The War I Finally Won. Dial Books, 2017 (Sequel to The War That Saved my Life) As the frightening impact of World War II creeps closer and closer to her door, eleven-year-old Ada learns to manage life on the home front.