

**Prince William County Public Schools**  
**Summer Reading Suggested Reading List**

**Elementary - First Grade**

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Suggested Reading List is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration, and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

| Author                             | Title   | Publication Date | Annotation  |
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| DiTerlizzi, Angela                 | <i>Just Add Glitter</i>   | 2018             | It all starts with a mysterious mail delivery, a little girl with a big imagination, and a sprinkling of twinkling glitter. Before long there's glitter here, glitter there-glitter, glitter EVERYWHERE! But just when she's about to add more glitter, the little girl realizes maybe there is such a thing as too much bling when you and your best pal start to get lost in it...  |
| Kurtz, Jane                        | <i>What Do They Do With All That Poo?</i>   | 2019             | There are so many different animals at the zoo, and they each make lots and lots (and sometimes LOTS!) of poo. So what do zoos do with all of that poo? This laugh-out-loud picture book explores all kinds of zoo poo, from cube-shaped wombat poo to teeny tiny worm droppings, and all of the places it ends up, including in science labs and your back garden!<br>Welcome to the wonderful world of poo! Take a whiff and learn something new... |
| Pallotta, Jerry                    | <i>Ultimate Showdown</i>  | 2019             | Which dangerous animals would win in a fight? Find out in this awesome bind-up of five books from the <i>Who Would Win?</i> series. The collection features a range of mammals, sea creatures, insects, and dinosaurs to satisfy all kinds of animal fans.  |
| “Rookie Biography” series          | <i>Benjamin Franklin</i> or any book in the Rookie Biography Series                       | Various          | Briefly introduces the life of Benjamin Franklin, touching on his inventions and his contributions to the city of Philadelphia as well as to the newly formed United States of America.   |
| “Rookie Read-About Science” series | <i>Giant Pandas: Gifts from China</i> or any book in the Rookie Read about Science Series | Various          | A series about a wide variety of science topics, published by Children’s Press.   |

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| Barnes, Derrick         | <i>I Am Every Good Thing</i>  | 2020 | A boy, speaking in first person, tells about experiences and characteristics of himself that contribute to his personality, strength, and feeling of self-worth.   |
| Berger, Samantha        | <i>What If...</i>   | 2018 | A young girl ponders the possibilities on how to create if resources were diminishing.   |
| Blabey, Aaron           | <i>I Need a Hug</i> or any primary picture book by Aaron Blabey                       | 2019 | A tiny porcupine just wants a cuddle. All of the other animals turn him away because of his prickly spikes. But finally the porcupine meets an animal who's happy to hug — a snake!  |
| Brown, Skila            | <i>Clackety Track: Poems About Trains</i>   | 2019 | Trains of all shapes and sizes are coming down the track — bullet train, sleeper train, underground train, zoo train, and more. All aboard! Skila Brown's first-class poems, as varied as the trains themselves, reflect the excitement of train travel, while Jamey Christoph's vintage-style illustrations provide a wealth of authentic detail to pore over.  |
| Clanton, Ben            | <i>Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea</i> or any book in the A Narwhal and Jelly Book Series | 2016 | A wonderfully silly early graphic novel series featuring a happy-go-lucky Narwhal and Jelly, a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties, and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together.  |
| Clark- Robinson, Monica | <i>Let The Children March</i>   | 2018 | In 1963 Birmingham, Alabama, thousands of African American children volunteered to march for their civil rights after hearing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speak. They protested the laws that kept black people separate from white people. Facing fear, hate, and danger, these children used their voices to change the world. Monica Clark-Robinson's moving and poetic words document this remarkable time.                     |
| Deenihan, Jamie L.B.    | <i>When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree</i>  | 2019 | When Grandma gives you a lemon tree, definitely don't make a face! Care for the tree, and you might be surprised at how new things, and new ideas, bloom.  |
| Dominguez, Angela       | <i>Sing, Don't Cry</i>  | 2017 | Presents a loving Abuelo who brings his guitar and memories on visits spent singing with his grandchildren in the face of good and bad times.  |
| Duling, Kate            | <i>Sun Power</i> or any other book in the My Physical Science Library Series          | 2019 | The sun is huge and bright. We get heat, light, and energy from this star. Readers will also learn about cause and effect.   |
| Faruqi, Saadia          | <i>Meet Yasmin!</i> Or any book in the Yasmin collection                              | 2018 | Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems. Taking inspiration from her surroundings and her big imagination, she boldly faces any situation, assuming her imagination doesn't get too big, of course! A creative thinker and curious explorer, Yasmin and her multi-generational Pakistani American family will delight and inspire readers. |

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| Freedman, Deborah    | <i>Carl and the Meaning of Life</i>   | 2019 | Carl is an earthworm. He spends his days happily tunneling in the soil until a field mouse asks him a simple question that stops him short: "Why?" Carl's quest takes him on an adventure to meet all the animals of the forest, each of whom seems to know exactly what they were put on this earth to do, unlike the curious Carl. But it's not until the world around him has changed that Carl begins to realize everyone, no matter how small, makes a big difference just by being themselves. |
| Jules, Jacqueline    | <i>My Family Adventure</i> or any book in the Sofia Martinez Series                         | 2015 | Little Sofia Martinez has a big personality and big plans, which makes every day memorable. Between her sisters and cousins, her family is the focus of her many adventures. From taking school pictures to doing chores, this 7-year-old knows how to make every moment count. Sofia loves her family and loves her life. What could be better?   |
| Manushkin, Fran      | <i>Pedro Book Series</i>  | 2016 | Spend some time with Pedro, Katie Woo's fun-loving friend. From a buggy disaster to a run for class president, Pedro has what it takes to be the hero of first-grade. No matter what he's doing, Pedro is always good for some laughs and adventure.   |
| Morales, Yuyi        | <i>Dreamers</i>   | 2018 | Dreamers is a celebration of making your home with the things you always carry: your resilience, your dreams, your hopes, and history. It's the story of finding your way in a new place, of navigating an unfamiliar world, and finding the best parts of it. In dark times, it's a promise that you can make better tomorrows.   |
| Muhammad, Ibtihaj    | <i>The Proudest Blue</i>  | 2019 | Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.   |
| Pettiford, Rebecca   | <i>Matter or any other book in the Science Starters Series</i>                              | 2019 | Whether solid, liquid, or gas, matter is everywhere. We need all states to live and this book shows how.   |
| Pizzoli, Greg        | <i>The Book Hog</i>   | 2019 | A hog who loves to collect books eventually learns that he can learn to read them himself.   |
| Sarcone-Roach, Julia | <i>There Are No Bears in This Bakery</i>  | 2019 | One night, Muffin hears a suspicious noise. Mouse? Raccoon? Bat? Nope, not the usual suspects. But Muffin hears . . . growling. Could it be? Yup. A bear. Just a cub. Whose stomach is definitely growling. Muffin's got this case solved--clearly this bear needs some donuts.  |
| Scotton, Rob         | <i>Splat the Cat Takes the Cake</i> or any book in the <i>Splat the Cat Series</i>          | 2012 | Splat enters a cake-baking contest, and has the goal of creating a cake shaped like a superhero.   |
| Sherman, Jill        | <i>Animals and Fish</i> or any other book in the Let's Learn About Natural Resources Series | 2017 | We share this Earth with many other species. They are treasured natural resources used for food, clothing, and work. An activity is included.  |

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| Starling, Robert  | <i>Super Sloth</i>   | 2019 | Super Sloth is not fast. He cannot fly. But he is very good at moving slowly and looking like a tree. He vows to save the day when his enemy Anteater makes off with some prize mangoes.  |
| Stevens, Janet  | <i>The Donkey Egg</i> or any primary picture book by Janet Stevens     | 2019 | Bear would rather sleep all day than work on his farm, and Fox knows just the kind of help he needs—a donkey! When Fox tricks Bear into buying a donkey egg, Bear can't wait for it to hatch so he can meet his new friend. But donkeys don't come from eggs! And when the "egg" finally opens, Bear gets a fruity surprise. Luckily, Bear doesn't have to face disappointment alone . . . Hare is there to help! |
| Thong, Roseanne Greenfield  | <i>One is a Pinata</i>   | 2019 | One is a rainbow, one is a cake, one is a pinata that's ready to break. Children discover a fiesta of numbers in the world around them. Many of the objects are Latino in origin.   |
| Variety of Authors  | <i>Blastoff! Readers Backyard Wildlife Series</i>                      | 2011 | Young learners will discover the physical characteristics of a variety of animals, where they live, and what they eat. There is a table of contents and a glossary in these nonfiction books.   |
| Willems, Mo   | <i>Today I Will Fly!</i> or any book in the Elephant and Piggie Series | 2007 | While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen.  |
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