

Taunton Public Schools

Suggested Summer Reading

Students Entering Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

Sheep in a Jeep

Make Way for Ducklings

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

The Mitten

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes

Wave

Where the Wild Things Are

Strega Nona

Just Grandma and Me

Corduroy

The Z Was Zapped

Where's Walrus?

Elephant and Piggie: Today I will Fly!

Kindergarten Readiness

One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish

The Cat in the Hat

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf

Hello World! Solar Systems

What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?

When Sophie Thinks She Can't

School Bus

Press Here

On Earth

If Sharks Disappeared

One if by Land: A Massachusetts Number Book

Dog on a Frog?

Pig the Pug

Best Foot Forward: Exploring feet, flippers, and claws

Biscuit Finds a Friend

Construction

Bill Martin Jr.

Nancy Shaw

Robert McCloskey

Laura Joffe Numeroff

Jan Brett

Eric Litwin/James Dean

Suzy Lee

Maurice Sendak

Tomie dePaola

Mercer Mayer

Don Freeman

Chris Van Allsburg

Stephen Savage

Mo Willems

Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss

Bill Martin

Lois Ehlert

Jill McDonald

Steve Jenkins

Molly Bang

Donald Crews

Hervé Tullet

G. Brian Karas

Lily Williams

Heidi Stemple

Kes Gray

Aaron Blabey

Ingo Arndt

Alyssa Satin Capucilli

Sally Sutton

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Students Entering 1st Grade

Fiction Titles

The Other Side
I Have a Little Problem, Said the Bear
Henry and Mudge: the First Book
Library Lion
Chrysanthemum
Click, Clack, Moo
Miss Spider's Tea Party
Horrible Harry in Room 2B
Ice Cream Summer
Have You Filled a Bucket Today?
Koala Lou
A House for Hermit Crab
The Day the Crayons Quit
Pete the Cat: Scuba Cat
Just Pick Us, Please!
Abuela
Henry and Mudge Series

Jacqueline Woodson
Heinz Janisch
Cynthia Rylant
Michelle Knudsen
Kevin Henkes
Doreen Cronin
David Kirk
Suzy Kline
Peter Sis
Carol McCloud
Mem Fox
Eric Carle
Drew Daywalt
James Dean
Mercer Mayer
Arthur Dorros
Cynthia Rylant

Non-Fiction Titles

I am Martin Luther King Jr.
Who's in a Family?
Fly Guy Presents: Sharks!
The House that George Built
The Story of the Statue of Liberty
Henry's Freedom Box:
A True Story from the Underground Railroad
Her Right Foot
What is Weather?
Dolphin Baby!
It's Moving Day
Ladybugs
Fly Guy Presents: Garbage and Recycling
What if You Had Animal Teeth?

Brad Meltzer
Robert Skutch
Tedd Arnold
Suzanne Slade
Betsy Maestro
Ellen Levine
Dave Eggers
Ellen Lawrence
Nicola Davies
Pamela Hickman
Gail Gibbons
Tedd Arnold
Sandra Markle

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Fiction Titles

Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti
Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku
Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid
Each Kindness
Henry and Mudge Series
Last Stop on Market Street
Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole
Rosie Revere, Engineer
Ada Twist, Scientist
I Wanna Iguana
What Do You Do With a Problem?
Olinguito, de la A la Z! Unveiling the Cloud Forest
Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark
 Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist
Narwhal and Jelly: Unicorn of the Sea
Mr. Wolf's Class Series
Zoey and Sassafras Series

Gerald McDermott
Lee Wardlaw
Megan MacDonald
Jacqueline Woodson
Cynthia Rylant
Matt de la Peña
Wong Herbert Yee
Andrea Beaty
Andrea Beaty
Karen Orloff
Kobi Yamada
Lulu Delacre

Jess Keating
Ben Clanton
Aron Nels Steinke
Asia Citro

Non-Fiction Titles

I am Rosa Parks
Monarch Butterfly

Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!

I, Fly: The Buzz About Flies and How Awesome They Are
14 Cows for America
Martin Luther King Jr and the March on Washington
You Are Stardust

Alexander Graham Bell Answers the Call
The Magic School Bus: Explore the Senses
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood up by Sitting Down
Insect Detective
Twenty-One Elephants

National Geographic Kids Readers
I'm Trying to Love Spiders

Brad Meltzer
Gail Gibbons

Kathleen Kudlinski

Bridget Heos
Carmen Agra Deedy
Frances E. Ruffin
Elin Kelsey

Mary Ann Fraser
Joanna Cole
Andrea Pinkney
Steve Voake
Phil Bildner

National Geographic
Bethany Barton

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Students Entering 3rd Grade

Fiction Titles

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon
Nikki & Deja
Roller Girl
Charlotte's Web
Dinosaurs Before Dark
Jackie's Bat
My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish
The Chalk Box Kid
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Sarah Plain and Tall
The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates
My Name Is Maria Isabel
Thank You, Mr. Falker
26 Fairmount Avenue
The Absent Author
Judy Moody Book Series
Super Narwhal and Jelly Jolt
The World According to Humphrey
Brand New School, Brave New Ruby
Lowriders in Space

Non-Fiction Titles

How to Be an Elephant
Smart About the Presidents
Animals Nobody Loves
Earth: The Life of a Planet
No Easy Way
Who Would Win: Killer Whale vs. Great White Shark
Discover More: Penguins
The Best of Times: Math Strategies that Multiply
Five True Dog Stories
Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim
Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim
The Ultimate Jungle Rumble
What Was the Age of the Dinosaurs?

Paula Danziger
Karen English
Victoria Jamieson
E.B. White
Mary Pope Osborne
Marybeth Lorbiecki
Mo O'Hara
Clyde Robert Bulla
Roald Dahl
Patricia MacLachlan
Susan Shreve
Alma Flor Ada
Patricia Polacco
Tomie dePaola
Ron Roy
Megan McDonald
Ben Clanton
Betty G. Birney
Derrick Barnes
Cathy Camper

Katherine Roy
Jon Buller
Seymour Simon
Dr. Mike Goldsmith
Fred Bowen
Jerry Pallotta
Penny Arion
Greg Tang
Margaret Davidson
Kate Waters
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Jerry Pallotta
Megan Stine

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Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures
Nikki & Deja
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom
Souder
Sideways Stories from Wayside School
Fly Away Home
The Mighty Miss Malone
I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011
Loser
The Jacket
My Life As a Book
The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond
The Last Kids on Earth
Smile
Ghost
Awkward
I Funny
Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Kate DiCamillo
Karen English
Judy Blume
Louis Sachar
William Armstrong
Louis Sachar
Eve Bunting
Christopher Paul Curtis
Lauren Tarshis
Jerry Spinelli
Andrew Clements
Janet Tashjian
Brenda Woods
Max Brallier
Raina Telgemeier
Jason Reynolds
Svetlana Chmakova
James Patterson
Louis Sachar

Non-Fiction Titles

Girls Think of Everything
March On! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World
The Case of the Vanishing Golden Frogs: A Scientific Mystery
Grand Canyon
You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!
Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing
Dazzle Ships
Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!
Inside Tornadoes
Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream
Island: A Story of the Galapagos
Who was Harriet Tubman?
Hidden Figures:
The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race

Catherine Thimmesh
Christine King
Sandra Markle
Jason Chin
Jonah Winter
James Rumford
Chris Barton
Ammi-Joan Paquette
Mary Kay Carson
T. L. Stone
Jason Chin
Yona Zeldis McDonough
Margot Lee Shetterly

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Middle School

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<i>The Night Diary</i>	Veera Hiranandani
<i>New Kid</i>	Jerry Craft
<i>The Benefits of Being an Octopus</i>	Ann Braden
<i>Ghost</i>	Jason Reynolds
<i>The Honest Truth</i>	Dan Gemeinart
<i>All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook</i>	Leslie Connor
<i>Restart</i>	Gordon Korman
<i>Orphan Train Girl</i>	Christina Baker Kline
<i>Blended</i>	Sharon Draper
<i>Fuzzy Mud</i>	Louis Sachar
<i>Navigating Early</i>	Clare Vanderpool
<i>Ellie's Story: A Dog's Purpose Novel</i>	W. Bruce Cameron
<i>The Crossover</i>	Kwame Alexander
<i>The Losers Club</i>	Andrew Clements
<i>See You in the Cosmos</i>	Jack Cheng
<i>Hello, Universe</i>	Erin Entrada Kelly
<i>House Arrest</i>	K.A. Holt
<i>When Friendship Followed Me Home</i>	Paul Griffin
<i>Ghost Boys</i>	Jewell Parker Rhodes
<i>Kid Owner</i>	Tim Green
<i>Refugee</i>	Alan Gratz
<i>A Long Walk to Water</i>	Linda Sue Park
<i>Trell</i>	Dick Lehr

Non-Fiction Titles

<i>Choosing Courage</i>	Peter Collier
<i>Proud Living my American Dream</i>	Ibtihaj Muhammad
<i>Bridge to the Wild</i>	Caitlin O'Connor-Rodwell
<i>The Boys who Challenged Hitler</i>	Phillip Hoose
<i>We Will Not Be Silent</i>	Russell Freedman
<i>Never Caught</i>	Erica Armstrong Dunbar
<i>Irena's Children</i>	Tilar Mazzeo
<i>The Boy who Harnessed the Wind</i>	William Kamkwamba
<i>The Distance Between Us</i>	Reyna Grande
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
<i>I am Malala</i>	Malala Yousafzai
<i>Hidden like Anne Frank</i>	Peter Henk Steenhuis

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<i>The Boy on the Wooden Box</i>	Leon Leyso
	Caren Stelson
<i>Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Beyond Words:</i>	Carl Safina
<i>What Animals Think and Feel</i>	
<i>One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance</i>	Nikki Grimes