2019 Summer Reading List for Students
Entering 1st Grade

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The Guided Reading Leveled Books A – P downloadable list that will be available (after June 9th) from Parent Forms for “just right” books that help build reading fluency and comprehension. I encourage families to support daily reading throughout the summer whenever possible and choosing books that are not too hard or too easy will help readers maintain their reading gains and continue to build their skills. Titles on the St. Paul’s Summer Reading list can be found through new and used booksellers and some are in e-book format. Many of these books can be checked-out from your local public library. Public libraries are fantastic resources for summer reading and most public libraries sponsor generous summer reading programs.

I hope you all enjoy summer and I look forward to our first libraries in the coming school year. Happy Reading! -- Ms. Cosgrove

Nonfiction Information Books:

Bauer, Marion Dane. Celebrating California. Boston: Sandpiper Books, 2013. Follows Mr. Geo, a geography teacher, as he visits California, including historic landmarks, theme parks, beaches, and scenic wonders.

Carmi, Rebecca. *Amazing Magnetism (Magic School Bus Chapter Books)*. New York: Scholastic, 2001. Mrs. Frizzle's class challenges Mr. Order's class to a science contest, where the topic of the contest is magnetism.


Kleber, Dori. *More-igami*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick, 2016. Joey, who loves anything that can fold, learns origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, but it takes lots of time and practice before he can perfect the craft.


Reyes, Melissa. *I am Sausal Creek = Soy el Arroyo Sausal*. Little Nomad Bilingual Edition, 2015. Sausal Creek may be familiar to many students and families. It flows down Shepherd Canyon, under Hwy 13 and Oakland neighborhoods to the Fruitvale District and empties into the Oakland estuary. This illustrated story provides an environmental and cultural history of Oakland told in the voice of our local waterway.


Messner, Kate. *Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2015. As they did with their previous book about hibernation this author and illustrator team engagingly reveals the world below and above ground level with a growing garden and its creatures

*Pebble Plus Hands-On-Science Fun Series*. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011. This is a great series for individual science projects like *How to Build a Fizzy Rocket* and “How to Make Bubbles”. Simple text and full-color photos instruct readers how to build and explains the science behind the activity.

and her friends search for Max and Ollie, two pets on the run from the backyard, and take a trip through the neighborhood, city, country, and world; and includes an activity.

Schwartz, David M. *If You Hopped Like a Frog...* New York: Scholastic Press, 1999. Introduces the concept of ratio by comparing what humans would be able to do if they had bodies like different animals.

Williams, Lily. *If Sharks Disappeared.* New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2017. A nonfiction picture book tracing the devastating impact if sharks were extinct from our planet.

Yolen, Jane. *Fairy Tale Feasts: A Literary Cookbook for Young Readers and Eaters.* Northampton, MA: Crocodile Books, 2009. Contains retellings of nineteen stories based on old folktales, as well as one original story, each paired with one or more recipes, and includes fact boxes about the stories and illustrations. Anyone for *Runaway Pancakes?*

Zoehfeld, Kathleen. *Human Body.* New York: Scholastic, 2010. This Level 1 reader helps students begin reading and learning about parts of their bodies. The slim paperback offers a simple explanation of how the human body works, discussing the five senses, muscles, bones, digestion, the heart, and the brain.

**Real People and Events**


Fennell, Jace. *Journey Through Hawaii with Jace (A Fennell Adventure).* Whimsical Designs, 2017. A Choose-Your-Own-Adventure vacation in Hawaii! Real life third grader Jace, shows you the Islands providing facts and photographs of locations. Readers make the choices that guide their tour of our 50th state.

Gutelle, Andrew. *Baseball’s Best: Five True Stories.* New York: Random House, 1990. Profiles the achievements of such baseball greats as Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, and Hank Aaron, all of whom were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

who made a stand in the face of opposition to women's rights and started an effort to restore Kenya's ecosystem.


Levy, Debbie. *We Shall Overcome (The Story of a Song)*. New York: Jump at the Sun Books, 2013. Traces the history of the inspiring anthem and explains how it has come to represents the right for equality and freedom around the world.

Mannis, Celeste Davidson. *Julia Morgan Built a Castle*. New York: Viking, 2006. The life of Julia Morgan, the first woman to graduate with a certificate of architecture from the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris, covers her career in California, with a focus on her years of work as architect of the Hearst Castle.


Rosenstock, Barb. *The Camping Trip that Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks*. New York: Dial Bks., 2012. The true story of a camping trip that President Theodore Roosevelt and naturalist John Muir took to the redwoods of Yosemite in 1903, during which the two men had experiences and conversations that eventually contributed to the establishment of national parks in the United States.


**Picture Books**

Andros, Camille. *Charlotte the Scientist is Squished*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2017. Charlotte the bunny, a serious scientist uses the scientific method to solve her problem: being squished by her many brothers and sisters.

Berger, Samantha. *What If -*. New York: Little Brown, 2018. A child who likes to draw and write stories imagines what would happen if there were no pencils, paper, or other tools for being creative.
Birdsong, Bea. *I Will Be Fierce*. New York: Roaring Press, 2019. It's a brand-new day, and a young girl decides to take on the world like a brave explorer heading off on an epic quest. The captivating illustrations were created by Nidhi Chanani, who visited St. Paul's this spring.

Blackall, Sophie. *Hello Lighthouse*. New York: Little, Brown and Co., 2018. This current winner of the Caldecott Medal for best illustrated children's books features beautiful and detailed illustrations that explore the life of one lighthouse as it beams its message out to sea through shifting seasons, changeable weather, and its final keeper. Pair with *Boats on the Bay* and a visit to the Point Arena lighthouse in Marin for fun in the Bay Area.


Carle, Eric. *Hello, Red Fox*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1998. Guests at Little Frog's birthday party include the red fox, the purple butterfly, the orange cat, and other colorful animals. The illustrations are designed to demonstrate the concept of complementary colors.


English, Karen. *Hot Day on Abbott Avenue*. New York: Clarion Books, 2004. After having a fight, two friends spend the day ignoring each other, until the lure of a game of jump rope helps them to forget about being mad.


Hong, Jess. *Lovely*. Berkeley: Creston, 2017. Bright illustrations show how we are a world of differences that all add up to the same thing: we are all lovely!

Idle, Molly. *Pearl*. New York: Little Brown, 2018. For those who seek mermaid books, this combines lovely art with a valuable lesson: Pearl, a young mermaid, becomes caretaker of a single grain of sand, and discovers that performing even the smallest task well can transform the world.


Lin, Grace. *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*. New York: Little Brown, 2018. This Caldecott Honor book reimagines the cycles of the moon as a mother bakes a big moon cookie that gets nibbled away each night by and impatient Little Star.

Lindenbaum, Pija. *Mini Mia and Her Darling Uncle*. New York: R&S Books, 2007. Mini Mia loves hanging out with her Uncle Tommy, but she is not at all pleased about sharing his attention when his boyfriend Fergus comes to visit, until she learns he plays soccer.

Lombardi, Kristine. *The Grumpy Pets*. New York: Abrams, 2016. This picture book is one of my favorite discoveries this year. Everyone can have a grumpy day, but some of us are really not cheery and bright all of the time. Meet Billy. His mother takes him and his sister, Sara (a very opposite sunny personality), to the animal shelter one Saturday in hope of cheering him up. But the pets he sees are too happy for his taste until - he finds the grumpy pets. The humorous illustrations from the facial expressions of the grumpy pets to the depiction of Sara made me buy my own copy! - Ms. Cosgrove

Oliver, Alison. *Sun*. boston: Clarion Books, 2019. Sun loves playing soccer but after seeing his brother, Pablo, making art he goes on an adventure with a fox and reconnects with his creative side.

Orloff, Karen. *I Wanna Iguana*. New York: Putnam, 2004. Alex and his mother write notes back and forth in which Alex tries to persuade her to let him have a baby iguana for a pet. A great example of persuasive writing.


Sornson, Bob. *Stand In My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy*. Golden, CO: Love and Logic, 2013. After Emily asks her big sister what the word "empathy" means, Emily decides to pay closer attention to others during her day.

Tucker, Kathy. *The Seven Chinese Sisters*. Morton Grove, IL: Whitman, 2003. When a dragon snatches the youngest of seven talented Chinese sisters, the other six come to her rescue. Shows that not only the Golden State Warriors can have “Strength in Numbers”.

Uegaki, Chieri. *Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 20104. With the help of her memories of the time she spent in Japan with her ojiichan, which is a professional violinist, a young girl named Hana practices and practices playing her violin for her school talent show just for her own enjoyment.
Wilkins, Verna. *Dave and the Tooth Fairy*. Milwaukee: Gareth Stevens, 1998. Dave sneezes out his wobbly tooth and then he can't find it, but his grandfather and the tooth fairy get a big surprise when they look under his pillow that night.


**Fiction Titles and Series for Independent Reading and Family Read-Aloud**

Adler, David. *Don't Throw It To Mo! (Mo Jackson Series)* New York: Penguin Young Readers, 2015. Mo is the youngest and smallest kid on the Robins football team. But Mo's coach has a plan up his sleeve to turn Mo's little size into a big win for the Robins. (Guided Reading Level I) This series has several titles about Mo that are Level I books and they are all terrific!

Arnold, Tedd. *Fly Guy and the Alienzz (Fly Guy Series)*. New York: Scholastic, 2018. Buzz is filming a movie about aliens from Outer Space, who capture Fly Guy and Buzz Boy--and our two heroes must outsmart the aliens, with some help from Dragon Dude and Fly Girl.

Atinuke. *Anna Hibiscus*. Tulsa, OK: Kane Miller, 2010. Anna Hibiscus loves her life in Africa where she lives in a wonderful house with her entire family, but longs to see snow.

Barrows, Annie. *Ivy + Bean*. San Francisco: Chronicle Bks, 2006. When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected. This is the first book in a very popular series. The newest book is *Ivy + Bean: No News is Good News*. Ivy and Bean try to make money by writing a newspaper about Pancake Court but the neighbors are not pleased to read about themselves. (Guided Reading Level M; grade level 2.7).


Cooper, Ilene. *Absolutely Lucy (Series Book 1)*. New York: Random House, 2000. Bobby is too shy to make friends until he gets a beagle puppy named Lucy and she helps him feel brave to meet others.

Cox, Katherine. *The Missing Fox (Katie Fry, Private Eye Series)*. New York: Scholastic, 2015. In this Scholastic Level 2 early reader, amateur private investigator Katie Fry looks for clues to find her brother’s favorite stuffed animal.
DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson To the Rescue (Series Book 1)*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005. The adventures of Deckawoo Drive begin with this first title in the *Mercy Watson* series. After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with theWatsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Guest, Elissa Haden. *Iris and Walter*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2000. When Iris moves to the country, she misses the city where she formerly lived; but with the help of a new friend named Walter, she learns to adjust to her new home. The latest in this series (number 9) is called *Iris and Walter and The Field Trip*.

Harrison, Paula. *The Enchanted Ruby (Rescue Princesses Series)*. London: Nosy Crow, 2018. Princess Scarleett and her friends go to a secret island to meet a special otter family that needs their help. This series began in England and Scholastic publishing is reissuing many of the titles (not this one yet, but it is still available to purchase).

Henkes, Kevin. *Penny and Her Song*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2012. Kevin Henkes is one of the 1st grade author studies and writes picture books, early and middle grade readers. In this early reader, Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies. (Guided Reading Level J).


Kelly, David A. *The San Francisco Splash* (Ballpark Mysteries series). New York: Random House, 2013. While they are kayaking outside the San Francisco Giants' ballpark, Mike and Kate rescue an old ballplayer who has fallen overboard and discover his World Series ring is missing--.publisher's text

Klimo, Kate. *Twinky the Dinky Dog*. New York: Random House, 2013. Klimo has already won fans with her historical fiction dog series, *Dog Diaries*. Here is a new beginning reader about how a tiny dog learns to be the dog he wants to be.


Lin, Grace. *Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!* New York: Little Brown, 2010. Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Manushkin, Fran. *Katie’s Lucky Birthday (Katie Woo series)*. Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2011. Katie looks forward to celebrating her birthday at school, and then finds a way to make it even more special when her friend Pedro mentions that he has a summer birthday.

Marko, Cyndi. *Let’s Get Cracking (Kung Pow Chicken Series Book 1)*. New York: Scholastic, 2014. Gordon Blue and his brother Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens’ feathers to fall off.

McDonald, Megan. *Stink and the Freaky Frog Freakout*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013. Stink is having trouble in his swimming class because he cannot put his face in the water, but all of that is about to change when he has a close encounter with a freaky mutant frog.

McKay, Hilary. *Lulu and the Dog from the Sea*. Chicago, Ill.: Albert Whitman & Co., 2013. Seven-year-old Lulu and her cousin think their vacation house is the most perfect place ever until they find a trouble-prone, stray dog living on the beach.

Meadows, Daisy. *Brianna the Tooth Fairy (Rainbow Magic Special Edition)*. New York: Scholastic, 2012. When Jack Frost steals her magic items in an attempt to ward off toothache, Brianna the Tooth Fairy is no longer able to collect teeth from beneath children's pillows, but Kirsty and Rachel are eager to help find the missing objects.

Meisel, Paul. *See Me Run*. New York: Holiday House, 2011. A dog has a fun-filled and surprising day at the dog park in this quick to-read story. (Guided Reading Level D)


Muncaster, Harriet. *Isadora Moon Goes Camping (Series)*. New York: Stepping Stone, 2016. When Isadora Moon and her family go on a camping trip to the beach, they're just like everybody else. But in a magical family, anything can happen. And when Isadora goes on a nighttime adventure, she makes an unusual friend under the sea.

O’Neal, Shaquille. *Little Shaq (Series Book 1)*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2015. Seven-year-old Shaquille O’Neal, a talented basketball and video game player, learns to share the spotlight with his cousin Barry when the youngsters work together to earn money by watering plants.


Mexico City at the 1970 World Cup Games. They hope to learn something new from the great Brazilian soccer player great, Pelé. The Women’s World Cup begins play in Lyon France in June.

Rodda, Emily. *The Charm Bracelet (The Fairy Realm Series Book 1).* New York: HarperCollins, 2000. When Jessie searches for her ill grandmother’s missing charm bracelet, she is led to a magical world and finds she has a reason and right to be there. This chapter book series is like a wonderful fairy tale.

Rylant, Cynthia. *Gooseberry Park.* San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1995. When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends Kona the dog, Murray the bat, and Gwendolyn the hermit crab come to the rescue.


Schneider, Josh. *Tales for Very Picky Eaters.* New York: Clarion Books, 2011. A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son, who is a very picky eater, to eat foods he thinks he will not like.

Selznick, Brian. Baby Monkey, Private Eye. New York: Scholastic, 2018. This large illustrated chapter book is the best! It is a very funny story about Baby Monkey, private eye, who will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries--if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on. Plus, it contains features found in nonfiction books giving children their first experience with a table of contents, a key, index and bibliography. Notice how Baby Monkey’s office changes in each story.

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. *Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.* New York: Delacorte Press, 2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose who is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, to investigate as undercover detectives. (Guided Reading Level L).

Singh, Vandana. *Younguncle Comes to Town.* New York: Viking, 2006. In a small town in northern India, three siblings await their father’s youngest brother, Younguncle, who is said to be somewhat eccentric.


Willems, Mo. *Waiting is Not Easy! (Elephant and Piggie Book)*. New York: Hyperion, 2014. Mo Willems writes books that kids can relate to about important feelings and social situations and Piggie and Gerald are student favorites! Recommending one book is tough. In this title, Piggie tells Gerald she has a surprise for him, but it is not there yet so Gerald must be patient.

**Series Recommendations by St. Paul’s Students**

- **Elephant & Piggie** by Mo Willems (no page #’s)
- **Fly Guy** by Tedd Arnold (25-30 p.)
- **LEGO City Readers** by various authors (30 – 40 p.)
- **Magic Puppy, Magic Kitten, Magic Horse** by Sue Bentley (100 p.)
- **Magic School Bus** by Joanna Cole and various authors
- **Marvel Superheroes** (e.g. Black Panther, Spider-Man and more)
- **Octonauts** by Meomi (24-40 p.)
- **Paw Patrol** by various authors (24-30 p.)
- **Pokemon** readers (24-30p.)
- **Rescue Princesses** by Paula Harrison (120 p.)
- **Star Wars** (DK Readers) by various authors (32 p.)

**Bilingual Spanish Picture Books**


- Ada, Alma Flor. *Ten Little Puppies / Diez Perritos*. New York: Rayo, 2011. Ten little puppies are lost, one by one, for different reasons, until only one little puppy remains.


- Munsch, Robert. *Verde, Violeta y Amarillo*. New York: Annick Press, 1993. Beny is fascinated by coloring markers, and although she promises her mother that she will not draw on herself, the temptation is too great!


Willems, Mo. *Estamos En Un Libro! (Series Libro de Elefante y Cerdita)*. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2015. Cerdita realizes that she and Elefante are in a book and that she can make the reader say words, but when Elefante comes to understand the danger of the book ending, Cerdita comes up with a solution to get the reader to keep reading. Written in Spanish.

**First Comics / Graphic Novels**


Bowen, Carl. *Quaterback Rush (Sports Illustrated Kids Graphic Novels Series)*. North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2015. The Otters keep leaving their game on the practice field and losing their football games--so wide receiver Steve Michaels must overcome his own frustrations and help Aaron Corbin, his quarterback, get past his fears and play like the champion he can be.

Doerrfeld, Cori. *Ceci: A Fairy’s Tale, Believer Your Eyes (Series Book 1)*. Minneapolis: Graphic Universe, 2016. While her parents are separating and Abuela moving in, Cici wakes up to find she has fairy wings which let her see people's inner selves. Some dialogue in Spanish.


Harper, Charise. *Bean Dog and Nugget*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2013. In this simple graphic novel two friends try to outwit each other in silly ways, but finally realize their friendship is more important.


Luciani, Brigitte. *Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox Series Book 1, The Meeting*. Minneapolis: Graphic Universe, 2010. Having lost their home, a fox and her daughter move in with a badger and his three children, but when the youngsters throw a big party hoping to prove that they are incompatible, their plan backfires.

Monster, Ste. *Minecraft (Graphic Novel Series Book 1)*. Milwaukie, OR: Dark Horse Books, 2019. The first book in a new series! Tyler, along with Evan, Candace, Tobi, and Grace have been going on countless Minecraft adventures together across the Overworld and are in need of a challenge - face off against the ender dragon!

Sonishi, Kenji. *Leave It To PET! The Misadventures of a Recycled Super Robot*. San Francisco: Viz Media, 2009. Nine-year-old Noboru recycles his plastic bottle only to have it return to him as PET, a robot that is on a mission to help Noboru but only succeeds in causing problems.

Sonoda, Hideki. *All That Pikachu!*. San Francisco: Viz Media, 2006. Contains two stories featuring Pikachu in which he meets two new friends during an eventful day at a park just for Pokémon; and he and his friends come to the rescue, encountering strange Pokémon along the way, when Togepi rolls down a hole in the ground and falls into a huge tree.

Steinke, Aron. *Mr. Wolf's Class*. New York: Graphix, 2018. Mr. Wolf has just started teaching at Hazelwood Elementary and he's got his hands full with his new class.

Venable, Colleen. *Hamster and Cheese (Series)*. Minneapolis, MN: Graphic Universe, 2010. Sasspants, a guinea pig, reluctantly agrees to act as a private investigator when Hamisher the hamster begs for her help in discovering who is stealing sandwiches from the pet shop's befuddled owner.


Yasuda, Anita. *First Base Blues (My First Graphic Novels Series)*. North Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2012. Upset because he does not get to play the position on his baseball team that he wants, Nico stops trying to do his best in the game, but he finally learns that every position on the team is important.