









Torrance Unified School District
Elementary School Suggested Summer Reading List



Incoming Fifth Grade Reading List

-  ***Lawn Boy*** by Gary Paulson, 2007 (realistic fiction)
-  ***How to Eat Fried Worms*** by Thomas Rockwell (realistic fiction)
-  ***Jar of Dreams*** by Yoshiko Uchida (historical fiction)
-  ***Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw*** by Jeff Kinney (realistic fiction)
-  ***Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad*** by Ellen Levine
-  ***Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread*** by Kate DiCamillo, 2004 Newbery Medal Winner
-  ***Lincoln and His Boys*** by Rosemary Wells (biography)
-  ***Nothings Fair in Fifth Grade*** by Barthe de Clements (realistic fiction)
-  ***Summersaults*** by Douglas Florian (poetry)
-  ***The Janitor's Boy*** by Andrew Clements (fiction)
-  ***We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*** by Kadir Nelson, Sibert Medal Winner 2009
-  ***Because of Winn-Dixie*** by Kate DiCamillo (realistic fiction)
-  ***The Spiderwick Chronicles*** by Tony DiTerlizzi (fantasy series)
-  ***Summer Reading is Killing Me!*** by Jon Scieszka (fantasy)
-  ***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*** by Robert O'Brien (classic)
-  ***A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams*** by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet (informational)
-  **A book of your choice!**



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Incoming Fourth Grade Reading List



-  ***Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South*** by K. G. Coon
-  ***The Secret School*** by Avi, 2001 (historical fiction)
-  ***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Catling, reprint 2006 (fantasy)
-  ***James and the Giant Peach*** by Roald Dahl (classic)
-  ***Lost and Found*** by Andrew Clements 2008 (realistic fiction)
-  ***My Dog May Be A Genius*** by Jack Prelutsky, (poetry)
-  ***Harriet the Spy*** by Louise Fitzhugh (realistic fiction)
-  ***Tracks of a Panda*** by Nick Dowson (science)
-  ***Mr. Popper's Penguins*** by Richard and Florence Atwater (fantasy)
-  ***Love, Ruby Lavender*** by Deborah Wiles (realistic fiction)
-  ***Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez*** by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, 2003 (Biography)
-  ***Sheep*** by Valerie Hobbs (a dog's story)
-  ***Nic Bishop Spiders*** by Nic Bishop (science)
-  ***Love That Dog*** by Sharon Creech (fiction)
-  ***Pictures from Our Vacation*** by Lynn Rae Perkins, 2007 (realistic fiction)
-  ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*** by Kate DiCamillo (fantasy)
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-  ***Dr. De Soto*** by William Steig (fantasy)
-  ***Mr. Lincoln's Way*** by Patricia Polacco (fiction)
-  ***Geronimo Stilton*** by Geronimo Stilton (series)
-  ***Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*** by Kevin Henkes (realistic fiction)
-  ***Hello, Bumblebee Bat*** by Darrin Lunde (science)
-  ***Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*** by Carmen Agra Deedy
-  ***Secrets of Droon*** by Tony Abbott (series)
-  ***Just So Stories; The Jungle Book*** by Rudyard Kipling (classic)
-  ***Katie Kazoo Switcheroo*** by Nancy Krulik (series)
-  ***Summer Reading is Killing Me!*** by Jon Scieszka (fantasy)
-  ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle*** by Beverly Cleary (fantasy)
-  ***The Relatives Came*** by Cynthia Rylant (realistic fiction)
-  ***Third Grade is Terrible*** by Barbara Baker (realistic fiction)
-  ***My Name Is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel Garcia Marquez*** by Monica Brown
-  ***Uncle Jed's Barbershop*** by Margaret Mitchell (realistic fiction)
-  ***Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World*** by Steve Jenkins
-  ***A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*** by Maria Frazee
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Incoming Second Grade Reading List

-  ***The Rabbit and the Turtle*** by Eric Carle, 2008
-  ***Bread and Jam for Frances*** by Russell Hoban
-  ***The Paper Bag Princess*** by Robert Munsch
-  ***Vulture View*** by April Pulley Sayre (science)
-  ***Gooney Bird Greene*** by Lois Lowry
-  ***Fancy Nancy*** books by Jane O'Connor
-  ***Keeping Quilt*** by Patricia Polacco
-  ***Wabi Sabi*** by Mark Reibstein and Ed Young, 2009
-  ***Miss Nelson is Missing*** by Harry Allard
-  ***Nacho and Lolita*** by Pam Munoz Ryan, 2005
-  ***How I Learned Geography*** by Uri Shulevitz, 2008
-  ***The Wolves Are Back*** by Jean Craighead George, 2008
-  ***My Dog Is as Smelly as Dirty Socks: And Other Funny Family Portraits*** by Hanoch Piven, 2007
-  ***I, Amber Brown*** by Paula Danziger, (series)
-  ***Daisy Comes Home*** by Jan Brett (fiction)
-  ***How I Spent My Summer Vacation*** by Mark Teague, 2006
-  **A book of your choice!**



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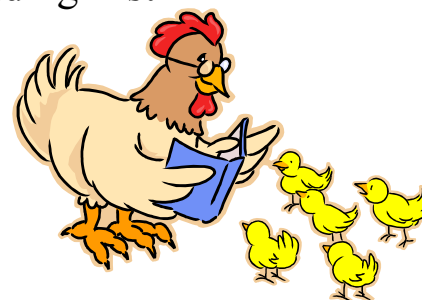
- 📖 *Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures* by Cynthia Rylant
- 📖 *A Good Day* by Kevin Henkes
- 📖 *Little Rat Makes Music* by Monika Bang-Campell
- 📖 *The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County* by Janice Harrington
- 📖 *Eggs* by Marilyn Singer
- 📖 *Even More Parts: Idioms from Head to Toe* by Tedd Arnold
- 📖 *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss
- 📖 *Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss
- 📖 *My Colors, My World* by Maya Christina Gonzalez
- 📖 *Pepita Talks Twice* by Ophelia Dumas Lachtman
- 📖 *Nate the Great* (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
- 📖 *Cassie's Word Quilt* by Faith Ringgold
- 📖 *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza
- 📖 *Junie B. Jones, First Grader: Dumb Bunny* by Barbara Park (series)
- 📖 *Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose* by Leo and Diane Dillon
- 📖 *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
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Incoming Kindergarten Reading List



-  ***Where the Wild Things Are*** by Maurice Sendak
-  ***When Dinosaurs Came with Everything*** by Elise Broach
-  ***The House in the Night*** by Susan Marie Swanson, 2009 Caldecott Medal
-  ***The Important Book*** by Margaret Wise Brown
-  ***Orange Pear Apple Bear*** by Emily Gravett, 2008
-  ***Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity*** by Mo Willems, 2008
Caldecott Honor Book
-  ***From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems (Delombligó de la luna y otros poemas de verano)*** by Francisco X. Alarcon
-  ***Goldilocks and the Three Bears*** by Jan Brett
-  ***The Grouchy Ladybug*** by Eric Carle
-  ***Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose*** by Tomie dePaola
-  ***Little Red Riding Hood*** by Jerry Pinkney
-  ***Little Dog Poems*** by Kristine O'Connell George
-  ***Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus*** by Mo Willems
-  ***Pete's a Pizza*** by William Steig
-  ***Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See*** by Bill Martin, Jr.
-  ***Chicka Chicka ABC*** by Bill Martin & John Archambault
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