

**Trumbull Public Schools
2009 Summer Reading List**

Dear Parents,

Helping your children create a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Establishing this habit is a shared responsibility between the home and school. We want students to become lifelong readers. A child who sees reading as a pleasant and relaxing activity is likely to enjoy it. **The key is enjoyment!**

This year, each child will receive a bookmark with suggested titles. The complete list, along with reading levels, is on the Trumbull website, www.trumbullps.org. It would be most beneficial for students to read as many books as possible throughout the summer. On this bookmark are suggestions that represent literature written on a variety of levels. Reading widely from this list will give students a range of experiences with many good titles. While these books are recommended, students may read **any book** that is appealing to them. The listed books will be available through a cooperative effort with the Trumbull Public Library and local bookstores.

In September, school activities will focus on sharing summer reading experiences. Therefore, an accurate list of the books read will be very helpful in recalling titles, authors, and story lines. Your child can record these on the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Journal.

The complete book listing, with reading level, is on the Trumbull website along with the strategy sheets. Strategy sheets are provided to strengthen the reading/writing connection. The four comprehension strategies are *Making Connections*; *Visualizing*; *Questioning*; and *Determining Importance*. These sheets are located on the Trumbull website, www.trumbullps.org, and in the offices of the elementary schools.

Ideas for Reading with Young Children

- Read aloud to your children, even when they begin to develop the ability to read independently.
- Have children read to you or other children in the family.
- Find books on topics your child will enjoy: pets, sports, and outdoor activities.
- Reread favorite titles.
- Be a reader yourself; children often follow the example of parents.
- Help your children begin their own library.
- Help your children get their own library cards from the public library and take them to the library often.
- Set aside a special time for reading each day. This time should be seen as fun, not a chore or summer homework.
- Bring many books and magazines along on car trips and vacations.
- Visit local bookstores and watch for children's author visits to these stores.
- Explore reading links on the internet including Newbery, Caldecott, and Nutmeg award winners.

Happy reading!
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Concept Books



The Icky Bug Counting Book

Pallotta, Jerry

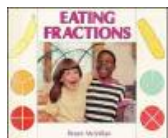
Children count their way through this fact-filled collection of new and interesting bugs. (Reading Level M)



Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed

Christelow, Eileen

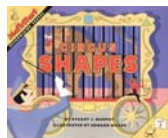
This is a counting book in which one by one the little monkeys jump on the bed only to fall off and bump their heads. (Reading Level E)



Eating Fractions

MacMillian, Bruce

Bananas, corn on the cob, rolls, pizza, a pear salad, and strawberry pie are used to introduce the concept of fractions. Few words, concept of fractions. (Grade level interest 1-3)



MathStart (Series)

Murphy, Stuart J.

Pictures do more than tell stories in **MathStart** books; they teach math. (Reading Level ranges H-M)



Ten Little Rabbits

Grossman, Virginia

This is a counting rhyme with illustrations of rabbits in Native American costume depicting traditional customs such as rain dances, hunting, and smoke signals. A glossary with additional information on the customs is included. (Counting book)



26 Letter, 99 cents

Hoban, Tanya

Color photographs of letters, numbers, coins, and common objects introduce the alphabet, coinage, and the counting system. (Picture book)

Information, Folktales, and Poetry Books



Spiders

Simon, Seymour

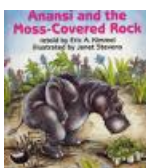
How do spiders make their beautiful webs? What do spiders eat? The answers to these questions and more are combined with dramatic photography. Children will be fascinated with this up-close view of spiders in their natural habitats. (Higher level concepts. A good book to read to your child.)



From Seed to Plant

Gibbons, Gail

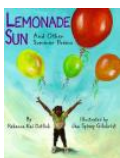
This book explores the intricate relationship between seeds and the plants which they produce. (Reading Level M)



Anansi (Series)

Kimmel, Eric

This series is about Kimmel's retellings of the fabled African spider and his escapades. (Reading Level ranges K – N)



Lemonade, Sun and Other Summer Poems

Dotlich, Rebecca

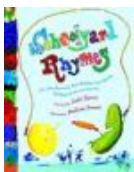
This book is a collection of poems celebrating summer sights and sounds. (Reading Level K/L)



Bad Boys Get Cookie

Palatini, Margie

Wolves Willy and Wally try to satisfy a sweet-tooth craving by dressing up as private eyes and chasing down a runaway cookie. (Reading level not rated)

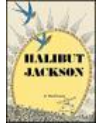


Schoolyard Rhymes

Sierra, Judy

Boys and girls will enjoy this complete collection of children's rhymes for rope skipping, hand clapping, and ball bouncing fun. (Reading Level not rated)

Picture Books



Halibut Jackson

Lucas, David

Halibut Jackson is shy. He likes to blend in with his surroundings. How will he attend the King and Queen's Grand Birthday Party? (Reading Level L)



A Chair for my Mother

Williams, Vera

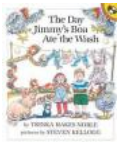
A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. (Reading Level O)



Seven Silly Eaters

Hoberman, Mary Ann

This rhyming and rollicking story follows a growing family of children and their peculiar eating habits. (Reading Level L)



Jimmy's Boa (Series)

Noble, Trinka Hakes

Jimmy and his pet boa create hilarious havoc wherever they go. (Reading Level ranges K-M)



A Birthday Basket for Tia

Mora, Pat

With the help and interference of her cat, Chica, Cecilia prepares a surprise gift for her great-aunt's ninetieth birthday. (Reading Level L)



When Dinosaurs Came with Everything

Broach, Elise

Running errands with Mom is such a bore until a boy discovers that today dinosaurs come with everything. With each purchase, the boy gets more ecstatic and his mother more frazzled. Eventually, the pair has quite a herd of dinosaurs heading back home with them. (Reading Level J)



The Flower Garden

Bunting, Eve

An African-American girl and her father prepare a birthday surprise. (Reading Level J)

Picture Books

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Letters from a Desperate Dog

Christelow, Eileen

Poor Emma is a pup with a problem. Her human, George, constantly misunderstands her. No matter how hard she tries to please him, it's just "Bad! Bad! Bad!" all day long. Tired of feeling unappreciated, Emma finally writes to "Dear Queenie." (Reading level not rated)



Madlenka

Sis, Peter

A city girl finds that she has a loose tooth and travels "around the world" to share her news. (Reading Level C)



Wild about Books

Sierra, Judy

Molly McGrew, the librarian, accidentally drives into the zoo. The animals end up devouring her books. (Reading Level J)



Mister Seahorse

Carle, Eric

After Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs on Mr. Seahorse's belly, he drifts through the water, greeting other fish fathers who are taking care of their eggs. (Reading Level K)

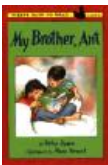


Duck Soup

Urbanovic, Jackie

Max, the duck, is cooking up an amazing soup. But what's this? A feather floating in the soup! And where's Max? Brody, the dog, Dakota, the cat, and Bebe, the bird, race about in their hilarious search for the missing Max. (Reading Level L)

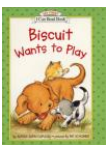
Beginning Readers to Read Aloud Books



My Brother Ant

Byars, Betsy

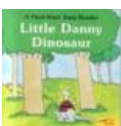
A big brother is entertained by his younger brother who's full of laughs.
(Reading Level J)



Biscuit (Series)

Capucilli, Alyssa

Biscuit, the puppy, makes friends with two kittens. (Reading Level ranges F – H)



Little Danny Dinosaur

Palazzo, Craig

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him. (Reading Level ranges H – J)



Henry and Mudge (Series)

Rylant, Cynthia

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge. (Reading Level J)



Frog and Toad (Series)

Lobel, Arnold

Frog and Toad are at it again. They are flying kites, having birthdays, and being friends.
(Reading Level K)



A Day at Greenhill Farm

Nicholson, Sue

Beginning readers will enjoy the photography and simple text in this book.
(Reading Level I)



Mercy Watson to the Rescue

DiCamillo, Kate

After the pig, Mercy, snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor. (Reading Level K)