



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Let's keep literacy alive this summer!

“The value placed on literacy in the home, time spent reading with children, and the availability and use of reading materials have been identified as important elements in children's reading success.” (Mraz and Rasinski, 2007)

Here is how families can grow literacy skills over the summer:

- Make time for reading
- Encourage writing
- Make time to build vocabulary
- Make sure your children are physically active
- Get out and experience the world

In order to promote a life-long love of literacy, reading and writing must continue throughout the summer. With this in mind, Pennsbury's elementary schools have developed a summer reading program in which **all students are required to read**.

- Students entering Grades **1 and 2** are required to read **5-10 books** (depending upon length).
- All students must complete and return one postcard (attached) about one of their summer reading books.
- All students who fulfill the summer reading requirement will be invited to a reading celebration!

All of this information is available on the district web site along with additional resources such as book lists, free local library activities, and the Barnes and Noble summer reading program.

Looking forward to hearing about your summer reading adventures!

Sincerely,

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Director of Elementary Education

# Postcards from our Summer Vacation



**All students must read:**

- 5 – 10 books

**All students must complete and return:**

- One postcard  
(by September 12, 2022)

**“There is more treasure in books than in all the pirates' loot on Treasure Island and best of all, you can enjoy these riches every day of your life.”**

**- Walt Disney**



# Summer Reading Suggestions from Your Pennsbury Librarians

## **GRADES K & 1** **FICTION FAVS**

*And Then Comes Summer* by Tom Brenner  
*Any 'ACORN' series* by Scholastic  
*Best Kind of Bear* by Greg Gormley  
*Book Hog* by Greg Pizzoli  
*Can I be Your Dog?* by Troy Cummings  
*Couch Potato* by John Jory  
*Dandy* by Ame Dyckman  
*Day You Begin* by Jacqueline Woodson  
*Elephant and Piggie series* by Mo Willems  
*The Elephant of Surprise* by Ezra Stein  
*Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story*  
 by Kevin Noble Maillard  
*Girl Who Never Made Mistakes* by Mark Pett  
*Good Egg* by John Jory  
*Grumpy Monkey series* by Suzanne Lang  
*Hair Love* by Matthew Cherry  
*I am Perfectly Designed* by Karamo Brown  
*Interrupting Chicken* by Ezra Stein  
*Iver and Ellsworth* by Casey Robinson  
*Jabari Tries* by Gala Cornwall  
*A Jack Book* by Mac Barnett  
*Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love  
*Just Like Rube Goldberg* by Sara Aaronson  
*King and Kayla series* by Dori Butler  
*Leila in Saffron* by Rukhsanna Guidroz  
*The Little Butterfly that Could* by Ross Burach  
*Llama, Llama Mess, Mess, Mess*  
 by The Dewdney Foundation

*Ling and Ting series* by Grace Lin  
*Monkey and Cake series* by Drew Daywalt  
*My Papi has a Motorcycle* by Isabel Quintero  
*Narwhal series* by Ben Clanton  
*Noodleheads series* by Ted Arnold  
*The Party and other Stories* by Sergio Ruzzier  
*People Don't Bite People* by Lisa Wheeler  
*Pete the Cat series* By James Dean  
*Pig the Pug series* by Aaron Blabey  
*Pigeon series* by Mo Willems  
*Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and*  
*Storyteller Pura Belpre* by Anika Denise  
*Pout-Pout Fish series* By Deborah Diesen  
*Potato Pants* by Laurie Keller  
*Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab & Family*  
 by Ibtihaj Muhammad  
*Saffron Ice Cream* by Rashin Kheiriyeh  
*Say Something* by Peter Reynolds  
*Sofia Valdez, Future Prez* by Andrea Beaty Sulwe  
 by Lupita Nyong  
*Undeclared* by Kwame Alexander  
*Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Russ Burach  
*You are (Not) Small* by Anna Kang  
*We are Grateful Otsaliheliga* by Traci Sorell  
*When You Are Brave* by Pat Zietlow Miller  
*When Sofie Thinks She Can't* by Molly Bang

## **NONFICTION ROCKS**

Books by Gail Gibbons  
 Books by Jason Chin  
 Books by Steve Jenkins  
 DK Readers series  
*Fly Guy Presents series*  
*'I Am' Biography series*  
 Nic Bishop's Science series

*A Computer Called Katherine*  
 by Suzanne Buckingham Slade  
*Ordinary People Change the World series*  
 by Brad Meltzer  
*Our Universe series* by Stacy McAnulty  
*Time for Kids series*  
*Who Would Win series* by Jerry Pallott

# K & 1

## COOL CHAPTER BOOKS

*Ada Lace series* by Emily Calandrelli  
*Adventures of Sophie Mouse series*  
 by Poppy Green  
*Alien Next Door series* by A.I. Newton  
*Battle Bugs series* by Jack Patton  
*Bad Guys series* by Aaron Blabey  
*Bad Kitty series* by Nick Bruel  
*Big Foot and Little Foot series* by Ellen Potter  
*Bots series* by Rus Bolts  
 Any 'Branches' series  
*Captain Awesome series* by Stan Kirby  
*The Chicken Squad* by Doreen Cronin  
*Daisy Dreamer series* by Holly Anna  
*Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol* by Andres Miedoso  
*Diary of a Pug series* by Kayla May  
*Dory Fantasmagory series* by Abby Hanlon

*Dr. Kitty Cat* by Jane Clarke  
*Fly Guy series* by Tedd Arnold  
*Eerie Elementary series* by Jack Chabert  
*Galaxy Zack series* by Ray O'Ryan  
*Henry and Mudge series* by Cynthia Rylant  
 Any 'I Can Read' series  
*Kitty series* by Paula Harrison  
*Mercy Watson series* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Mia Mayhem series* by Kara West  
*Mighty Meg series* by Sammy Griffin  
*Mister Shivers* by Max Brallier  
*Once Upon a Fairy Tale* by Anna Staniszewski  
*Princess in Black series* by Shannon Hale  
*Step into Reading series*  
*Young Cam Jansen Mysteries series*  
 by David Adler

### DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR AWARD WINNERS!



**Randolph  
Caldecott**



**Theodore  
Seuss Geisel**



**Coretta  
Scott King**





## GRADES 2 & 3

### FANTASTIC FICTION

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| <p><i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i><br/>by Fred Rogers</p> <p><i>The Amazing Life of Azaleah Lane</i><br/>by Nikki Shannon Smith</p> <p><i>Baby-Sitters Little Sister</i> by Ann Martin</p> <p><i>Bad Guys series</i> by Aaron Blabey</p> <p><i>Bad Kitty series</i> by Nick Bruel</p> <p><i>Ballpark Mysteries</i> by David Kelly</p> <p><i>Binder of Doom</i> by Troy Cummings</p> <p><i>Cat Diaries: Secret Writings of the Meow Society</i><br/>by Betsy Byars</p> <p><i>Craftily Ever After series</i> by Martha Maker</p> <p><i>Critter Club</i> by Callie Barkley</p> <p><i>Dog Diaries</i> by Kate Klimo</p> <p><i>Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the Woof Society</i><br/>by Betsy Byars</p> <p><i>Dog Man series</i> by Dav Pilkey</p> <p><i>Dr. Kitty Cat</i> by Jane Clarke</p> <p><i>Dory Fantasmagory</i> by Abby Hanton</p> <p><i>Dragon Masters series</i> by Tracey West</p> <p><i>Dyamonde Daniel series</i> by Nikki Grimes</p> <p><i>Eerie Elementary series</i> by Jack Chabert</p> <p><i>Ellray Jake series</i> by Sally Warner</p> <p><i>Frankie Sparks series</i> by Megan Frazer Blakemore</p> <p><i>Flat Stanley Adventures</i> by Jeff Brown</p> <p><i>Geronimo Stilton series</i> Geronimo Stilton</p> <p><i>Good Rosie</i> by Kate DiCamillo</p> <p><i>Hardy Boys Clue Book series</i> By Franklin W. Dixon</p> <p><i>Haunted Library series</i> by Dori Butler</p> <p><i>Heidi Heckelbeck series</i> by Wanda Coven</p> <p><i>Humphrey's Tiny Tales</i> by Betty Birney</p> | <p><i>The Humphrey series</i> by Betty Birney</p> <p><i>Inspector Flytrap series</i> by Tom Angleberger</p> <p><i>Isador Moon series</i> by Harriet Muncaster</p> <p><i>Ivy + Bean series</i> by Annie Barrows</p> <p><i>Jigsaw Jones series</i> by James Preller</p> <p><i>Judy Moody series</i> by Megan McDonald</p> <p><i>Little Shaq series</i> by Shaquille O'Neal</p> <p><i>Lolo series</i> by Nikki Daly</p> <p><i>Lunch Lady series</i> by Jarrett Krosoczka</p> <p><i>My Weirder-est School Series</i> by Dan Gutman</p> <p><i>Magic Tree House series</i> by M. P. Osborne</p> <p><i>Megabat series</i> by Elana Arnold</p> <p><i>Mia Mayhem series</i> by Kara West</p> <p><i>Narwhal &amp; Jelly series</i> by Ben Clanton</p> <p><i>The Never Girls series</i> by Kiki Thorpe</p> <p><i>Notebook of Doom series</i> by Tony Cummings</p> <p><i>Owl Diaries series</i></p> <p><i>Press Start series</i></p> <p><i>Princess in Black series</i> by Shannon Hale</p> <p><i>Puppy Place series</i> by Ellen Miles</p> <p><i>Ryan Hart series</i> by Renee Watson</p> <p><i>Questioners series</i> by Andrea Beaty</p> <p><i>Sarai series</i><br/>by Sarah Gonzales and Monica Brown</p> <p><i>Squish series</i> by Jennifer Holm</p> <p><i>Stella Diaz series</i> by Angela Dominguez</p> <p><i>Stink series</i> by Megan McDonald</p> <p><i>Thea Stilton series</i> by Geronimo Stilton</p> <p><i>Wayside School Beneath of Cloud of Doom</i><br/>by Louis Sachar</p> <p><i>Whatever After series</i> by Sarah Mlynowski</p> |
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### 'NOT TO MISS' NONFICTION

*Good Question series*  
*Science Comics series*  
*Weird But True series*

*What was....? series*  
*Where is.....? series*  
*Who was.....? series*



## GRADES 4 & 5



### PHENOMENAL FICTION

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| <p><i>13 Story Treehouse series</i> by Andy Griffiths<br/> <i>Ahimsa</i> by Supriya Kelkar<br/> <i>Amal Unbound</i> by Aisha Saed<br/> <i>Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal</i><br/> by Jeff Kinney<br/> <i>Batting Order</i> by Mike Lupica<br/> <i>Best Friends</i> by Shannon Hale<br/> <i>Big Nate series</i> by Lincoln Peirce<br/> <i>Blended</i> by Sharon Draper<br/> <i>Bridge Home</i> by Padma Venkatraman<br/> <i>City of Ghosts</i> by Victoria Schwab<br/> <i>City Spies series</i> by James Ponti<br/> <i>Click series</i> by Kayla Miller<br/> <i>Diary of an 8-Bit Kitten series</i> by Cube Kid<br/> <i>Epic Athletes series</i> by Dan Wetzel<br/> <i>Emma and Friends series</i> by Terri Libenson<br/> <i>Fairly True Tales series</i> by Liesl Shurtliff<br/> <i>Fairy Tale Reform School</i> by Jen Calonita<br/> <i>Flashback Four series</i> by Dan Gutman<br/> <i>Framed series</i> by James Ponti<br/> <i>Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom</i><br/> by Booki Vivat<br/> <i>Front Desk series</i> by Kelly Yang<br/> <i>Genesis Begins Again</i> by Alicia Williams<br/> <i>Guts</i> by Raina Telgemeier<br/> <i>Hilo series</i> by Judd Winick<br/> <i>How to Steal a Dog</i> by Barbara O'Connor<br/> <i>Iggys series</i> by Annie Barrows<br/> <i>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</i><br/> by Dusti Bowling<br/> <i>I Survived series...</i> by Lauren Tarshis<br/> <i>Katie the Catsitter</i> by Colleen AF Venable<br/> <i>Land of Stories series</i> by Chris Colfer<br/> <i>The Last Cuentista</i> by Donna Barba Higuera</p> | <p><i>Last Kids on Earth series</i> by Max Brallier<br/> <i>Magisterium series</i> by Holly Black<br/> <i>Middle School series</i> by James Patterson<br/> <i>Mighty Jack</i> by Ben Hatke<br/> <i>Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i><br/> by Stacy McAnulty<br/> <i>My Life as a...series</i> by Janet Tashjian<br/> <i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Craft<br/> <i>One and Only Bob</i> by Katherine Applegate<br/> <i>Other Words from Home</i> by Jasmine Warga<br/> <i>Pax</i> by Sara Pennypacker<br/> <i>Pashmina</i> by Nidhi Chanani<br/> <i>Prairie Lotus</i> by Linda Sue Park<br/> <i>Promise of Change</i> by Jo Ann Allen Boyce<br/> <i>Puppy Tales series</i> by W. Bruce Cameron<br/> <i>Race to the Sun</i> by Rebecca Roanhorse<br/> <i>Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise</i><br/> by Dan Gemeinhart<br/> <i>Sal and Gabi Break the Universe</i><br/> by Carlos Hernandez<br/> <i>Spy School series</i> by Stuart Gibbs<br/> <i>Stargazing</i> by Jen Wang<br/> <i>Stick Cat and/or Stick Cat series</i> by Tom Watson<br/> <i>Swap'd</i> by Tamara Ireland Stone<br/> <i>Timmy Failure series</i> by Stephan Pastis<br/> <i>Tristan Strong series</i> by Kwame Mbalia<br/> <i>Truth as told by Mason Buttle</i><br/> by Leslie Connor<br/> <i>Unwants series</i> by Lisa McMann<br/> <i>Upside Down Magic series</i> by Sarah Mlynowski<br/> <i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i><br/> by Grace Lin<br/> <i>Wild Robot Escapes</i> by Peter Brown<br/> <i>Wings of Fire series</i> by Tui T. Sutherland</p> |
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### NONFICTION FOR YOU

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| <p><i>Guts and Glory series</i><br/> <i>Hazardous Tales series</i><br/> <i>Her Right Foot</i> by Dave Eggers<br/> <i>Ken Jennings Junior Genius Guides</i><br/> <i>Presidents: Portraits of History</i> by Leah Tinari<br/> <i>That's a Good Question series</i><br/> <i>Thrifty Guide series</i> by Jonathan Stokes</p> | <p><i>United Tastes of America</i><br/> by Gabrielle Langholtz<br/> <i>Who Did it First? series</i> by Julie Leung<br/> <i>Words That Built a Nation</i> by Marilyn Miller<br/> <i>Year in Sports</i> by Scholastic<br/> <i>You Wouldn't Want to --</i> by various authors<br/> <i>You Wouldn't Want to Live Without...</i></p> |
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4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders:

Don't forget to check out the new

**READING OLYMPICS LIST!**

*Bucks County Reading Olympics - Elementary Book List 2022*

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**Happy Reading Everyone! See you in August!**

*Mrs. Dillon, Mrs. Edson, Mrs. Moyle, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Pesature,  
Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Schlosberg, Mrs. Shire, and Mrs. Stolber*





## DIRECTIONS:

\*On the **FRONT** of the postcard:

- ~ Write the title and the author of the book in the top rectangles.
- ~ Draw a picture about the book in the rectangle labeled illustration.
- ~ Include a caption that describes the picture.

\*On the **BACK** of the postcard:

- ~ Write a greeting such as Dear, Hi, etc. to your new class.
- ~ Choose one question to answer from the list on the back. Be sure to write your response in **complete sentences**.
- ~ Include a closing such as: Your friend, Love, Sincerely, etc.
- ~ Sign your name – both **first and last** name and include your incoming grade.

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| <b>TITLE:</b>        |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>       |
| <b>ILLUSTRATION:</b> |
| <b>CAPTION:</b>      |

POSTCARD



TO:

My New Class

1 School Lane

Bookville, PA 12345

# Summer Reading Response Questions for Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders~

## FICTION:

- ~ Write about the main problem and solution in the story.
- ~ Describe the main character – include what the character looks like (physical traits) and how the character acts, such as funny, helpful, mean (character traits).
- ~ Describe the setting including where and when the story takes place.
- ~ What were your favorite words or phrases in the story? **Why?**
- ~ What was your favorite part of the story and **why?**
- ~ Write a brief summary of what happened in the story.
- ~ Tell why you liked/disliked the book.

## NON-FICTION:

- ~ What are 2 new / interesting facts you learned about the topic?
- ~ Why did you choose to read about this topic?
- ~ Who would you recommend to read this book and **why?**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_