

**Katy Independent School District
Suggested Summer Reading List
Entering 1st Grade**

Author	Title	Summary
Hutmacher, Kimberly M.	I Want a Hamster	See if a hamster is the right pet for you with this overview of the care of hamsters. Suggested websites in the back of the book.
Goodrich, Carter	Mister Bud Wears the Cone	Two dogs living in the same house go through different issues when one of them ends up having to wear a cone. Zorro is upset and causes trouble when Mr. Bud gets all the attention.
Curato, Mike	Little Elliot, Big City	Elliot, a small polka-dotted elephant, lives in New York City and enjoys the little things like cupcakes! He has a big problem, how can he get into the bakery to get his cupcake! Elliot meets someone smaller than himself and together they find a way to solve Elliot's problem.
Daywalt, Drew	The Day the Crayons Came Home	Duncan is happy when he receives a stack of postcards from his previous crayons saying that they are returning home.
Spires, Ashley	The Most Magnificent Thing	A little girl comes up with a wonderful idea to make something but gets frustrated along the way. She learns to keep trying and she will eventually get it right.
AUTHORS		
Appelt, Kathi Arnold, Tedd	Henkes, Kevin Jenkins, Steve	Watt, Melanie Willems, Mo
SERIES		
Capucilli, Alyssa	Biscuit	Read about the many adventures of a friendly little puppy, Biscuit, and his friends!
Falconer, Ian	Olivia	Olivia is a playful and imaginative pig who always seems to find trouble or get into mischief.
Joyner, Andrew	Boris	These chapter books are great for beginning readers! There are pictures on every page and Boris is so much fun! Boris loves to go on adventures with his family and friends.
Olson, et al	Zoo Animal Mysteries	Follow clues to solve mysteries by using a world map which highlights the locations of the animals. The clues narrow as different parts of the animal become the focus.
Litwin, Eric Dean, James	Pete the Cat	Pete the Cat is a laid back blue cat whose motto is "It's all good" no matter what problem he meets.
Oldland, Nicholas	Life in the Wild	Fun series about a bear, moose, and beaver that promotes team work, kindness, and friendship.

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Falconer, Maria	A Mom for Umande	True story of a baby gorilla that is rejected by his mother and cared for by the zookeepers until they find a gorilla to take care of him.
Meltzer, Brad	I Am Amelia Earhart	Discover Amelia Earhart’s adventures as seen through the eyes of young Amelia.
Shea, Bob	Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads	When Drywater Gulch has a toad problem, seven-year-old Sheriff Ryan comes riding into town on a tortoise.
Messner, Kate	How to Read a Story	This is a creative how-to book that teaches young children, step by step, how to discover the love of reading.
Barton, Bethany	I’m Trying to Love Spiders	A hilarious and clever way to introduce the idea of fears, spiders, and general nonfiction to young readers. Provides funny illustrations to go with amazing facts about our often feared eight-legged friends.

AUTHORS

Arnosky, Jim	Lester, Helen	Stevens, Janet
Cronin, Doreen	Rylant, Cynthia	

SERIES

Lord, Cynthia	Shelter Pet Squad	In this series, Shelter Pet Squad kids find the perfect pet homes for animals in need!
Hayes, Geoffrey	Benny and Penny	Follow the adventures of Benny and Penny, two mice, as they pretend to be brave pirates, calm either others bedtime fears and go on treasure hunts in this action-filled graphic novel series.
Klein, Abby	Ready Freddy!	Discover how first-grader Freddy Thrasher overcomes his humorous predicaments. Look for the word “fin” hidden cleverly in every picture.
Manushkin, Fran	Katie Woo	Share the ongoing adventures of the Katie Woo and her friends as they care for Binky, the class pet, find the perfect job for career day, and save the earth by having a garage sale to recycle their toys.
McDonald, Megan	Stink	Judy Moody’s little brother, Stink, gets involved in some hilarious adventures and even writes a comic strip for the end of each chapter!
Silverman, Erica	Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa	Cowgirl Kate and her feisty horse, Cocoa, ride the range demonstrating Kate’s roping skills, counting cows and changing the Wild West forever.

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Heyman, Alyssa	Twelve Dancing Unicorns	Desperate to discover the cause of the broken chains around his unicorns each morning, the king offers a handsome reward. A young girl uses a special gift from her mother to discover the unicorns' magical secret.
Himmelman, John	Tales of Bunjitsu Bunny	Meet Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny! She is the best bunjitsu artist in her school. She can throw farther, kick higher and hit harder than anybunny else! But her strongest weapon is her mind!
Jenkins, Steve	Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do	This question and answer non-fiction book allows animals with exotic features to explain the function of their unique look.
Joyce, William	Billy's Booger, A Memoir	The author describes a moment in his childhood when he believed he was not good at anything except using his imagination. A writing competition could help him shine.
Myers, Christopher	My Pen	A young boy feels powerful knowing with just a pen he can make any idea come to life. This poetry book describes the innate power and escapism that in is in all of our pens.
AUTHORS		
Byars, Betsy	McDonald, Megan	Palatini, Margie
Cleary, Beverly	Osborne, Mary Pope	Scieszka, Jon
SERIES		
Holub, Joan	Heroes in Training Goddess Girls	Series based on Gods and Goddesses from Greek Mythology.
Mlynowski, Sara	Whatever After	Abby and Jonah's magic mirror keeps pulling them into fairy tale land where the stories get changed. Can they figure out a way to make the story turn out like it should?
Bishop, Nic	Nonfiction Animal Books	Learn about snakes, spiders, butterflies and other animals through these beautifully photographed books.
Mills, Claudia	Franklin School Friends	Each book in the series focus on a different friend and his/her strengths. The characters and problems are easy to relate to.
Messner, Kate	Marty McGuire	Marty is a tom-boy who idolizes Jane Goodall. She always tries to do what is right, but sometimes things don't always cooperate.
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton	Follow the adventures of a talking mouse that lives in New Mouse City and works as the editor of <i>The Rodent's Gazette</i> , the fictional newspaper.

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Bond, Rebecca	Escape from Baxter’s Barn	A group of barnyard animals overhear their desperate farmer hatch a plot to burn down the barn for insurance money, and they work together to form an escape plan. A sweet story that was reminiscent of Charlotte’s Web.
Jinks, Catherine	How to Catch a Bogle	Birdie is the apprentice to Alfred the Bogler, a man who catches and destroys monsters that prey upon children. While she may appear to be a frail child, she is much more than meets the eye.
Holm, Jennifer	The Fourteenth Goldfish	Eleven-year-old Ellie Cruz’s life changes dramatically when her mother brings a teenage boy home one night and she learns it is her estranged grandfather. Melvin is a scientist who has figured out how to reverse aging and is now 13 again.
Oppel, Kenneth	The Boundless	A great adventure story with a murder/mystery set right against the backdrop of a magnificent train ride. Will and Maren must solve this mystery with the help of some unusual adults. With many twists and turns on this epic ride, readers are sure to be guessing all the way to the end.
Roy, Katherine	Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California’s Farralon Islands	Learn about many aspects of great whites – their anatomy, how they hunt, and their place in the ecosystem, as well as how scientists study them.

AUTHORS

Clements, Andrew	Giff, Patricia Reilly	Silverstein, Shel
DiCamillo, Kate	LaFevers, Robin	Stevens, Janet

SERIES

Tarshis, Lauren	I Survived. . .	Each story tells a thrilling story from history through the eyes of a boy who survived the event.
Broach, Elise	Superstition Mountain	The Barker brothers are told Superstition Mountain is off-limits. When their cat runs away in that direction, they follow and discover three human skulls. The children research local history and try to solve the mystery.
Mull, Brandon Stiefvater, Maggie Nix, Garth Hale, Shannon	Spirit Animals	Set in the world of Erdas, children go through a coming of age ritual to determine if they have a spirit animal and discover their greater destiny.
Hicks, Deron	The Letterford Mysteries	Someone is attempting a hostile takeover of Letterford Publishing Company, but Colophon is not going to let anyone take it away from her dad.
Buckley, Michael	The Sisters Grimm	Welcome the Sisters Grimm, Sabrina and Daphne, two girl sleuths. Their adventures are filled with hilarious fairy-tale twists and are sure to delight fantasy readers.

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Lloyd, Natalie	A Snicker of Magic	Midnight Gulch, a remote mountain town, used to be a magical and Felicity's mother returns there with Felicity and her little sister. Felicity finally believes she's found a place to call home that holds promises of magic and friendship.
Hilton, Marilyn	Full Cicada Moon	Mimi Yoshiko Oliver, the daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother, hopes to be an astronaut. She battles questions about her nationality and her love of science. She makes bold choices in a time where different origins are new and girls are to learn traditional skills.
TenNapel, Doug	Nnewts: Escape from the Lizzarks (book 1)	A young Nnewt named Herk dreams of the day when he will be stronger (he has weak legs) and can finally get away from babysitting his tad-brothers and tad-sisters. Soon engulfed in a nefarious plot, Herk quickly finds himself without a home, without a family, and on the run for his life.
Grabenstein, Chris	Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	After winning a contest to spend the night in the town's new library, designed by a world famous game maker, Kyle and his friends must solve puzzles to find their way out.
Rappaport, Doreen	Elizabeth Started All the Trouble	Doreen Rappaport uses the words of women trailblazers throughout American History to show how far the women's revolution has come and what has inspired it to keep going.

AUTHORS

Avi	Hahn, Mary Downing	Lupica, Mike
Creech, Sharon	Kehret, Peg	Riordan, Rick

SERIES

Gutman, Dan	The Genius Files	Twins, Coke and Pepsi, travel across the country on exciting summer adventures. Follow their travels on Google Maps.
Colfer, Chris	The Land of Stories series	Fast-paced adventures of two twins lost in a world filled with fairy tale characters. "They leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about."
Korman, Gordon	Dive Trilogy Everest Trilogy Island Trilogy Titanic Trilogy	Each of the adventure trilogies focuses on such topics as shipwrecks, survival or escape.
Grisham, John	Theodore Boone	Theodore Boone, son of lawyer parents, embraces their profession while solving crimes, dispensing legal advice and sharing his insight on the legal system.

