

Riverside Elementary School

# Summer Reading

For students entering K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades

# Riverside Elementary School and Community Summer Reading Partnership Grades K – 2



## ***A Message to Families***

Welcome to our Elementary Summer Reading Partnership. Fostering a love of reading in our children is the most important skill that we can give them. Establishing this habit is a shared responsibility between the home and the school. We want students to experience the many joys of reading and become lifelong readers and learners.

***We have chosen book titles for summer reading that will appeal to a variety of interests or you can pick a book of your own choosing.***

The titles are clustered by grade level. However, feel free to select any title of interest to your child. Students are encouraged to read many books throughout the summer and complete the reading log included in this packet. The reading log should be returned to their teacher during the first week of school in September. We invite you to share this summer reading experience by reading to your child, with your child, or having your child read independently.

***Have a great summer and enjoy all the wonderful things you can read and learn.***

**Please choose any book from the following authors:**

Eve Bunting  
Doreen Cronin  
Dick Gackenbach  
Mo Willems

Anna Dewdney  
Ezra Jack Keats  
Bill Martin  
Dr. Seuss

Eric Carle  
Lois Ehlert  
Gail Gibbons  
MaryAnn  
Hoberman  
Robert Kraus  
Charlotte Zolotow  
Jean Marzollo  
Margaret Wise  
Brown

Donald Crews  
Mem Fox  
Brenda Guiberson  
Pat Hutchins  
Arnold Lobel  
Laura Numeroff



### **Kindergarten Non-Fiction**

*Ice Cream* by Elisha Cooper

*Are You A Ladybug?* by Judy Allen  
*A Seed is Sleepy* by Diane Aston  
*Winter Trees* by Carole Gerber  
*Flight of the Honey Bee* by R. Huber  
*On Earth* by Brian Karas  
*Butterflies in the Garden* by Brian Lerner  
*Hello Ocean* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Airport* by Byron Barton  
*Step Inside!* by Catherine Ham  
*Friends* by Catherine Thimmesh  
*Why Should I Recycle* by Jen Green

### **Kindergarten Fiction**

*Miss Brooks Loves Books* by Barbara Bottner  
*One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo  
*The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt  
*Hot Rod Hamster* by Cynthia Lord  
*Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey  
*The Adventures of Taxi Dog* by Debra Barracca  
*Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester  
*Pete the Cat Series* by James Dean  
*Little Bear* by Else Holmelund  
*The Fire Cat* by Esther Averill  
*I Want My Hat Back* by Jan Klassen  
*It's a Tiger!* by David LaRochelle  
*See Me Run* by Paul Meisel

## First Grade Fiction

*Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber  
*David Gets in Trouble* by David Shannon  
*Benny Bakes A Cake* by Eve Rice  
*The Mitten* by Jan Brett  
*A Chair for My Mother* by Vera Williams  
*That's My Dog!* by Rick Walton  
*Yo! Yes!* by Chris Raschka  
*The Best Vacation Ever* by Stuart Murphy  
*Biscuit Plays Ball* by Alyssa Capucilli  
*Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina  
*Even Aliens Need Snacks* by M. McElligatt  
*Library Lion* by Michelle Knudson  
*Arthur's Loose Tooth* by Lillian Hoban

## First Grade Non-Fiction

*Big and Little* by Steve Jenkins  
*My Five Senses* by Alike  
*A Tree is Nice* by Janice Udry  
*My Light* by Molly Bang  
*I Read Signs* by Tana Hoban  
*Rain* by Marion Bauer  
*All About Deer* by Jim Arnosky  
*All Pigs are Beautiful* by D.King Smith  
*The Icky Bug Alphabet Book* by Jerry Pallotta  
*Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones* by B. Barton  
*Why Do Leaves Change Color?* by B. Maestro



## Second Grade Fiction

*Frederick* by Leo Lionni  
*Dr. DeSoto* by William Steig  
*Mr. Peabody's Apples* by Madonna  
*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerra  
*Amelia Bedelia Series* by Peggy Parrish  
*Footprints and Shadows* by Anne Dodd  
*The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister  
*Hot Air Henry* by Mary Calhoun  
*Nate the Great Series* by Marjorie Sharmat  
*Sweet Tooth* by Margie Palatini  
*Chester Series* by Melanie Watt  
*Dear Tabby* by Carolyn Crimi  
*Pinky and Rex Series* by James Howe  
*Magic Treehouse Series* by M. Osborne

## Second Grade Non-Fiction

*One Tiny Turtle* by Nicola Davies  
*Step Gently Out* by Helen Frost  
*Spectacular Spiders* by Linder Glaser  
*Amazing Whales* by Sarah Thomson  
*The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch  
*Ant Cities* by Arthur Dorros  
*A Butterfly is Patient* by Dianna Aston  
*Bugs by the Numbers* by Sharon Werner  
*Living or Nonliving* by Kelli Hicks  
*Magic Treehouse Research Guides* by  
Various Authors



## **Why Read Over The Summer?**

- Summer should not mean taking a break from learning, especially reading!
- Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading, and read for enjoyment.
- Summer reading programs have been shown to be the most important factor in avoiding the decline in reading skills educators refer to as “summer learning loss.”
- Summer reading can bridge the gap between the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.
- Many studies indicate that the best readers are those who read a lot.
- Summer reading will help to promote student literacy in accordance with the State Standards.

## **What Can Parents Do To Help?**

- Read and discuss the book with your child.
- Ask your child questions about the characters, setting, plot, and problem/solution for fiction books.
- Have your child share interesting facts for non-fiction books.
- Make real-life connections with the story whenever possible.
- Visit the local library to encourage your child to read additional books this summer.

## Websites

- Notable Children's Books  
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb>
- Caldecott Book Award  
[http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/cald  
ecottmedal](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/cald<br/>ecottmedal)
- Reading is Fundamental <http://readingisfundamental.org/>
- Guide to Children's Literature-Book lists include audience appeal and category (genre). <http://www.bookhive.org>
- Online streaming video program featuring Screen Actors Guild members reading children's picture books aloud.  
<http://www.storylineonline.net>
- Our school website <http://www.riverside.k12.nj.us> has many literacy resources available including:

Bedtime Stories: These are children's books read aloud by the Riverside Elementary School teachers on video. To view these videos go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Contact School**. From there click **Elementary School**. Finally click **Bedtime Stories** from the Quick Link menu on the right side.

Tumble Books Library: This is a collection of "e-books" (electronic versions of printed books to be read on a computer, tablet or smart phone). To read these books go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Contact School**. From there click **Elementary School**. From the top menu bar click **Students**. Finally click **Tumble Books Library**.

Destiny: There are also e-books available in our Destiny program. Go to our school website and from the top menu bar click **Students** then **Destiny**. Students should use their student id number for the username and password to access these e-books.

Children need access to a wide variety of books that provide engaging and successful reading experiences. Some suggestions to help children gain access to more books would be ***book swapping with siblings and friends*** and ***visiting our local libraries***.

### Visit our local free public libraries:

#### **Riverside Library**

10 Zurbrugg Way  
Riverside, NJ 08075  
(856) 461-6922

#### Hours:

Monday 12pm to 5pm, 6:30-8pm

Tuesday 12pm to 5pm

Wednesday 10am to 5pm

Thursday 12 to 5pm, 6:30 to 8:30pm

Friday Closed

Saturday 10am to 2pm

- You or your child must have a library card to borrow books from the library free of charge. Please see the attached Library Card application.
- If you request a title or author that is not currently available at the Riverside Library, you may ask if it is available at another branch and make arrangements to have the book transferred to the Riverside branch for your convenience. You can also do a title or author search on the website below.

Burlington County Library System- <http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/>

Main Branch: 5 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton, NJ 08060 Phone: 609-267-9660

Delanco: 1303 Burlington Avenue Delanco, NJ 08075 Phone: 609-461-6850

Cinnaminson: 1619 Riverton Road Cinnaminson, NJ 08077 Phone: 856-829-9340

Many branches of the library host **free activities** such as baby and toddler times, story times and book discussion groups. **Free Museum Passes** are also available to visit places such as The Garden State Discovery Museum and The Academy of Natural Sciences. Information on these and many more **free** opportunities is available at the County Library website <http://www.bcls.lib.nj.us/>



# Burlington County Library System

## Library Card Application



PIN:

Last:  First:  Middle Initial:

Street:

City:  State:  Zip:

Phone:  Birth Date:  Sex: ☐ M ☐ F

Email:

Preferred method of contact? ☐ email ☐ phone

☐ Yes, sign me up for the library newsletter

Signature of applicant or Parent/Guardian:



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## \_\_\_\_\_ 's Summer Reading Record

After you have read a book this summer, write the title and the author of the book on your log, and have your parent initial your log. Return this log to your teacher on the first day of school in September. ***Your teacher will be interested to see the many different books you have read!***

	Title of Book	Author	Parent Initials
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