

# SJCS Summer Reading List

2018-2019



## Upcoming Pre-K4

The Night before Preschool

by Natasha Wing

## Upcoming Kindergarten

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## Upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Not a Box

by Antoinette Portis

If You Ever Want to Bring an Alligator to School,  
Don't!

by Elise Parsley

## Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Please see below.

## Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Freckle Juice

by Judy Blume

## Upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Because of Winn Dixie

by Kate DiCamillo

Biography (student choice)

## Upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Riding Freedom

by Pam Munoz Ryan

100 Year Old Secret

by Tracey Barrett

## Upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Out of My Mind

by Sharon Draper

(Students will be taking an AR test in the fall.)

## Upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Social Studies**

Mr. Bruno will distribute reading materials prior to summer break.

### **Optional games to play –**

<http://www.annenbergclassroom.org/page/thats-your-right>

### **ELA**

Every Soul a Star

by Wendy Maas

(Students will be taking an AR test in the fall.)

## Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Social Studies** (*Choose one*)

The Gettysburg Address: a Graphic Adaptation

by Jonathan Hennessey

(Mr. Bruno has several copies to loan for the summer.)

George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring  
That Saved the American Revolution

by Brian Kilmeade

Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates

by Brian Kilmeade

1776

by David McCullough

### **ELA**

The Book Thief

by Markus Zusak

(Students will be taking an AR test in the fall.)

## Summer Reading List Students Entering 2nd Grade

By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level. Happy Reading and Writing! 😊

### **IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS: PLEASE DON'T BECOME CONCERNED OVER READING LEVELS**

· In Elementary school, each child is developing at their own pace, and it is useless to assess your child's strengths as a reader by his/her reading level alone. To develop strength as a reader, children need lots of time to read lots of books that are "just right for their abilities.

### **FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?**

**Nope!** *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children **not** read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt a readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development.
- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel "friendly/familiar" to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

### **FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THROUGH – AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON THE IN STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE THEM MUCH HARDER BOOKS?**

*Good question, but **proceed with caution!***

· "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.

· If your child is desperate to read a more difficult book, read it aloud together! · Your child's ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it's a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

**GREAT WEBSITES FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS:** <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-second-graders/>, <http://www.wilbooks.com/free-resources-free-online-books-second-grade>, <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/2nd-grade-reading-list>

### **Suggested Reading...**

Please keep in mind these are just suggestions. You are welcome to select other books by visiting the websites.

### **Suggested Authors...**

Cynthia Rylant  
Arnold Lobel  
Eric Carle  
Maurice Sendak  
Marc Brown  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Jan Brett  
E.B. White  
Richard Atwater  
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat  
Judy Blume  
A.A. Milne

### **2nd Grade Summer Reading Book Project**

Choose a book from your grade selection. After reading your book for the summer, choose 1 of the project ideas below to complete. You will be expected to present your project to the class the first week of school.

- 1. Make a model of something in the story.**
- 2. Write a letter to a character in the book.**
- 3. Create a poster of the book to retell the main events of the story.**
- 4. Write a book report.**

Visit your public library and obtain a card for your child. Orange County delivers books to your door when you borrow online. Barnes and Noble has a special Summer Book Club [https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/\\_/N-rs9](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/b/summer-reading/_/N-rs9) Borrow audio books from the library and pair it with the written book. Visit Story books online, we utilize this site in school and your children love it! <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Happy reading and writing! Enjoy your summer. ☺

Love and Blessings,  
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