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Public Schools of Brookline, Massachusetts



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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

Creating a school-wide culture of reading has always been a priority for the teachers, librarians, and literacy specialists in the Brookline Public Schools. In each school that culture is built and nurtured in myriad ways—through the study of literary elements, read-alouds, book talks, literature circles, genre studies, author visits, evening parent/child book events, independent reading projects, participation in Massachusetts Book Awards and summer reading.

Summer is a perfect time to find books to read for pleasure. This list is a starting point to help you select books that match your interests and includes a variety of titles across many genres, levels, and lengths. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 or 6 books. Our goal is to develop readers who not only *can* read, but who *choose* to read for enjoyment.

Summer reading is also a great opportunity to hone your reading skills and maintain your fluency. According to a recent report from John Hopkins University's Center for Summer Learning children who do not read over the summer actually lose ground in reading proficiency. The report concludes that the effect of reading four or five books during the summer is large enough to prevent a decline in reading scores from spring to fall.

In addition to this list, Brookline's public libraries and bookstores offer a wealth of titles and suggestions to help you find just the right book for your enjoyment.

Explore. Read. Enjoy,

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Hot Off the Presses: New and Noteworthy

Agee, Jon. ***The Wall in the Middle of the Book*** **

There's a wall in the middle of this book! And there's a knight who's in charge of guarding it from everything on the other page, and he's sure his side is the best. But watch what happens when things on his side start to go wrong - he might get some help from an unexpected place!

Bardoe, Cheryl. ***Nothing Stopped Sophie*** **

A beautifully illustrated biography of Sophie Germain, who grew up during the French Revolution and dreamed of studying mathematics. Her parents tried to stop her and the universities of the day would not allow her into their classes. But through sheer intelligence and determination, she became the first woman to win a grand prize from the Royal Academy of Sciences and changed the world with her discoveries.

Bauer, Marion Dane. ***The Stuff of Stars*** **

How did the universe begin? Where do we fit in to its story? What do we share with the sun, the stars, and galaxies far away? With poetic text and stunning illustrations, this book gives us a mind-blowing look at, well, just about everything.

Beaty, Andrea. ***Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*** ***

Rosie Reverse is back, in a new chapter book series! When Rosie's aunt Rose and her friends, the Raucous Riveters, need help inventing something new, Rosie is excited to help. But, as with so many big projects, there are big challenges along the way, and Rosie faces a problem she's not sure she can solve. But with a little help from her friends Iggy Peck and Ada Twist, she might just save the day.

Becker, Helaine. ***Counting on Katherine*** **

You might know the movie Hidden Figures, about the women who helped with the Apollo 13 moon landing. Now learn even more about one of those women, Katherine Johnson, the mathematical whizz who helped make this mission possible. Find out what her childhood was like, what inspired her love of math, and how "the stars sparked her imagination."

Blackall, Sophie. ***Hello Lighthouse*** *

Many of us have admired lighthouses from afar, but have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a lighthouse? Sophie Blackall did, and ended up writing and illustrating this charming story about a lighthouse family from long ago. As the sea changes the scenery daily, the lighthouse keeper keeps watch, polishing the light, rescuing sailors, welcoming the tender with its fresh supply of pork and beans, and writing it all down in the logbook. This quietly fascinating book won the 2019 Caldecott Medal.

Faruqi, Saadia. ***Meet Yasmin!*** **

Meet Yasmin, the delightful star of this new series that is sure to charm early readers! Yasmin is a curious, creative second grader with a big imagination. Follow along as she goes through her daily life, playing and problem-solving along the way. You will be sure to fall in love with Yasmin, and with her big, multi-generational Pakistani American family.

Kuipers, Alice. ***Polly Diamond and the Magic Book*** ***

Polly loves telling stories, so when she finds a fancy book on her doorstep labeled "Special Delivery from the Writing and Spelling Department for Polly Diamond" she is thrilled; and when she finds that anything she writes in it actually happens she is really excited. But Polly soon realizes that she has to be very careful what she writes because that kind of power can be dangerous.

Le Minh. ***Drawn Together*** *

When a boy and his grandfather don't speak the same language, communicating can be tough. But when they start to draw together, they both find they have a lot to say to each other.

Love, Jessica. ***Julian is a Mermaid*** *

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up for the mermaid parade. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Abuela think about the mess he makes — and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?

Messner, Kate. ***Fergus and Zeke*** **

Fergus is Miss Maxwell's classroom pet mouse. Zeke is a spunky, street-wise mouse who lives in a museum. These two colorful characters become fast friends when Fergus tags along to a class trip at the museum where Zeke lives. But when Fergus gets separated from the class, will he be able to get back? Maybe with a little help from his new friend!

Morales, Yuyi. ***Dreamers*** *

When illustrator Yuyi Morales first arrived in the United States from Mexico, she was confronted with strange, new culture and a language she didn't speak. When she discovers the public library, the picture books welcome her into a new world of understanding and inspiration.

Rosenstok, Barb. ***Otis and Will Discover the Deep: The Record-Setting Dive of the Bathysphere*** **

An exciting account of engineer Otis Barton and naturalist Will Beebe's record-setting descent into the deep ocean in their Bathysphere craft, making the men the first humans to witness deep sea creatures in their natural habitat.

Sorell, Traci. ***We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*** *

Otsaliheliga is a word used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Moving through the seasons, this book shows different Cherokee celebrations throughout the year and how the community shows gratitude in each moment.

Tetri, Emily. ***Tiger vs. Nightmare*** *

Tiger is a very lucky kid: she has a monster living under her bed (a friendly monster, that is). Every night, Monster scares all of her nightmares away. Thanks to her friend, Tiger has nothing but good dreams. But waiting in the darkness is a nightmare so big and mean that Monster can't fight it alone. Only teamwork and a lot of bravery can chase this nightmare away.

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Vere, Ed. ***How to Be a Lion*** *

Is the only one way to be a lion? Leonard, a gentle lion who loves to watch the stars and write poetry, tries to answer that question after he is confronted by a rough, tough bunch of lions. With the help of his friend Marianne the duck, he finds that it's OK to be himself after all.

Woodson, Jacqueline. ***The Day You Begin*** *

"There will be times when you walk into a room, and no one there is quite like you." So begins this beautiful book from award-winning author Jacqueline Woodson. The characters in this book all feel a little different for some reason, whether they're new in school or speak a different language. But, over the course of the story, they all find the courage to step into a new situation and reach out to a new friend. A great book for getting ready for the first day of school.

Listen to This: Books for Families to Read Aloud

Atinuke. ***Anna Hibiscus (series)*** **

Anna Hibiscus lives in amazing Africa with her mother, her father, her baby twin brothers, and lots and lots of her family. Join her as she splashes in the sea, prepares for a party, sells oranges, and hopes to see sweet, sweet snow!

Bond, Michael. ***A Bear Called Paddington*** ***

Life is never the same for the Brown family after they find a curious and adventurous bear at London's Paddington Station and bring him home.

Cleary, Beverly. ***Henry Huggins (series)*** ***

When Henry adopts Ribsy, a dog of no particular breed, humorous adventures follow.

Dahl, Roald. ***Fantastic Mr. Fox*** ***

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try to outwit each other to get rid of the fox and his family.

English, Karen. ***Dog Days: The Carver Chronicles (series)*** **

Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding, but an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

Erickson, Russell. ***A Toad for Tuesday*** **

On Thursday a toad is captured by an owl who saves him to eat on Tuesday, the owl's birthday, but the intervening five days change his mind.

Henkes, Kevin. ***The Year of Billy Miller*** **

Billy Miller's second grade year is full of the challenges of school, friends and siblings.

Jenkins, Emily. ***Toys Go Out (series)*** **

Here is a peek into the secret lives of toys as Stingray, Lumphy and Plastic participate in a series of adventures.

King-Smith, Dick. ***The Water Horse*** **

In 1930's, on the coast of Scotland, eight-year-old Kirstie finds a large egg which hatches into an unusual sea creature, and as he grows her family must decide what to do with him.

Lin, Grace. ***Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*** ***

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest of a lifetime to find the Old Man of the Moon who she hopes can bring life to her Fruitless Mountain and change her family's fortune.

McKay, Hilary. ***Lulu and the Dog from the Sea (series)*** **

Seven-year-old Lulu and her cousin think their vacation house is the most perfect place ever until they find a trouble-prone, stray dog living on the beach.

McKissack, Patricia. ***Goin' Somewhere Special*** **

In segregated 1950s Nashville, a young African American girl braves a series of indignities and obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library.

Milne, A. A. ***Winnie-the-Pooh*** ***

Meet Winnie-the-Pooh, a bear of very little brain, and his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood. Along with Christopher Robin, they have many grand adventures and ponder many big questions.

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Roxie and the Hooligans*** **

Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.

Take a Look: Picture Books

Agee, Jon. ***Lion Lessons*** **

Learning to be a lion takes some serious lessons, but luckily, this kid has a teacher who is a real pro.

Ahlberg, Allen. ***The Pencil*** **

A lonely pencil timidly draws a boy, a dog, and other items but soon faces a problem as his creations begin demanding changes. When he draws an eraser to make them happy, the real trouble begins.

Barnes, Derrick. ***Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*** **

Author Derrick Barnes revisits memories of his childhood barber shop and celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair.

Barnett, Mac. ***The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse*** *

When a mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he is surprised to learn that he has company: a duck devoured earlier who lives well on the food eaten by his unwitting host.

Beaty, Andrea. ***Ada Twist, Scientist*** *

Ada Twist is a very curious girl who asks questions and performs experiments in her quest to understand the world.

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Borden, Louise. **Sleds on Boston Common: A Story From the American Revolution** **
Young Bostonian Henry Price complains to the royal governor, General Gage, after his birthday plan to sled on Boston Common is thwarted by the masses of British troops camped there.

Collier, Bryan. **Uptown** *
With gorgeous collage illustrations, Bryan Collier gives us a tour of Harlem through the eyes of a boy who lives there.

Copeland, Misty. **Firebird** *
American Ballet Theater soloist Misty Copeland encourages a young ballet student by telling her that she, too, had to learn basic steps and how to be graceful when she was starting out, and that some day, with practice and dedication, the little girl will become a firebird, too.

Curtis, Gavin. **The Bat Boy and His Violin** **
Reginald is more interested in practicing his violin than in his father's job managing the worst team in the Negro Leagues, but when Papa makes him the bat boy and his music begins to lead the team to victory, Papa realizes the value of his son's passion.

Daywalt, Drew. **The Day the Crayons Quit** **
When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters from each of his crayons protesting his treatment of them.

de la Pena, Matt. **Last Stop on Market Street** **
A young boy rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.

Denos, Julia. **Windows** *
Walking his dog at dusk, a boy catches glimpses of the lives around him in this lovely ode to exploring your neighborhood and coming home.

Fern, Tracey. **Pippo the Fool** **
In fifteenth-century Florence, Italy, a contest is held to design a magnificent dome for the town's cathedral. But when Pippo the Fool claims he will win the contest, everyone laughs at him.

Heder, Thyra. **Alfie: The Turtle That Disappeared** *
Nia and her pet turtle Alfie take turns describing what happens when he disappears on the eve of her seventh birthday to find her a special present.

Holub, Joan. **Little Red Writing** **
Once upon a time, in pencil school, a brave little red pencil sets out to write an exciting story with nouns and adverbs and everything--but first she has to face the ravenous pencil sharpener, the Wolf 3000.

Jeffers, Oliver. **Once Upon an Alphabet** **
From an Astronaut who's afraid of heights, to a Bridge that ends up burned between friends, to a Cup stuck in a cupboard and longing for freedom, this unique series of interconnected stories and characters explores the alphabet in an unusual way.

Khan, Rukhsana. **Big Red Lollipop** **
Much to her Rubina's embarrassment, her mother make her take her little sister to her friend's birthday party. Later, when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.

Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue. **Same, Same but Different** *
Pen pals Elliott and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries - America and India - they both love to climb trees, own pets, and ride school buses.

Luyken, Corinna. **The Book of Mistakes** *
As an artist creatively incorporates her slip ups into a drawing, readers see the ways in which 'mistakes' can provide inspiration and opportunity.

Manley, Curtis. **The Summer Nick Taught his Cats to Read** *
It's not easy to teach a cat to read, but one boy tries to anyway in this sweet and silly picture book debut that captures the challenges and rewards of learning to read.

Mollel, Tololwa. **My Rows and Piles of Coins** **
Saruni saves his coins to buy a bicycle so that he can help his parents carry goods to market, but then he discovers that in spite of all he has saved, he still does not have enough money. Will he find a way to get a bike after all?

Nolen, Jerdine. **Thunder Rose** **
Unusual from the day she is born, Thunder Rose performs all sorts of amazing feats, including building fences, taming a stampeding herd of steers, capturing a gang of rustlers, and turning aside a tornado.

Olshan, Mathew. **The Mighty Lalouche** **
In Paris, France, more than a hundred years ago, a small man named Lalouche is let go from his job as a mail carrier and discovers that he has great skill as a fighter.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **Frank and Lucky Get Schooled** **
A boy and his dog learn about each other, go to school to learn more, then explore the world around them as they study science, geography and even foreign languages together.

Rathman, Peggy. **Officer Buckle and Gloria** *
The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until Gloria, the police dog, appears by his side and adds a little excitement to the presentation. Safety tip number 101: Always stick with your buddy.

Ray, Jane. **Apple Pip Princess** **
In a land that has stood barren, parched by drought and ravaged by frosts since the Queen's death, the King sets his three daughters the task of making the kingdom bloom again and discovers that sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference.

Reich, Susanna. **Minette's Feast: The Delicious Story of Julia Child and Her Cat** **
While Julia is in the kitchen learning to cook up delicious French dishes, the only feast Minette, her cat, is interested in is that of fresh mouse.

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Shulevitz, Uri. ***How I Learned Geography*** *

A book about a young boy who spends hours studying his father's world map, and escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan.

Step toe, John. ***Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*** *

This book retells the African version of Cinderella with magnificent illustrations of the Zimbabwean landscape.

Turk, Evan. ***The Storyteller*** **

In a time of drought in the Kingdom of Morocco, a storyteller and a boy weave a tale to thwart a Djinn and his sandstorm from destroying their city.

Chapter Books

Anna, Holly. ***Daisy Dreamer and the Totally True Imaginary Friend (series)***

Daisy Dreamer learns that everything she's ever imagined or drawn is all real! She meets her totally true imaginary friend, Posey, who invites Daisy to explore the extraordinary world filled with all the things she's always daydreamed about.

Barrows, Annie. ***Ivy and Bean (series)*** ***

When seven-year-old Bean plays a trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Blume, Judy. ***Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One (series)*** ***

A book about a challenging relationship between a six-year-old (The Pain), and his eight-year-old sister (The Great One), through seven chapters featuring such events as learning to ride a bicycle, having a birthday party, and dog-sitting. These seven warm-hearted stories will give readers a peek at how a brother and sister relate to each other.

Broach, Elise. ***The Miniature World of Marvin and James (series)*** **

Best friends James (a boy) and Marvin (a beetle) are separated for a week while James goes on vacation. Marvin has to make do with his irritating cousin, Elaine. Their hijinks are highlighted in this charming and humorous book about friendship and adventure.

Butler, Dori Hillestad. ***King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats*** **

King's human, Kayla, has baked some treats for a friend's new puppy, Thor, but some go missing and it is up to King to find the culprit.

Citro, Asia. ***Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows (series)*** **

In the first book of this series, Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and her cat Sassafras to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?

Clanton, Ben. ***Narwhal, Unicorn of the Sea (series)*** *

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together.

Cronin, Doreen. ***The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (series)*** *

Have a barnyard mystery that needs solving? The chicken squad is on the case. When the squirrel Tail comes barreling into the chicken coop ranting about a round, shiny, green, big, scary thing in the yard, Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar investigate this strange object.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Bink & Golly (series)*** *

Two roller-skating best friends--one tiny, one tall--share three comical adventures involving outrageously bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion.

Egan, Tim. ***Dodsworth in New York (series)*** *

When Dodsworth sets out for adventure, including a stop in New York City before going to Paris, London, and beyond, he does not expect a crazy duck to stow away in his suitcase and lead him on a merry chase.

Fienberg, Anna. ***Tashi (series)*** **

Tashi, a gnome-like character from a place far away, tells adventurous tales of being sold to a warlord and escaping on a swan. This little hero cleverly outsmarts giants, ghosts, demons, and witches that stand in his way.

Fine, Anne. ***Diary Of A Killer Cat*** **

Tuffy the cat tries to defend himself against accusations of terrifying other animals and murdering the neighbor's rabbit.

Florence, Debbi Michiko. ***Jasmine Toguchi, Super Sleuth (series)*** **

Preparing to celebrate the Japanese holiday of Girl's Day with her sister, mother and best friend, Jasmine is invited to search through a kind neighbor's old clothes for just the right accessories, but becomes apprehensive when confronted with a dark storage garage and her friend's decision to leave early.

George, Kallie. ***Heartwood Hotel (series)*** ***

Mona the mouse is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury, and comfort.

Grimes, Nikki. ***Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel (series)*** **

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

Hanlon, Abby. ***Dory Fantasmagory (series)*** **

Dory, the youngest in her family, has a very active imagination. She spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.

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Hicks, Betty. ***Basketball Bats (series)*** **

Henry and his basketball teammates, the Bats, take on the Tigers, and Henry learns a lesson about working as a team.

Holub, Joan. ***Heros in Training (series)*** ***

Ten-year-old Zeus, irritated that he keeps getting struck by lightning, discovers a magical thunderbolt embedded in a stone and embarks on the adventure of a lifetime when he is attacked by the Titans, who have been kidnapping other Olympian children.

Howe, James. ***Pinky and Rex (series)*** *

Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda.

Johannes, Shelley. ***Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker (series)*** ***

Beatrice is afraid she is losing her best friend so she uses her topsy-turvy way of thinking to get things looking up.

Kelly, David. ***Ballpark Mysteries: The Fenway Foul-up (series)*** ***

Cousins Mike and Kate are watching batting practice at Fenway Park when? Red Sox slugger Big D's lucky bat is stolen. With Big D in a slump, will Mike and Kat find the bat before the Sox lose the game?

LaReau, Kara. ***The Infamous Ratsos (series)*** **

Rat brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso try to prove they can be as rough and tough as their father in the Big City, but every time they try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead!

Lin, Grace. ***Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same (series)*** *

Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and again they prove to be different.

Lowry, Lois. ***Gooney Bird Greene (series)*** **

A most unusual new student entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

McKissack, Patricia. ***Away West (Scraps of Time series)*** **

In 1879, young Everett Turner leaves hard times on his family's farm and runs away to St. Louis, where he works in a livery stable before heading to the all-Black town of Nicodemus, Kansas.

Medina, Juana. ***Juana & Lucas*** ***

A young girl from Colombia loves playing with her dog and resists boring school activities, especially learning English. But she has a change of heart when her grandmother tells her about a special trip the family has planned.

O'Ryan, Ray. ***Hello, Nebulon! (Galaxy Zack series)*** **

When Jack makes the move from planet Earth to Nebulon, he worries about meeting aliens and missing his life in Texas.

Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine (series)*** ***

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Peterson, John. ***The Littles (series)*** **

This series features the adventures of a miniature family who lives in the walls of the Big family's house.

Quinn, Jordan. ***The Lost Stone (The Kingdom of Wrenly series)*** **

Eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, eager to explore, and Clara, a daughter of the queen's seamstress, who knows the kingdom well, team up to find a lost jewel.

Rylant, Cynthia. ***In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen (Cobble Street Cousins series)*** **

While staying with their aunt for a year, three nine-year-old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance, and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers.

Sharmat, Marjorie. ***Nate the Great (series)*** *

When Annie tells him about her missing painting, Nate the Great and his trusted companion, Sam Spade, set out to investigate, gather clues, and solve the mystery.

Sheinmel, Courtney. ***Stella Batts Needs a New Name (series)*** ***

When a classmate makes fun of her name, eight-year-old Stella picks a new one for herself, but discovers that the name she abandoned suits her just fine.

Van Draanen, Wendelin. ***Shredderman: Secret Identity (series)*** ***

Bubba is the bane of Nolan's existence. When Nolan is tapped to write articles for the school newspaper he chooses to write about the evil bubba, but smartly he does it through the creation of an alternate identity: Shredderman! A laugh out loud choice.

Voake, Steve. ***Daisy Dawson is on Her Way! (series)*** **

After a chance encounter with a butterfly, Daisy suddenly can suddenly communicate with animals and is inspired to rescue a stray dog from the pound.

Warner, Sally. ***EllRay Jakes Is Not a Chicken (series)*** **

Eight-year-old EllRay's father has promised a family trip to Disneyland if EllRay can stay out of trouble for a week. But not defending himself against Jared, the class bully, proves to be a real challenge.

West, Tracey. ***Rise of the Earth Dragon (Dragon Masters series)*** **

When Drake is snatched up by King Roland's soldier and taken to the castle, he finds out he is to be trained as a Dragon Master. His first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

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Yee, Wong Herbert. **Mouse and Mole, Fine Feathered Friends (series)** *

In order to try to get closer to the birds to watch them and create their bird books, Mouse and Mole glue feathers to themselves, in a high-flying adventure in which teamwork, brainstorming, and good ideas always make for a fun day out.

Zemke, Deborah. **The Curse of Einstein's Pencil (series)** **

Bea Garcia wants to impress her brainy new friend by excelling at the geography contest, but her talents lie elsewhere and she learns that the best way to make friends is by being herself.

Too Good to Miss: Classics

Aardema, Verna. **Why Do Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears?** *

A retelling of a traditional West African tale that reveals how the mosquito developed its annoying habit.

Barrett, Judi. **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** **

In the land of Chewandswallow, meals rain from the sky and change with the weather.

Cameron, Ann. **The Stories Julian Tells (series)** *

A book of episodes from seven-year-old Julian's life, including getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.

Cleary, Beverly. **The Mouse and the Motorcycle (series)** ***

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Cooney, Barbara. **Miss Rumphius** **

The charming story of Miss Rumphius, a lady who scattered lupine seeds all along the coast of Maine. Perfect to read in June, when those beautiful flowers are blooming.

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. **My Father's Dragon** **

A little boy, Elmer Elevator, journeys to Wild Island to take care of a baby dragon. Beautiful black-and-white illustrations help bring the story to life.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **Sarah, Plain and Tall (series)** **

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

McCloskey, Robert. **Time of Wonder** **

McCloskey takes us on a summer vacation to an island in Maine, with a spell of rain, gulls and a foggy morning, the excitement of sailing, the quiet of the night, the sudden terror of a hurricane, and, in the end, the peace of the island as the family packs up to leave.

Steig, William. **Sylvester and the Magic Pebble** **

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Van Allsburg, Chris. **Jumanji** **

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and magical jungle adventure board game.

Viorst, Judith. **Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day** *

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

Folklore & Mythology

Aylesworth, Jim. **My Grandfather's Coat** *

A fun tale of a well-worn, well-loved coat that ties a family together.

Bruchac, Joseph. **The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story** *

"Long ago, the Birds and Animals had a great argument." So begins this tale of a thrilling game between the Birds and the Animals, and the surprising role a bat played in this dispute.

Demi. **One Grain of Rice** *

A reward of one grain of rice doubles day by day into millions of grains of rice when a selfish raja is outwitted by a clever village girl.

Knutson, Barbara. **Love and Roast Chicken** **

A trickster tale from the Andes Mountains about a cunning fox and a crafty Guinea Pig, told in colorful illustrations.

Lester, Julius. **John Henry** **

This book retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

Louie, Ai-Ling. **Yeh-Shen** **

This version of the Cinderella story, in which a young girl overcomes her wicked stepsister and stepmother to become the bride of a prince, is based on ancient Chinese manuscripts written 1000 years before the European version.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Tales from the Odyssey (series)** **

Mythology lovers will be thrilled with these beautiful adaptations from the Odyssey.

Pevear, Richard. **Our King Has Horns** **

What happens when a barber finds out the king's biggest secret while cutting his hair? Find out in this entertaining tale from the country of Georgia.

Pinkney, Jerry. **Little Red Riding Hood** **

The classic tale of a little girl and a tricky wolf, rendered in rich, detailed illustrations.

Entering 2 - 3

Snyder, Dianne. ***Boy of the Three Year Nap*** **

In this Caldecott Honor book, a lazy boy finally gets his just desserts. With illustrations done in a Japanese style, this story is sure to delight.

Tonatiuh, Duncan. ***The Princess and the Warrior*** **

Award-winning author Duncan Tonatiuh brings his distinct style to this retelling of a famous Mexican legend. When a rich Princess falls in love with a poor warrior, the emperor says that the warrior, Popoca, must defeat the furious Jaquar Claw before they can wed. Unfortunately, disaster strikes, but the pair still finds a way to be together. Find out how in this thrilling tale.

Get Real: Nonfiction

Appelbaum, Diana. ***Giants in the Land*** **

"There were giants in this land once." So begins this fascinating book from Diana Appelbaum, which describes the laborious process of turning Giant Pines from New England into ship masts for the British Navy. Sure to be of interest to those who love to learn about history and engineering.

Chin, Jason. ***Redwoods*** **

This beautifully illustrated book offers information about redwood trees such as height, how the bark protect them from fires, average age, and the types of plant and animal life that live in them.

Davies, Nicola. ***Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes*** **

Here's your chance to learn about the tiny creatures that inhabit the Earth and examine the varied jobs they do.

Eggers, Dave. ***Her Right Foot*** **

In this fascinating and fun take on nonfiction, Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris investigate a seemingly small trait of America's most emblematic statue.

Fleming, Candace. ***Giant Squid*** *

A beautifully illustrated nonfiction look into this mysterious ocean creature.

Floca, Brian. ***Locomotive*** **

Tells the story of the first passengers who traveled West on the transcontinental railroad in the summer of 1869.

George, Jean Craighead. ***The Wolves are Back***

Did you know that wolves were once nearly hunted to extinction in the United States? Sadly, it's true, but luckily, some scientists stepped in and helped reintroduce wolves in the west. This book tells the story of how they did it, and can also teach young readers about the delicate balance in the ecosystem. With beautiful watercolor illustrations, this book is sure to inspire.

Jenkins, Steve. ***The Top of the World: Climbing Mount Everest*** ***

Describes the conditions and terrain of Mount Everest, attempts that have been made to scale this peak, and general information about the equipment and techniques of mountain climbing.

Judge, Lita. ***Born in the Wild: Baby Mammals and Their Parents*** **

How do mammals raise their babies in the wild? This beautifully illustrated and fact-packed book shows all kinds of mammal parents doing what parents do to make sure their babies are fed, rested and safe.

Kerley, Barbara. ***With a Friend By Your Side*** *

Brilliant photographics and sweet, simple text come together in this book to celebrate friendship. Meet kids from around the world and find out how they play together. A great book to inspire you to get outside and make a new friend this summer.

Kudlinski, K. ***Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!*** **

This book examines what is known about dinosaur bones, behavior, and other characteristics and how different the facts often are from what scientists, from ancient China to the recent past, believed to be true.

Lamothe, Matt. ***This is How We Do It*** ** Follow one day in the real lives of seven kids from around the world—Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia!

Laroche, Giles. ***If You Lived Here*** **

Features beautiful cut-paper illustrations of dwellings from around the world and through various historical times show how different people live, from a village house in South Africa to a floating green house in the Netherlands.

Macaulay, David & Sheila Keenan. ***Castle: How It Works*** ***

This distinctively illustrated book follows the planning, construction, and ultimate testing in battle of a typical fortress with adjoining town built by the English during the Middle Ages.

Mayer, Lynne. ***Newton and Me*** **

While at play with his dog, Newton, a young boy discovers the laws of force and motion in everyday activities such as throwing a ball, pulling a wagon, and riding a bike.

Messner, Kate. ***Over and Under the Pond*** *

Celebrates the forms of life that live above and under a pond, including turtles, red-winged blackbirds, blue herons, minnows, frogs, and catfish.

O'Brien, Patrick. ***You Are the First Kid on Mars*** *

No kid has gone to Mars...yet. But you could be the first! With the help of this book, you can imagine what that might be like. With bright illustrations and informative text, this book tells you everything it would take to establish a base on Mars.

Rosenstock, Barbara. ***The Camping Trip that Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks*** **

In 1903, President Theodore Roosevelt joined naturalist John Muir on a trip to Yosemite. Camping by themselves Muir showed Roosevelt amazing wilderness: mountains, cliffs and waterfalls. The trip convinced the president to help preserve the wilderness.

Entering 2 - 3

Roy, Katherine. ***How to Be an Elephant*** ***

The savanna is not an easy place to live, even for African elephants, the largest land animals on earth. If it's a challenge for these 7,000-pound giants, what's it like for their newborn babies?

St. George, Judith. ***So You Want to Be President*** **

So you want to be President? Seems easy, right? Maybe not. This book goes over the pros and cons of being President, and the traits you'll need to get to the White House, plus the unfortunate things that might stand in your way, like pesky brothers and sisters. Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.

Stewart, Melissa. ***National Geographic Readers: Robots*** ***

Introduces robots and the science behind these amazing machines.

Thomson, Sarah L. ***Amazing Gorillas*** **

Thomson explains the facts of gorilla life, including their behavior, diet, and habitat with short text and photographs.

Life Stories: Biography

Andrews, Troy. ***Trombone Shorty (series)*** ***

New Orleans jazz musician Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews tells the story of how he got his nickname and his start in jazz music.

Barton, Chris. ***Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions*** **

Chronicles the life and achievements of the NASA engineer and inventor, from his childhood to his accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.

Blue, Rose. ***Ron's Big Mission*** ***

Nine-year-old Ron, a frequent visitor to the Lake City Public Library in South Carolina in the 1950s, where he reviews books on airplanes and flight, makes his own quiet stand against segregation when he decides to apply for his own library card. Based on the life of astronaut Ron McNair.

Bryant, Jennifer. ***Six Dots*** *

An inspiring picture-book biography of Louis Braille—a blind boy so determined to read that he invented his own alphabet.

Bryant, Jennifer. ***Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin*** **

An illustrated introduction to the life and work of artist Horace Pippin, describing his childhood love for drawing and the World War I injury that challenged his career.

DePaola, Tomie. ***26 Fairmont Avenue (series)*** ***

Travel back in time with beloved author Tomie DePaola, to 1938. That year, his family started building their house at 26 Fairmont Avenue and it was going just fine, until a hurricane hit town. Follow along as Tomie recounts his funny childhood memories, with stories so vivid you'll feel like your right there on Fairmont Avenue with him. A Newbery Honor book and the

beginning of a great series, this book is sure to be a hit with readers young and old.

Engle, Margarita. ***Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music*** **

In this story inspired by a real musician, a girl in Cuba longs to play the drums, and with perseverance, she breaks down the gender barrier, eventually becoming a famous drummer.

Giovanni, Nikki. ***Rosa*** **

Rosa Parks played an important role in the civil rights movement, when she refused to give up her seat on a city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. With brilliant collage illustrations by Bryan Collier and moving text from poet Nikki Giovanni, this book is a fitting tribute to this inspiring woman.

Golenbock, Peter. ***Teammates*** **

Describes the prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first black player in Major League baseball and depicts the support he received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Krull, Kathleen. ***Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman*** **

A biography of the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Levy, Debbie. ***I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark*** **

This portrait of celebrated Supreme Court justice traces her achievements through the lens of her many famous acts of civil disagreement against inequality, unfair treatment and human rights injustice.

Lynch, P.J. ***The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower*** ***

You might have already heard about the Pilgrims, who traveled to New England on the Mayflower. But do you know about the boy who fell off the Mayflower? This book tells the amazing story of John Howland, who fell off that famous boat but miraculously survived. It also tells about his life once he arrived in New England, and the struggles he and other Pilgrims faced as they settled there. With amazing, atmospheric illustrations and descriptive, accessible text, this book stands apart from the many other books about the Pilgrims.

Martin, Jaqueline Briggs. ***Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table*** *

Follows Will Allen's work to revolutionize the way kids think about food and where it comes from by developing urban farms and establishing farmer's markets in order to feed the world.

McCully, Emily Arnold. ***Manjiro: The Boy who Risked His Life for Two Countries*** ***

The incredible true story of Manjiro, a boy who was shipwrecked off the coast of Japan and rescued by an American whaling ship. Manjiro journeys to New Bedford, learns English and navigation, and eventually makes his way back to Japan.

Entering 2 - 3

McCully, Emily Arnold. **Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became and Inventor** **

Mattie Knight loved to make things ranging from a foot warmer for her mother to toys for her older brothers, or when she was 12, a metal guard to prevent shuttles from shooting off looms and hurting workers. Later, Mattie invented a the first machine that could cut and glue the square-bottomed paper bags that is still used today.

Mora, Pat. **Tomas and the Library Lady** *

While helping his family in their work as migrant laborers far from their home, Tomás finds an entire world to explore in the books at the local public library.

Nivola, Claire. **Life in the Ocean: the Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle** **

Sylvia Earle loved the ocean since she was a child living on the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. This colorful picture book tells about the life of this incredible oceanographer who has worked diligently to explore and protect the world's oceans.

Nivola, Claire A. **Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai** *

Relates the story of Wangari Maathai, a native Kenyan who taught the people living in the highlands how to plant trees and care for the land.

Riddles, Libby. **Storm Run: The Story of the First Woman to Win the Iditarod Sled Dog Race** **

In 1985, Libby Riddles made history by becoming the first woman to win the 1,100-mile Iditarod Sled Dog Race. This is a compelling first-hand account of the arctic storms, freezing temperatures, loyal sled dogs, and utter determination that defined Riddles' Iditarod victory.

Smith, Matthew Clark. **Small Wonders: Jean-Henri Fabre and His World of Insects** ***

Meet Jean-Henri Fabre, one of the most important naturalists of all time. As a boy in the French countryside, Henri spent hours watching insects. He dreamed of observing them in a new way: in their own habitats. What he discovered in pursuing that dream was shocking; these small creatures led secret lives of great drama!

Tavares, Matt. **Growing Up Pedro** *

The life of Red Sox hero Pedro Martinez is explored in this illustrated biography. From a childhood in the Dominican Republic to Fenway Park and the Cy Young Award follow his amazing story.

Wishinsky, Frieda. **The Man Who Made Parks: The Story of Parkbuilder Frederick Law Olmsted** ***

Olmsted turned neglected, swampy acres on the edge of New York City into Central Park. In Boston he designed the Emerald Necklace and the Arnold Arboretum.

Coombs, Kate. **Water Sings Blue** *

Presents a collection of ocean poems that evokes the beauty and power, the depth and mystery, and the endless resonance of the sea.

Florian, Douglas. **Mammalabilia** ***

A collection of fun poems and paintings featuring such favorite mammals as the tiger, gorilla, and rhinoceros.
Frost, Helen.

Sweep Up the Sun **

Frost's lovely ode to birds is accompanied by stunning close-up photographs. Don't miss the information on each bird in the back of the book.

Hughes, Langston. **My People** **

Beautiful photographs bring to life this timeless, eloquent poem by Langston Hughes

Janeczko, Paul B. **Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems** *

Celebrated poet and anthologist Paul B. Janeczko teams up with award-winning illustrator Melissa Sweet to create a season-by-season collection of short poems to sample and savor.

Katz, Bobbi. **Pocket Poems** **

A wonderful collection of poems short enough to be carried in one's pocket, by such authors as Emily George, Emily Dickinson, Gwendolyn Brooks, Charlotte Pomerantz, Nikki Giovanni, and Eve Merriam.

Lewis, J. Patrick. **National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry: 200 Poems with Photographs that Squeak, Soar and Roar!** **

This book combines photography with lyrical text celebrating the animal world, in a compilation that includes works by such poets as Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost and Rudyard Kipling.

Manni, Celeste. **One Leaf Rides the Wind** *

In this collection of haiku poems, a young girl walks through a Japanese garden and discovers many delights, from one leaf to ten stone lanterns.

Mora, Pat. **Bookjoy, Wordjoy** *

A collection of poems celebrating a love of words and all the ways we use and them: reading, speaking, writing, and singing.

Muth, Jon. **Hi Koo** *

A celebration of the four seasons that combines thematic scenes featuring the panda bear, Koo, with twenty-six haikus.

Park, Linda Sue. **Tap Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (poems)** **

This fun collection features Sijo, a traditional Korean form of poetry with three lines of 14 to 16 syllables each and an unexpected humorous or ironic twist at the end.

Paschkis, Julie. **Flutter and Hum / Aleteo y Zumbido: Animal Poems / Poemas de Animales** *

All sorts of animals flutter and hum, dance and stretch, and slither and leap their way through this joyful collection of poems in English and Spanish.

Entering 2 - 3

Prelutsky, Jack. ***Pizza the Size of the Sun*** ***
Who knew poetry could be so much fun? Find out just how much fun it can be, with this rollicking, hilarious collection of poems from Jack Prelutsky.

Sidman, Joyce. ***Butterfly Eyes*** ***
Explore the hidden world in a meadow in this book that combines science and poetry.

Stevenson, James. ***Candy Corn*** **
This funny collection of poems celebrates the seemingly-ordinary things in life, from candy corn to screen doors.

Wardlaw, Lee. ***Won Ton and Chopstick: A Cat and Dog Tale Told in Haiku*** *
Won Ton, the cat, is unprepared for the new puppy, Chopstick, in this humorous story told in haikus.

Wong, Janet. ***Twist: Yoga Poems*** **
Poetic verse captures the beauty and poise of the practice of yoga while providing illustrated stories about the names and proper positioning of various poses, including the Cobra, Half-Moon, and Low Crow.

Books on Summer Math Calendar

Angeline S. LoPresti and Phyllis Hornung. ***A Place for Zero***
As Zero searches to find his place, he learns of his additive and multiplicative identities, and then he establishes place value.

Burns, Marilyn. ***Spaghetti and Meatballs for All***
The seating for a family reunion gets complicated as people rearrange the tables and chairs to seat additional guests.

Hong, Lily Toy. ***Two of Everything***
A poor old Chinese farmer finds a magic brass pot that doubles or duplicates whatever is placed inside it, but his efforts to make himself wealthy lead to unexpected complications.

Hutchins, Pat. ***Ten Red Apples***
Ten red apples hanging on a tree. In rhyming verses, one animal after another neighs, moos, oinks, quacks and makes other appropriate sounds as each eats an apple from the farmer's tree.

Hutchins, Pat. ***The Doorbell Rang***
Readers are introduced to division concepts when Ma makes a dozen cookies for Victoria and Sam to share, but the arrival of more and more friends means fewer cookies for each child.

Myller, Rolf. ***How Big is a Foot?***
The King wants to give the Queen something special for her birthday. The Queen has everything, everything except a bed. The trouble is that no one in the Kingdom knows the answer to a very important question.

Neuschwander, Cindy. ***Sir Cumference and All of the King's Tens: A Math Adventure***
When Sir Cumference and his wife, Lady Di of Ameter, host a massive surprise birthday party for the king, they must figure out a way to quickly count all the guests.

Pinczes, Elinor. ***One Hundred Hungry Ants***
Hi dee ho! It's off to a picnic we go! One hundred hungry ants head towards a picnic to get yummys for their tummies, but stop to change their line formation, showing different divisions of one hundred,

Schwartz, David. ***Millions to Measure***
There are millions of things to measure and almost as many ways to measure them! Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician is back and ready to explore the invention of length, weight, and volume measurements. After that, with another wave of his wand, the wizard introduces the world of metrics and makes it easy to understand the basic pattern of meters, liters, and grams.

Tang, Greg. ***Math for All Seasons: Mind-Stretching Math Riddles***
Teach children how to solve math problems intuitively, rather than relying solely upon formulas and memorization. Colorful illustrations will capture kids attention, and fun rhymes present addition/subtraction problems that kids will be able to solve with the help of clues in the verse.

Tompert, Ann. ***Grandfather Tang's Story***
Grandfather tells a story about shape-changing fox fairies who try to best each other until a hunter arrives.

Viorst, Judith. ***Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday***
Last Sunday, Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar, and he was rich. There were so many things that he could do with all of that money. He could buy as much gum as he wanted, or even a walkie-talkie, if he saved enough, but somehow the money began to disappear.

A Note About Availability

These titles are only a suggested starting point. Students are not expected to read every book on this list. Availability of these titles from local libraries may be limited. Please be considerate to others by borrowing only a few titles off this list at a time. Exploring other titles at Brookline's libraries and bookstores is also encouraged.