

# SUGGESTED SUMMER READING GRADES K-2

## PRINCETON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### 2010

Our list includes picture books and nonfiction chosen by the district elementary school librarians, and beginning to read titles nominated for the New Jersey Garden State Book Award. As the Garden State Book Award is given based on literary merit and popularity, this fall our students will be able to vote for their favorite nominees at school or at the public library. After children's votes throughout the state are tallied, the winners will be announced.

We hope that you will explore our online web resources, which can be found on each elementary school's library web site.

*We encourage all students to join the Princeton Public Library's Summer Reading Club this summer.*

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### PICTURE BOOKS AND MORE:

Many of these authors have written other books you may enjoy. We encourage you to explore other works by these authors.

Bang, Molly. Living Sunlight: How Plants Bring the Earth to Life. Colorful illustrations and text introduces young readers to the importance of sunlight to grow plants, which humans and animals depend on to survive.

Berne, Jennifer. Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau. Before Jacques Cousteau became a famous oceanographer and champion of the seas, he was a curious little boy. Learn about his remarkable life.

Bishop, Nic. Forest Explorer.

Explores in detail several different forest habitats, with field notes about the insects and animals shown, as well as tips on how to explore a forest.

Broach, Elise. When Dinosaurs Came With Everything.

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

Calmenson, Stephanie. May I Pet Your Dog? The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs (and Dogs Meeting Kids).

A dog explains how to safely meet him and his friends.

Chin, Jason. Redwoods.

While reading a book about redwood trees on the subway, a young boy travels as he learns, all the way to the forests of California.

Cyrus, Kurt. Tadpole Rex.

A tiny tadpole grows into a frog, feeling just as strong and powerful as the huge tyrannosaurus rex that stomps through the mud.

Demi. The Hungry Coat: A Tale from Turkey.

After being ignored at a party until he goes home and changes to a fancy new coat, Nasrettin Hoca cleverly teaches his friends a lesson.

Diakite, Pende. I Lost My Tooth In Africa.

While visiting her father's family in Mali, a little girl loses a tooth places and receives a gift from the African Tooth Fairy.

Friedman, Ina. How My Parents Learned to Eat.

An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.

Graham, Bob. How to Heal a Broken Wing.

A boy finds a pigeon with a broken wing and nurses it back to health in this tenderly illustrated picture book.

Henkes, Kevin. Birds.

Fascinated by the many different birds she sees, a girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

Hodges, Margaret. St. George and the Dragon: a Golden Legend.  
A knight slays the dreadful dragon that has been terrorizing the countryside for years and brings peace and joy to the land.

Jenkins, Steve. Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea.

Provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves down to the deepest, darkest bottom of the ocean.

Kerley, Barbara. A Cool Drink of Water.

Depicts people around the world collecting, chilling, and drinking water.

Knutson, Barbara. Love and Roast Chicken: A Folktale from the Andes.

In this trickster tale, a clever guinea pig manages to outsmart the fox that wants to eat him.

Lee, Suzy. The Wave.

A wordless picture book about a little girl's first experience at the beach, from being afraid of the roaring waves to playing on the shore.

Lipson, Eden Ross. Applesauce Season. The story of how a family gets together to cook apples for applesauce. Try the recipe that is included!

Look, Lenore. Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding.

Jenny's not sure she wants her favorite uncle to get married - will she still be his number-one girl?

McCleod. Superhero ABC.

From Astro-Man to the Zinger, McCleod presents a lineup of caped crusaders and their amazing alphabet-inspired abilities.

McKissack. Flossie and the Fox.

When a wily fox meets a little girl in the woods, she insists that

he has to prove that he is a fox before he frightens her.

Park, Linda Sue. Bee-Bim Bop!

Eager for a favorite meal, a child helps her mother shop and prepare one of her favorite dishes.

Pinkney, Jerry. Hush, Little Baby.

The traditional lullaby adapted and illustrated by Jerry Pinkney. You may enjoy exploring other illustrators' versions.

Polacco. Thunder Cake.

Grandma finds a way to make thunderstorms less scary.

Portis. A Penguin Story.

Edna the penguin tries to find something in her surroundings that is not black, white, or blue.

Schwartz, David M. How Much is a Million?

This book helps make it possible to pictures how much a million, billion and trillion really are.

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 wish himself back to normal without help.

Wells, Rosemary. Max's Dragon Shirt.

On a shopping trip to the department store, Max's determination to get a dragon shirt leads him away from his distracted sister and into trouble.

Wheeler, Lisa. Jazz Baby.

A fun, jazzy read-aloud about a baby and her extended family.

Wiesner, David. Flotsam.

An old-fashioned camera found on the beach leads to wondrous new worlds.

Willems, Mo. I Really Want a Puppy.

The pigeon really, really wants a puppy. That is, he wants one

until the puppy arrives.

## Garden State Book Award Nominees:

The books listed below are this year's nominees for the Garden State Children's Book Award in the Easy Reader and Easy Reader Series categories. Students will be able to vote for their favorite books at school or the public library this fall and help choose the award winners. The award honors books for young readers on the basis of literary merit and popularity. Librarians throughout the state develop the title list of nominees.

### **Easy Readers:**

Banks. Monkeys and Dog Days.

When Max and Pete get a new dog, they learn that taking care of a pet is not as easy as they thought.

George. Goose and Duck.

A young boy becomes the "mother" to a goose, who becomes "mother" to a duck, as they learn about the rhythms of nature together.

Grant. Chicken Said, "Cluck!"

Earl and Pearl do not want Chicken's help in the garden, until a swarm of grasshoppers arrives and her true talent shines.

Howe. Houndsley and Catina and the Quiet Time.

Houndsley loves the quiet of the first snow of winter, but Catina does not enjoy being snowed in. What about all her plans for the day? With pretending, books, games, creativity, and some time to dream, Houndsley helps Catina let go of her worries and enjoy the snowy day.

Levinson. Rain Forests.

An introduction to what a rain forest is and the kinds of plants and creatures that live in them.

Ormerod. Ballet Sisters: The Newest Dancer.

Sylvie gets to attend ballet school, just like her big sister.

Rylant. Annie and Snowball and the Teacup Club.

Annie forms a club for girls who love teacups and other dainty things, but she will always love her cousin Henry and his big drooly dog too.

Schaefer. What's That, Mittens?

When Mittens the kitten digs a hole under the fence in the yard, he meets a new friend--Max the dog.

Schreiber. Sharks!

Describes the life cycle and behavior of sharks.

Shore. How to Drive Your Sister Crazy.

A younger brother offers detailed advice on how to annoy older sisters.

### **Easy Readers Series:**

Arnold. Hooray for Fly Guy!

Fly Guy joins Buzz's football team, despite Coach's misgivings, and hits the field for a special, secret play.

Chaconas. Cork and Fuzz: The Collectors.

When best friends Cork and Fuzz go to the pond to collect shiny stones, they happen upon a duck's nest just as the eggs are hatching and Fuzz, who is wearing a feather from his collection, is collected by the mother duck.

Rylant. Mr. Putter and Tabby Run the Race.

Mr. Putter is convinced to run in a senior marathon with his neighbor, Mrs. Teaberry, when he learns that second prize is a train set.

Silverman. Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Rain or Shine.

Cowgirl Kate and her cow horse, Cocoa, discover what it means to work, play, and be together--rain or shine.

Van Leeuwen. Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth.

When Amanda Pig has her first loose tooth, she is reluctant to pull it.

Willems. Are You Ready to Play Outside?

Friends Elephant and Piggie are playing outside when it starts to rain, and then they must decide what to do.