

Dear Students and Parents,

The Fulton County School System strongly believes in developing readers who read both for information and for pleasure. Books on the *Summer Reading List* vary in subject matter and level of difficulty. Our intent is to provide students and their parents with a wide range of authors and styles of writing in both fiction and non-fiction, and to allow students to select reading materials that match their interests.

Lexile levels are indicated for most books, and they address vocabulary and sentence structure. When vocabulary is repeated often and sentences are more simply written, a text has a lower Lexile scores. Texts with less frequently-used vocabulary and with complex sentence structures have higher Lexile scores.

However, Lexile levels do not address subject matter. While a text may have a lower Lexile number, the contents could be more mature. Parents should be actively involved in assisting with their children's reading choices. The short descriptions with each book title should assist you in your selections.

Enjoy your summer reading.

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**Fulton County 2009
Grades 2-3
Summer Reading List**

Fiction Chapter Books

Amato, Mary. Please Write in This Book.

When Mrs. Wurtz leaves a blank book for students to use to "talk." The entries spark a battle that culminates with the class writing a book. Lexile: N/A

Barry, Dave and Pearson, Ridley. Cave of the Dark Wind: A Neverland Book. With Peter Pan away from Neverland, the Lost Boys hunger for adventure and find themselves drawn into an exciting one in a mysterious cave. Lexile: 600

Barrows, Annie. Ivy and Bean.

Bean doesn't think she and Ivy will be friends because they seem so different. But they are both pleasantly surprised when they soon become best buddies.
Lexile: 510

Colfer, Eoin. The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World.

Will has a hard time finding anyone to listen to his problems, until his Grandad that helps him put them in a humorous perspective. Lexile: 770

Jenkins, Emily. Toys Go Out.

Six short stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.
Lexile: 730

Lin, Grace. The Year of the Dog.

Frustrated because she doesn't think she is talented, a Taiwanese-American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog to her own life. Lexile: 690

McDonald, Megan. Judy Moody Goes to College. When her teacher sends her to a math tutor at the local college, Judy is completely in the spirit of college life. Lexile: 600

Mills, Claudia. Being Teddy Roosevelt. While working on a project, Riley is inspired by Teddy Roosevelt's perseverance and resolves to find a way to get what he most wants—a saxophone and music lessons. Lexile: 670

Moses, Sheila P. Sallie Gal and Wall-a-Kee Man. Sallie wants colorful hair ribbons, but she can't afford them—until Wall-a-Kee man comes to town and tries to help. Lexile: 700

Pennypacker, Sara. Clementine's Letter. When Clementine learns her favorite teacher is going on a trip to Egypt, she devises a plan to get him to stay. Lexile: 600

Nonfiction Books

Aston, Dianna Hufts. A Seed is Sleepy. An introduction to seeds that explains their varying shapes and sizes, where they are found, and their life cycles. Lexile: 750

Bishop, Nic. Butterflies and Moths. Stunning photographs and simple text, give a wonderful look into different aspects of butterflies and moths. Lexile: N/A

Hall, Becky. Morris and Buddy: The Story of the First Seeing Eye Dog. Tells the touching story of how Frank Morris used Buddy, the first seeing eye dog, to live independently. Lexile 800

Kudlinski, Kathleen. Boy, Were We Wrong about the Dinosaurs. Describes how information and ideas about prehistoric dinosaurs are constantly changing as new discoveries are made. Lexile: 900

McDonald, Megan. Saving the Liberty Bell. Presents the true story of how a boy named Johnny Mickley prevented the British Army from capturing the Liberty Bell. Lexile: 820

Parker, Robert Andrew. Piano Starts Here: Young Art Tatum. Explores early 20th Century jazz pianist Art Tatum's passion and talent. Lexile: 840

Shulevitz, Uri. How I Learned Geography. A young Polish refugee spends hours exploring a map of the world to entertain himself during World War II. Lexile 660

Stone, Tanya Lee. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote.

A brief biography of the life and achievements of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, who fought for women's right to vote. Lexile: 700

Winter, Jeanette. Wangari's Tree of Peace: A True Story from Africa. Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, who took action when forests were cut down in her native Kenya. Lexile: 730

Yaccarino, Dan. Go Go America.

Presents hundreds of unique facts about each of the states, describing traditions, people, and landmarks across the country. Lexile: N/A

Picture Book Stories to Share

Adler, David. Mama Played Baseball.

A young girl helps her mother get a job as a player in the women's baseball league while her father is serving in the army. Lexile: 440

Brown, Anthony. Voices in the Park.

Lives briefly intertwine when two youngsters meet in the park. The story is told from the various perspectives of the characters. Lexile: 560

Cole, Henry. On Meadowview Street.

Upon moving to a new house, a young girl encourages wildflowers to grow and animals to stay in her yard, which soon has the whole suburban street living up to its name. Lexile: 500

Cottin, Menena. Black Book of Colors.

Raised drawings on black pages encourage readers to use their other senses to experience colors. Text is in English and Braille. Lexile: N/A

Dorros, Arthur. Papa and Me.

A bilingual boy and his father, who only speaks Spanish, spend a day together. Lexile: N/A

Johnson, Angela. Lilly Brown's Paintings.

When Lilly paints, she imagines all sorts of fantastic things in every day scenes. Lexile: N/A

Makhijani, Pooja. Mama's Saris.

An East Indian-American girl convinces her mother to allow her to wear one of her beautiful saris in honor of her 7th birthday. Lexile: 820

Muth, Jon. Zen Ties.

When Stillwater the Panda encourages Koo, Addy, Michael, and Karl to help a grouchy neighbor, their efforts are rewarded in unexpected ways. Lexile: 460

Park, Linda Sue. The Firekeeper's Son.

In 18th Century Korea, a boy helps his father with the task of lighting the evening fire that signals to the palace that all is well. Lexile: 490

Stroud, Bettye. The Patchwork Path: a Quilt Map to Freedom.

While her father leads her away from the plantation, a young girl thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code to guide them to freedom. Lexile: 680