

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 Prekindergarten-1
Summer Reading List**

Early Readers/Beginning Chapter Books

Ackerman, Judy. Chicken Said, Cluck!

Chicken wants to help Earl and Pearl plant their pumpkins, but she only manages to get in the way, until grasshoppers invade the pumpkin patch and Chicken is the only one who can stop them. Lexile: 70

Adler, David. Bones and the Math Test Mystery.

Jeffrey Bones hates math tests, especially one he has forgotten to study for, so when his test paper goes missing he must make a choice--retake the test and try to do better, or find the missing paper. Lexile: 290

Arnold, Caroline. Wiggle and Waggle. Two worms, who are best friends, have fun together as they tunnel their way through a garden. Includes facts on how worms help plants grow. Lexile: 300

Arnold, Tedd. Hooray for Fly Guy.

Fly Guy joins Buzz's football team, despite Coach's misgivings, and hits the field for a special, secret play. Lexile: 270

George, Jean Craighead. 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. Lexile: 370

Hayes, Geoffrey. Benny and Penny in just pretend: a Toon book.

Annoyed with his little sister who always wants to play pretend with him, Benny tries to avoid her but soon feels bad after she is gone. Lexile: 90

Larkin, Patricia. Max & Mo's First Day of School. Two class hamsters go back to school after summer break and discover that the new kids do not know their names. They sneak out at night to make name tags. Lexile: 150

Rosensthiel, Agnes. Silly Lilly and the Four Seasons. Lilly is a spunky little girl who delights in the unexpected pleasure of each season, peering inside shells in the summer and tasting different kinds of apples in the fall. Lexile: N/A

Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover. Henry and his dog Mudge go to a sleepover, where they watch movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to see whose dog is the best popcorn catcher. Lexile: 480

Rylant, Cynthia. Mr. Putter and Tabby Run the Race. Mr. Putter, who does not like to run, makes a goal to place second in a marathon so he can win a train set. Lexile: N/A

Schaefer, Lola M. Follow Me, Mittens. Mittens the kitten goes for a walk with Nick, but he is distracted by a butterfly and many other beautiful things in nature. Lexile N/A

VanLeeuwen, Jean. Amanda Pig and the Wiggly Tooth. Amanda has her first loose tooth and she can't wait for the tooth fairy to come! But her tooth won't fall out. When it finally does, Amanda hopes the tooth fairy still comes even though she lost the tooth. Lexile: 220

Weeks, Sarah. Pip Squeak. Pip Squeak the mouse works hard to clean the house for his friend Max's visit but then Max makes a huge mess. Max shows he's a good friend by helping clean to clean up. Lexile: 220

Willems, Mo. Are you ready to play outside? Elephant, who is very cautious, and Piggie, who is adventurous, go outside to play in the sun and hope that it does not rain. Lexile: N/A

Wong, Herbert Yee. Abracadabra! Magic and Mouse and Mole. Mole is crazy about magic until he takes his friend Mouse to a show that turns out to be all tricks, but then Mouse conjures up a special night program to show him the enchantment found in nature. Lexile: 410

Nonfiction

Blackford, Harriet. Tiger Story. Simple illustrations and text follow a young tiger cub as he grows up and learns how to live on his own,. Lexile: 70

Cobb, Vicki. I Face the Wind. Introduces the characteristics and actions of the wind through simple hands-on activities. Lexile: 540

Doering, Amanda. A Giraffe Grows Up. Describes the development of Hobbs, a giraffe living in a wild animal park, from birth to two years. Lexile: 800

Floca, Brian. Lightship. Explains the role of lightships that were used in place of lighthouses to guide ships into port. Lexile: 600

Hutchins, Hazel. A Second is a Hiccup: A Child's Book of Time. Rhyming text helps children comprehend units of time. Lexile: N/A

Lunde, Darrin. Hello, Bumblebee Bat. Colorful illustrations and simple text describe the characteristics, habitat, and habits of the Bumblebee Bat. Lexile: N/A

Micklethwait, Lucy. I Spy Colors in Art. This innovative book invites readers to look for colors in a whole new way, while introducing 14 masterpieces of art by Picasso and other. Lexile: N/A

Oak Park Elementary School. Our Class is Going Green. This simple book, written and illustrated by kindergarteners, shows children ways to make a positive impact on our environment. Lexile: N/A

Thompson, Lauren. Ballerina Dreams. Tells the story of five little girls with cerebral palsy who had their dreams come true by becoming ballerinas. Lexile: 860

Ziefert, Harriet. You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear. Explores how each of the five senses is hard at work all day long providing information, warning of danger, and helping us enjoy the world around us. Lexile: N/A

Picture Book Stories to Share

Fleming, Denise. Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp. When Buster the dog's owner goes away for a few days, he sends Buster to the kennel. Buster is homesick at first, but then has a fun time. Lexile: N/A

Frazer, Marla. A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever.

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation. Lexile: 680

Graham, Bob. How to Heal a Broken Wing.

A boy and his family care for an injured bird they find on the street and eventually release it into the sky over the city. Lexile: N/A

Guy, Ginger Fogelsong. Perros! Perros! Dogs! Dogs!

As all the dogs in town move toward a common destination, the English and Spanish versions of several pairs of synonyms are introduced. Lexile: N/A

Henkes, Kevin. Old Bear.

When Old Bear falls asleep for the winter, he has a dream that he is enjoying each of the four seasons. Lexile: N/A

Joy, N. The Secret Olivia Told Me.

Two friends learn an important lesson about telling and keeping secrets. Lexile: 350

Kwon, Yoon-duck. My Cat Copies Me.

A little girl describes all the things that her cat does to mimic her as she goes about her day. Lexile: N/A

Swanson, Susan Marie. The House in the Night.

This timeless bedtime verse offers reassurance to children that there is always light in the darkness. Lexile: 60

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. One Boy. A boy creates ten paintings in this counting book that also explores the relationship of words within words. Lexile: N/A

Wells, Rosemary. Yoko Writes Her Name. Yoko not only learns to write her letters in English, she shows her teacher and classmates how to write their names using Japanese calligraphy. Lexile: N/A