

Summer Reading for Prekindergarten – Grade 2

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 score. 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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Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen and the Lion's Lunch Mystery.** Viking, 2007. Lexile N/A

Danny's lunch goes missing during a field trip to the zoo! Can Cam Jansen use her photographic memory to solve this dining dilemma?

Barber, Tiki. **Teammates.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. Lexile 560

NFL players, Tiki and Ronde Barber, recall their childhood experiences on the football field. In this book, Tiki learns how to hold onto the football when tackled by the opposing team. With lots of practice and teamwork the brothers are victorious in their game against the Knights!

Bateman, Donna M. **Deep in the Swamp.** Charlesbridge, 2007. Lexile 890

Journey deep into the Okefenokee Swamp and meet the mammals, reptiles, birds, insects, and plants that live there! This book is sure to make you want to plan a field trip to south Georgia and visit this exciting National Wildlife Refuge!

Beaumont, Karen. **Move Over Rover.** Harcourt, 2006. Lexile N/A

Mover over Rover! A rainstorm forces a steady stream of animals into Rover's doghouse for cover. The final visitor although causes an evacuation just as the storm lets up!

Bernstein, Dan. **The Tortoise and the Hare Race Again.** Holiday House, 2006. Lexile 860

It's the legendary rematch of the tortoise and the hare. But a lot has changed since the last race! Tortoise is tired of his celebrity status and hare is tired of the constant teasing. How can tortoise ensure that hare is the winner this time? He hatches a slow and steady scheme, that's how!

Brett, Jan. **The Three Snow Bears.** G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. Lexile N/A

The Goldilocks story takes on a new Arctic twist. Aloo-ki is out ice fishing and comes along an empty igloo owned by the three snow bears. After eating a delicious breakfast, trying on the softest fur lined boots, and napping under a warm furry blanket, Aloo-ki finds herself face to face with the owners of the igloo!

Bridges, Shirin Yim. **Ruby's Wish.** Chronicle Books, 2002. Lexile 600

Travel back in time to a small village in China. Meet a young girl named Ruby who dreams of going to the university where only her brothers and male cousins are allowed to study. Will Ruby ever get her wish and have an opportunity to continue her education and celebrate her love for learning?

Bunting, Eve. **Emma's Turtle.** Boyd Mills Press, 2007. Lexile 430

Emma loves to read stories from far away lands to her pet turtle. One day the turtle escapes his pen and imagines he is having an adventure in Africa, India, and Australia.

Bunting, Eve. **Hurry! Hurry!** Harcourt, 2007. Lexile N/A

At the barnyard, friends hurry to meet the newest member of the barnyard family as he pecks his way out of an egg.

Clements, Andrew. **Dogku.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. Lexile N/A

Dogku tells the story of an adorable stray dog named Mooch in haiku. The author's note at the book's end gives a mini lesson on how to write a haiku of your very own!

Cronin, Doreen. **Diary of a Fly.** Joanna Cotler Books, 2007. Lexile 490

Peek into Fly's diary and learn his hopes, dreams, and fears. Laugh with Fly as he learns important life lessons such as flying tips, enemies to watch out for (spider and frogs) and the fact that even a fly can be a super hero!

Cronin, Doreen. **Duck for President.** Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. Lexile N/A

Get into the 2008 Election Day spirit with this hilarious tale of duck as he becomes your favorite candidate. Join him as he runs for the office of head farmer, governor and even president of the United States! This book is sure to get your vote and quack you up!

Deedy, Carmen Agra. **Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale.** Peachtree, 2007. Lexile 720

In this hilarious version of this Cuban folktale, twenty-one day old Martina the Cockroach is accepting suitors and hoping for a proposal of marriage. Who will pass her wise grandmother's test and prove to be a worthy husband?

Diakite, Penda. **I Lost My Tooth in Africa.** Scholastic Press, 2006. Lexile 620

When Amini travels to Mali to visit her relatives she discovers one of her teeth is loose. She soon learns that the African Tooth Fairy will bring her a chicken if the tooth is hidden under a calabash gourd.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Fights Crime.** Candlewick Press, 2006. Lexile 390

Mercy the Pig is back in another adventure! One night Mercy awakes to hear the sound of somebody moving the kitchen toaster. She immediately goes to the kitchen anticipating hot buttered toast only to find a burglar! Will she stop this thief?

Dillon, Leo. **Jazz on a Saturday Night.** Blue Sky Press, 2007. Lexile N/A

You are invited to the greatest jazz jam session of all time! Imagine if Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk, Stanley Clarke, and Ella Fitzgerald were to perform together? The result is “Jazz on a Saturday Night”! An accompanying CD explores the various jazz instruments and features an original song using Dillon’s lyrics.

Dillon, Leo. **Mother Goose: Numbers on the Loose.** Harcourt,2007. Lexile N/A

Enjoy twenty-four classic counting rhymes that are guaranteed to appeal to children of all ages. Selections include: “Baa, Baa Black Sheep”, “1 Potato, 2 Potato” and “1, 2 Buckle My Shoe”.

DiPucchio, Kelly S. **Grace for President.** Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. Lexile N/A

Grace is shocked to learn that there’s never been a female US president! She then decides to run for this office in her school’s mock election. Will she be victorious? Join Grace as she leads her campaign and learns all about our country’s electoral process.

Dodds, Dayle Ann. **The Prince Won’t Go to Bed!** Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2007. Lexile N/A

The wee, little prince just won’t go to bed. The castle staff is in an uproar as they try every idea they can think of to put the prince to sleep. It’s Princess Kate who comes to the rescue so everyone can sleep tight!

Ehlert, Lois. **Oodles of Animals** Harcourt, 2008. Lexile N/A

Are you an animal lover? If you are, then you will surely enjoy this animal rhyming book. Using colored paper, pinking shears, and a hole punch the author brings oodles of animals to life!

Ernst, Lisa Campbell. **The Gingerbread Girl.** Dutton Children’s Books, 2006. Lexile 950

“I’ll run and run with a leap and a twirl. You can’t catch me I’m the Gingerbread Girl.” Will this tasty cookie be able to outfox the fox or will she meet a crummy end like her brother.

Henkes, Kevin. **A Good Day.** Greenwillow Books, 2007. Lexile N/A

Have you ever had a day when everything goes wrong? At the beginning of this story the bird, dog, fox and squirrel all suffer disappointments. Then each problem is solved and the bad day turns into “ A Good Day” for all.

Hoberman, Mary, Ann. **You Read to Me , I’ll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together.** Little Brown, 2005. Lexile N/A

Reading is so much fun when done with a friend. Enjoy reading aloud familiar Mother Goose tales with a twist as you read to me and I read to you!

Isadora, Rachel. **The Princess and the Pea.** Putnam’s, 2007. Lexile N/A

Could you feel a pea through 20 mattresses and 20 featherbeds? Only a real princess can pass that test! Join an African prince as he searches for a true princess to become his bride.

Johnson, Angela. **A Sweet Smell of Roses.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2005. Lexile 710

Travel back in time with two young girls as they join Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a march for freedom and justice.

Keller, Holly. **Help! A Story of Friendship.** Greenwillow Books, 2007. Lexile N/A

Mouse becomes alarmed when he hears a rumor that snakes eat mice. Because of this, he then tries to avoid his friend Snake, and as a result falls in a hole! Of course his other friends the hedgehog, squirrel, and rabbit can not help him for various reasons. Who will end up saving the day and rescuing mouse?

Keller, Holly. **Nosy Rosie.** Greenwillow Books, 2000. Lexile N/A

Rose has the knack for finding lost things. Her keen sense of smell helps others find lost cookies, lipstick, baseballs, and bottles. That's all until people start calling her Nosy Rosie and Rose does not "find" this amusing one little bit!

Knudsen, Michelle. **Library Lion.** Candlewick Press, 2006. Lexile 470

Imagine seeing a lion hanging out in your media center! This cool cat is allowed to stay as long as he keeps things to a dull roar. What happens to him when he breaks the quiet rule as he tries to help a friend in need?

Kulka, Joe. **Wolf's Coming!** Carolrhoda Books, 2007. Lexile N/A

In this suspenseful rhyme the wolf is coming and the animals race with their young into a darkened house to hide. But it is the wolf who is in for a surprise when he opens the door!

Levert, Michelle. **Eddie Longpants.** House of Anansi Press, 2005. Lexile N/A

Eddie Longpants is big and tall. His classmates love to tease him and call him "giraffe", "ostrich neck" and "flagpole". The teasing continues until Eddie's teacher witnesses the bullying and tries to stop it. The bully then learns the valuable lesson that even though Eddie is a big guy, he has an even bigger heart.

MacLachlan, Patricia. **Once I Ate a Pie.** Joanna Cotlert Books, 2006. Lexile N/A

Calling all dog lovers! Come and read fourteen poems that tell about the life of a dog from a canine's point of view.

O'Connor, Jane. **Fancy Nancy and the Posh Puppy.** Harper Collins Publishers, 2007. Lexile N/A

Fancy Nancy is back and she wants to adopt a posh (that means fancy) Papillon puppy. Will this pooch be the perfect pet for her family? Maybe a plain old pup can be more fun than a fancy one!

Palatini, Margie. **The Cheese.** Catherine Tegen Books, 2007. Lexile 490

Do you remember what happens to the cheese in the song The Farmer in the Dell? Of course, it stands alone! Well, it won't be lonely for long if rat has any say in the matter! Join him and his friends as they make plans to chew this chunk of cheddar!

Palatini, Margie. **Shelly**. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. Lexile N/A

Shelly is just not quite ready to come out of his shell like his three sisters. Even though they try to interest their little brother in "egg-citing" activities such as skating, painting, and dancing, Shelly is just not ready. Sometimes it takes a little longer for some ducks to spread their wings and fly!

Park, Barbara. **Junie B. , First Grader: Dumb Bunny**. Random House, 2007. Lexile 410

Junie B. hops into her next adventure as she sets her sights on finding the golden Easter egg at her classmate's egg hunt. Will her big footed bunny costume hinder her from winning a play date in Lucille's heated swimming pool?

Paterson, Diane. **Hurricane Wolf**. Albert Whitman & Co., 2006. Lexile N/A

Noah learns all about hurricanes as he helps his parents prepare for the approaching storm. Join his family as they ride out the category two storm together. Be sure to check out the interesting hurricane facts at the end of the book.

Perkins, Lynne Rae. **Pictures From Our Vacation**. Greenwillow Books, 2007. Lexile 650

A family travels to an old farm for a summer vacation. The brother and sister snap pictures with their new cameras to capture all the memories. The children although soon realize that some memories cannot be captured on film. Some memories are just feelings that will be kept forever deep inside your heart.

Pinkney, Jerry. **Little Red Riding Hood**. Little Brown, 2007. Lexile N/A

Enjoy another retelling of this classic fairytale. Little Red Riding Hood is on her way to deliver chicken soup and raisin muffins to her sick grandmother when she meets a wolf. He persuades her to stray off the beaten path to gather wood for granny's fire. Will the wolf be successful in his devious plot to gobble up granny and the girl?

Polacco, Patricia. **Rotten Richie and the Ultimate Dare**. Philomel Books, 2006. Lexile N/A

Trisha's rotten redheaded brother Richie is making her life miserable. Not able to stand his constant teasing, Trisha challenges Richie to perform in her ballet recital. But then Richie dares Trisha to join his rough and tough hockey team for the big game. Can the brother and sister survive this triple dog dare?

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter & Tabby See the Stars.** Harcourt, 2007. Lexile 600

Mr. Putter and his trusty cat Tabby just can't sleep! Could it be because Mr. Putter ate 21 pineapple jelly rolls earlier that evening at Mrs. Teaberry's house? To help his digestion, Mr. Putter and Tabby take a stroll to look at the stars and run into their host whose dog has also eaten too many jellyrolls!

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. **First the Egg.** Roaring Book Press, 2007. Lexile N/A

Using die cut pages the author shows how many living things change. The life cycles of a chicken, frog, flower, and butterfly are beautifully illustrated.

Sobel, June. **Shiver Me Letters: A Pirate ABC.** Harcourt, 2006, Lexile N/A

A crew of pirates is on a treasure hunt to capture all the letters of the alphabet. Ahoy matie! Join them in this adventurous rhyming tale.

Spinelli, Eileen. **Heatwave.** Harcourt, 2007. Lexile N/A

It's sizzling in Lumberville! The residents must think of creative ways to keep cool for this story takes place long before the invention of the air conditioner!

Stein, David Ezra. **Leaves.** G. P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. Lexile N/A

Bear's first year is a time of wonder! He is so joyful until the leaves start falling from the trees. He tries to catch them and put them back. Finally he is so tired he fills his hole with the leaves and hibernates for the winter. He awakens joyfully in the spring when he sees the leaves have returned to their branches once again.

Urbanovic, Jackie. **Duck Soup.** Harper Collins Publishers, 2008. Lexile N/A

Max the duck is always trying the recipes of other chefs and today he wants to make his own delicious soup. While he goes outside to find the perfect herbs to spice up the soup, his friends arrive to find no Max in the house and a feather in the soup! Join Brody the dog, Dakota the cat, and Bebe the bird as they search for their friend Max!

Willems, Mo. **Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late.** Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. Lexile N/A Reading Level 1.6

"I'm not tired!" exclaimed the pigeon when he was told to go to bed. It's getting late but the pigeon has countless excuses not to go to sleep. Can pigeon stay awake? Find out if he can when you read this classic bedtime story.

Willems, Mo. **I am Invited to a Party!** Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. Lexile N/A

Piggie is invited to her first party. Her elephant friend Gerard advises his friend how to dress for the big occasion.

Willems, Mo. **Knuffle Bunny Too: Case of Mistaken Identity.** Hyperion Books for Children, 2007. Lexile N/A

Trixie is so excited to start Pre-K and her Knuffle Bunny is by her side. Her excitement ends when she meets a girl named Sonja who has a Knuffle Bunny too! Things go from bad to worse when the bunnies are mixed up and go home with the wrong child.

Williams, Mark London. **Curious George: Tadpole Trouble.** Houghton Mifflin Co., 2007. Lexile N/A

Curious George is curious about tadpoles! After capturing some at the lake, he takes some home to observe. When he pours them back into the lake for exercise, they disappear! He returns week after week to find creatures that look like tadpoles but have grown legs! After a trip to a museum George discovers that his tadpoles have just grown up. This is a great book to introduce the life cycle of the frog.

Wood, Audrey. **The Deep Blue Sea: A Book of Colors.** Blue Sky Press, 2005. Lexile N/A

What will you see if you dive into the deep blue sea? Enjoy this colorful seaside adventure!

Yolen, Jane. **How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?.** Blue Sky Press, 2007. Lexile N/A

Imagine a dinosaur spending a day in your school! Are they too big to follow the rules? Join young dinosaurs as they learn that school is cool if you follow the rules.

Young, Ed. **My Mei Mei.** Philomel Books, 2006. Lexile 590

Antonia wishes she had a younger sister. Her wish is granted when her mom and dad fly to China and adopt a baby sister named Mei Mei. Has Antonia's dream come true or will a new sister change her world forever?