

2009 Elementary School Summer Reading List

Fulton County

2nd-3rd Grade: 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

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2nd -3rd Grade: 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

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2nd-3rd Grade: 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 a girl and her father flee a plantation, she thinks of the quilt her mother used to teach her a code to guide them to freedom. Lexile: