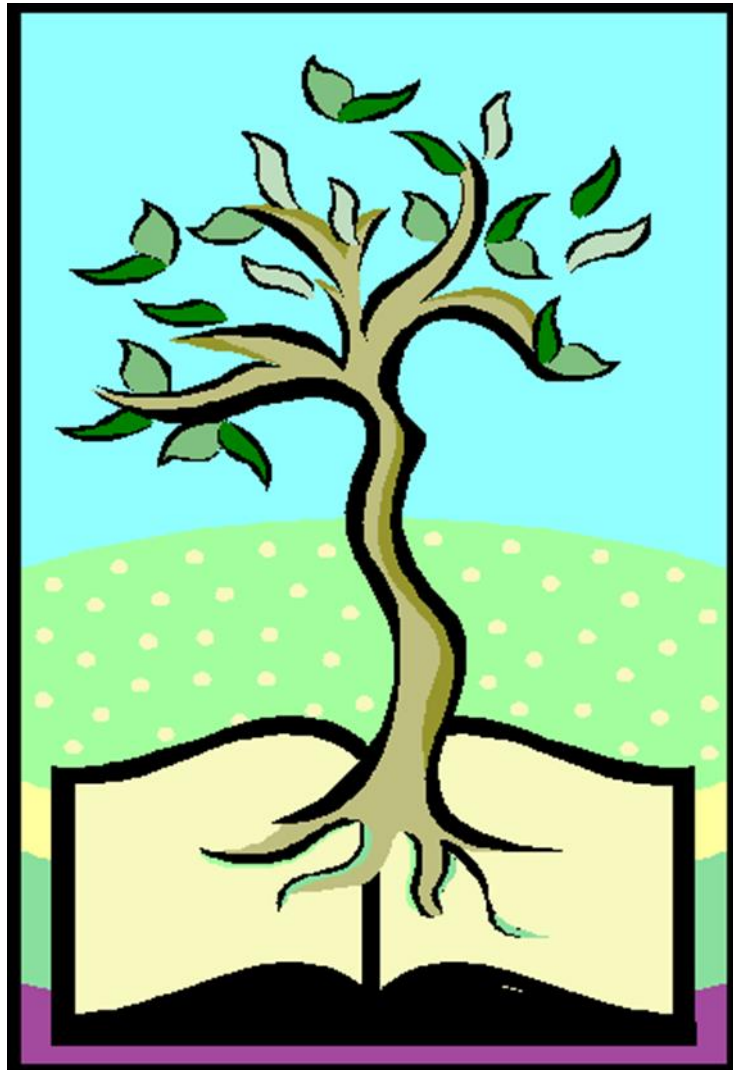


WISE SCHOOL

The Diener & Kadner Families Library
Summer 2015 Reading Suggestions



Happy Reading!
Mrs. Roberta Lloyd, Library Director

KINDERGARTEN SUGGESTIONS: PICTURE BOOKS

Brown, Peter *My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not)*
After spending the day in the park with his teacher, Bobby thinks his teacher isn't so bad.

Castillo, Lauren *Nana in the City*
A young boy visits his grandmother in the noisy, big city, and she teaches him it's a wonderful place to live. (Caldecott Award)

Idle, Molly Schaar *Flora and the Flamingo*
In this wordless book with interactive flaps, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo, as they learn to dance together. (Caldecott Award)

Kang, Anna *You Are (Not) Small*
Two furry characters can't decide who is big and who is small.

Kimmel, Eric *Simon and the Bear: a Hanukkah Tale*
While alone on an iceberg, Simon remembers his mother's words which help him through a life-threatening situation. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Newman, Lesléa *Here is the World: A Year of Jewish Holidays*
Jewish holidays are presented.

Rinker, Sherri Duskey *Steam Train, Dream Train*
In this book with rhyming text, the dream train pulls into the station and all the different cars are loaded by the animal workers, each with the appropriate cargo.

Sayre, April Pulley *Go, Go, Grapes!: A Fruit Chant (series)*
Rhyming text and colorful illustrations describe the tastes, scents, and appearance of different fruits.

Soltis, Sue *Nothing Like a Puffin*
A narrator sets out to prove that there is nothing like a puffin but discovers that many things, including a newspaper and a helicopter, are a little bit like one, and that a penguin is very much like a puffin.

Willems, Mo *That is Not a Good Idea!*
One day, a very hungry fox meets a very plump goose. A dinner invitation is offered. Will dinner go as planned?

1ST GRADE SUGGESTIONS: PICTURE BOOKS

Aylesworth, Jim *My Grandfather's Coat*
Reviving the old story, a tailor's overcoat is recycled. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Barnett, Mac *Sam and Dave Dig a Hole*
Two boys with their dogs set out to dig a hole...and a whole lot more. (Caldecott Award)

DiPucchio, Kelly *Gaston*
Gaston is a poodle who has an unexpected surprise at the park.

Heller, Linda
Wonders of Tzedakah

How Dalia Put a Big Yellow Comforter Inside a Tiny Blue Box: And Other

After learning about the Jewish tradition of tzedakah boxes, Dalia shares her knowledge with her younger brother, Yossi, by telling him what her savings can help to provide for someone in need.

Hood, Susan

Rooting for You

A seed, afraid but bored in the dark soil, decides to put out one little root, then one little shoot before learning that there are plenty of fiends around for encouragement.

Marzollo, Jean

Pierre the Penguin: A True Story

A biologist at the California Academy of Sciences aquarium in San Francisco realizes that Pierre the Penguin is losing his hair and becoming ill, so she and the other biologists devise a plan to give Pierre a wetsuit to wear.

Light, Steve

Have You Seen My Dragon?

In the heart of the city, among the taxis and towers, a small boy travels uptown and down, searching for his friend. Readers will certainly spot the glorious beast, plus an array of big-city icons they can count. Is the dragon taking the cross town bus, or breathing his fiery breath below a busy street? Maybe he took a taxi to the zoo or is playing with the dogs in the park.

Rosner, Jennifer

The Mitten String

Ruthie knits mittens to help a deaf woman and her baby. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Santat, Dan

The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend

Beekle, an imaginary friend, sets out to find a child to imagine him. (Caldecott Award)

Ward, Jennifer

Mama Built a Little Nest

Illustrations and simple, rhyming text introduce different kinds of birds' nests, from the scrapes falcons build on high, craggy ledges to the underground nests burrowing owls dig. Includes brief facts about each kind of bird.

1ST GRADE SUGGESTIONS: BEGINNING READERS

Arnold, Tedd

There's a Fly Guy in My Soup (series)

When Fly Guy is not allowed in the restaurant with Buzz's family he follows his nose and ends up in the soup.

Birney, Betty
(series)

Humphrey's Creepy-Crawly Camping Adventure (*Humphrey's Tiny Tales*)

Humphrey the hamster goes on a camping trip in the backyard.

Chaconas, Dori

Cork & Fuzz: The Swimming Lesson (series)

Cork the muskrat wants his best friend Fuzz, a possum, to visit his home, but first he must teach Fuzz to swim and not be afraid of the water.

Henkes, Kevin *Penny and Her Song (series)*
Penny comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.

Hoberman, Mary Ann *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together (series)*
This collection of Aesop's fables includes both beloved tales such as "The Ant and the Grasshopper" and "The Lion and the Mouse," as well as less familiar but equally charming stories like "The Peacock and the Crane."

Holub, Joan *Scat Cats!*
Cats cause so much trouble in a house that they are shoed away--and then missed!

Lin, Grace *Ling & Ting: Twice as Silly (series)*
Identical twins Ling and Ting like to tell jokes and be silly.

McMullan, Kate *Pearl & Wagner: Four Eyes (series)*
When Wagner's eye test shows that he needs glasses, it takes him a little while--and some help from his friends--to adjust to his new look.

Manushkin, Fran *Katie Woo Where Are You? (series)*
While shopping with her parents in a mall, Katie helps a lost boy, not realizing that she may be lost, too.

Michalak, Jamie *Joe and Sparky Go to School (series)*
The mismatched pals accidentally latch onto a big yellow bus and leave the cageless zoo for their first trip to school.

Parish, Herman *Amelia Bedelia Makes a Friend (series)*
When her best friend moves out of the house next door, Amelia Bedelia wonders who the new neighbors will be.

Rylant, Cynthia *Annie and Snowball and the Grandmother Night: the Twelfth Book of Their Adventures (series)*
Annie and her pet bunny, Snowball, go to grandmother's house for a special sleepover.

Rylant, Cynthia *Henry and Mudge and the Tumbling Trip: the Twenty-Seventh Book of their Adventures (series)*
Henry, his parents, and his dog, Mudge, take a vacation out West, where they enjoy tumbleweeds, desert animals, souvenirs, and the wide open spaces.

Rylant, Cynthia *Mr. Putter & Tabby Turn the Page*
They have fun at the library during story time.

Rylant, Cynthia *Puppy Mudge Wants to Play (series)*
Mudge tries all sorts of things to get Henry to stop reading and play with him instead.

Schneider, Josh *Tales for Very Picky Eaters*
A father tells outlandish stories while trying to get his young son to eat foods his son thinks he will not like.

Sharmat, Marjorie *Nate the Great and the Stolen Base* (series)
Nate the Great investigates the disappearance of the second base used by his baseball team.

Silverman, Erica *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Spring Babies* (series)
Cowgirl Kate and her horse Cocoa watch over the new calves, a puppy, and some baby barn owls.

Willems, Mo *Cat the Cat, Who is That?* (series)
An exuberant cat introduces readers to her friends.

Willems, Mo *The Pigeon Needs a Bath* (series)
The pigeon is dirty and he needs a bath, but he won't go willingly.

Willems, Mo *Waiting is not Easy!* (series)
Gerald has a hard time being patient.

2ND GRADE SUGGESTIONS: PICTURE BOOKS

Ancona, George *It's Our Garden: From Seeds to Harvest in a School Garden*
Want to grow what you eat and eat what you grow? Visit this lively, flourishing school-and-community garden and be inspired to cultivate your own.

Cox, Lynne *Elizabeth, Queen of the Seas*
The inspiring story of an elephant seal in New Zealand.

Davies, Nicola *Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes*
A non-fiction look at the fascinating science of microbes.

Floca, Brian *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*
This is a detailed examination of the historic mission to the moon.

Glaser, Linda *Stone Soup with Matzoh Balls: A Passover Tale in Chelm*
In this familiar tale, the town of Chelm is tricked into making soup for the stranger. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Jenkins, Steve *Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World*
The eyes of animals are examined.

Krasner, Barbra *Goldie Takes a Stand: Golda Meir's First Crusade*
At age nine, Golda Meir took charge. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Rosenthal, Amy Krouse *Wumbers: It's a Word Cr8ed with a Number!*
A picture book with sentences made up of words containing numbers in place of letters with similar sounds.

Schubert, Leda *Monsieur Marceau*
A visual profile of the iconic mime combines lyrical text with artwork to offer insight into the man behind his famous "Bip the Clown" character and the artistry that enabled him to communicate wordlessly and vibrantly.

Sisson, Stephanie Roth *Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos*
The biography of Carl Sagan and his interest in the Voyager mission.

2ND GRADE SUGGESTIONS: EARLY CHAPTER BOOKS

Barrows, Annie *Ivy + Bean: Take the Case (series)*
Ivy and Bean create their own mysterious adventure.

Birney, Betty *Imagination According to Humphrey (series)*
While the class is writing in their journals, Humphrey tries to use his imagination.

Butler, Dori Hillestad *The Case of the Library Monster (series)*
Buddy the dog discovers a strange, blue-tongued creature in the school library, and investigates what it is and how it got there.

DiCamillo, Kate *Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes (series)*
When Mr. and Mrs. Watson and their pig Mercy take in a movie at the Bijou Drive-In, mayhem ensues after Mercy smells the enticing scent of hot buttered popcorn.

Hale, Shannon *The Princess in Black (series)*
Princess Magnolia becomes the Princess in Black.

Harper, Charise Mericle *Just Grace Gets Crafty (series)*
Grace gets ready for the craft fair.

Kimmelman, Leslie *Sam and Charlie (and Sam Too!)*
A boy named Sam, a girl named Charlie, and Charlie's sister Sam become neighbors and friends.

Lowry, Lois *Gooney Bird on the Map (series)*
When her second-grade classmates are envious of the three students who are going away on winter vacation, the creative and ingenious Gooney Bird Greene thinks of a geography activity to cheer them all up.

McDonald, Megan *Judy Moody: Mood Martian (series)*
It's Backwards Day, and Judy Moody dares herself to stay in a good mood.

Nelson, Jessie *Labracadabra*
Zach isn't impressed with his new dog, Larry, at first...but it's not very long before Zach knows that he and Larry will be Best Friends Forever!

Rouss, Sylvia *Mitzvah the Mutt*
A dog, rescued by a Jewish family, is taught the Jewish holidays.

Roy, Ron *The White Wolf (A to Z Mysteries) (series)*
While visiting their friend Wallis and her adopted daughter on Mount Desert Island, Maine, Josh, Dink, and Ruth Rose investigate why three white wolf cubs were stolen, and by whom.

Voake, Steve *Daisy Dawson and the Secret Pond (series)*
Everyday adventures with a girl who can talk to animals!

3RD GRADE SUGGESTIONS:

Adler, David A. *Cam Jansen and the Millionaire Mystery (series)*
Using her excellent memory, Cam Jansen, aided by her friend Eric, investigates the disappearance of Mrs. Scott's valuable pearl necklace during a charity brunch.

Adler, David A *Millions, Billions, & Trillions: Understanding Big Numbers*
Huge numbers are hard to comprehend. This book explains quantities in terms children can understand. For example, one million dollars could buy two full pizzas a day for more than sixty-eight years.

Barden, Stephanie *Cinderella Smith (series)*
Cast off by her old friends, Cinderella agrees to help a new student deal with the stepsisters she will soon have, and meantime, a former friend tries to prevent Cinderella from dancing the lead in their tap recital.

Bryant, Jennifer *The Right Word: Roget and his Thesaurus*
A biography of Peter Roget and his quest for the perfect words for everyone.

Davis, Kathryn Gibbs *Mr. Ferris and his Wheel*
How George Ferris, the American inventor, created his iconic wheel.

Janeczko, Paul B. *Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems*
The seasons are represented in the works of poets.

Jules, Jaqueline *Never Say a Mean Word Again: A Tale from Medieval Spain*
A father implores his son to never speak ill of another person. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Muth, John J. *Hi, Koo!: A Year of Seasons*
Jon J Muth--and his delightful little panda bear, Koo--challenge readers to stretch their minds and imaginations with twenty-six haikus about the four seasons.

Pennypacker, Sara *Clementine and the Spring Trip (series)*
Third-grader Clementine's school field trip to Plimoth Plantation leads to all kind of discoveries, from fourth grade eating rules to the source of the stink on the bus.

Roy, Katherine *Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands*
An in-depth view of the great white sharks of California.

4TH GRADE SUGGESTIONS:

Bell, Cece *El Deafo*
In this graphic novel, Bell experiences what it's like to grow up with a hearing impairment. (Newbery Award)

Campbell, Sarah C. *Mysterious Patterns: Finding Fractals in Nature*
The reader learns to appreciate the beauty of fractals in nature.

Davies, Jacqueline *The Magic Trap* (series)
Lemonade war series book 5. A magic show, card tricks, and a disappearing rabbit named Professor Hoffman--the Treski kids are at it again as they try to put on a show in the face of an approaching hurricane. But nothing prepares them for what blows into town next: their long-lost dad.

DiCamillo, Kate *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*
The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry -- and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. (Newbery Award)

Gibbs, Stewart *Spy Camp* (series)
As almost thirteen-year-old Ben, a student at the CIA's academy for future intelligence agents, prepares to go to spy summer camp.

Grabenstein, Chris *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*
Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Gutman, Dan *The Genius Files: License to Thrill* (series)
The continuation of the twins' cross-country trip.

Holm, Jennifer L. *The Fourteenth Goldfish*
Jennifer's grandfather ages backwards.

Kessler, Liz *Tail of Emily Windsnap*
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

Riordan, Rick *Percy Jackson's Greek Gods*
Percy Jackson tells the story behind the Greek gods of Olympus.

5TH GRADE SUGGESTIONS:

Applegate, Katherine *The One and Only Ivan*
When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life. (Newbery Award)

Black, Holly

Doll Bones

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Fitzgerald, Laura Marx

Under the Egg

Theodora discovers a painting hidden under a painting, and she fears that the painting may have been stolen by her grandfather.

Kidd, Chip

Go: A Kidd's Guide to Graphic Design

Introduction to the world of graphic design by this world-famous designer.

Krull, Kathleen

Lives of the Presidents: Fame, Shame (and What the Neighbors Thought)

Focuses on the lives of presidents as parents, husbands, pet-owners, and neighbors while also including humorous anecdotes about hairstyles, attitudes, diets, fears, and sleep patterns.

Lord, Cynthia

Half a Chance

Lucy takes a photo and enters it into a contest with her friend's name on it. Lucy's father is the contest's judge.

Markle, Sandra

The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery Sisters

Scientists try to save the dying little brown bat population.

Oppel, Kenneth

The Boundless

Will takes a ride on the Boundless, which is the fastest train that's ever been built.

Rusch, Elizabeth

Eruption! : Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives

An account of the work of volcanologists Andy Lockhart, John Pallister, and their team describes their life-risking efforts to investigate dangerous volcanoes that pose threats to more than one billion people worldwide.

Telgemeier, Raina

Sisters

Using a graphic novel format, a family car trip is taken with interesting dynamics between the sisters.

6TH GRADE SUGGESTIONS:

Dauvillier, Loïc

Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust

A graphic novel portraying a grandmother's experience as a child in France hiding from the Nazis. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Gemeinhart, Dan

The Honest Truth

Mark, who has cancer, leaves with his dog to try climb a mountain.

Gephart, Donna

Death by Toilet Paper

A young boy tries to raise money for him and his mother. (Sydney Taylor Award)

Hodge, Deborah *Rescuing the Children: The Story of the Kindertransport*
The story of how ten thousand Jewish children were rescued out of Nazi Europe just before the outbreak of World War II.

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly *Fish in a Tree*
While some of her fellow students treat her poorly, her teacher brings out her strengths and shows her and her classmates how smart she really is.

Martin, Ann M. *Rain Reign*
The story of Rose, challenged by Asperger's Syndrome, and her dog.

Montgomery, Sy *Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save Africa's Fastest Cats*
The African wilderness is the backdrop for studying the fastest animal in the world.

Murphy, Jim *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-ending Search for a Cure*
This book illuminates the seemingly unstoppable killer that's been haunting us for centuries: tuberculosis. It's well-researched and includes over 100 archival photos and prints.

Rappaport, Doreen *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust*
The defiance of tens of thousands of Jews across eleven Nazi-occupied countries during World War II.

Sheinkin, Steve *Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*
Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.