

Fort Lee Public Schools



Summer Reading 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

All Fort Lee educators are committed to cultivating a passion for reading. According to the National Institute of Education (1988), "...the amount of reading done out of school is consistently related to gains in reading achievement." Reading also enables us to expand our horizons and develop new ideas. As this academic year comes to a close, we encourage all students to read over the summer break. With the assistance of our school librarians, we've provided some recommendations here, but there are so many more wonderful books for children of all ages to explore. With your guidance, children can select books they want to read, even if they do not appear on this list. We do understand that some books might be difficult for some children to read independently at this time. This is a perfect opportunity for you to read with your child, an experience we all loved and cherished ourselves in our childhood. What we ask is for students to read, and read often.

Students who document their summer reading will receive a certificate for their participation in the fall. Here's how your child can document his/her summer reading:

1. Join the summer reading programs offered by the Fort Lee Public Library for students in all grade levels. We recommend that you visit their website at <http://fortlee.bccls.org/> or stop by the library for more information. The library will forward us a list of Fort Lee students who participated in their program.
2. Print and complete the summer reading log provided in this packet. Return the summer reading log to your child's teacher by September 18th.

Summer reading is a valuable opportunity to demonstrate that reading is not just part of school, but it is a key contributor to lifelong learning. Have a wonderful summer and HAPPY READING!

Sincerely,

Diane Baker and Michele Carlor

K-12 Supervisors of Instruction

Kindergarten - First Grade

Fiction Books

Pete the Cat by Eric Litwin
Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
Pout Pout Fish by Deborah Diesen
Corduroy by Don Freeman
No David! By David Shannon
Goldilocks and the Three Bears by Robert Southey
Strega Nona by Tomie DePaola
If You Give a Mouse A Cookie by Laura Numeroff
Are We There Yet? By Dan Santat
The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Sam and Dave Dig a Hole by Mac Barnett
Mac and Cheese by Sarah Weeks

Popular Fiction Series

Charlie and Lola series by Lauren Child
Fly Guy series by Ted Arnold
Piggie and Elephant series by Mo Willems
Katie Woo by Fran Manushkin
Diary of a.. Worm, Spider, Fly by Doreen Cronin
You Read to Me, I Read to You by Maryanne Hoberman
Mercy Watson by Kate Dicamillo
Flat Stanley Easy Reader by Jeff Brown
Penny by Kevin Henkes
Froggy by Jonathan London
Frog and Toad by Anne Lobel
Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish
Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant
Olivia by Ian Falconer
Curious George by William H. Macy
I Spy Reader! by Jean Marzallo
Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant

Popular Authors

Steven Kellogg

Margery Cuyler
Robert Munsch
Eric Carle
Dr. Seuss
Mo Willems
Jan Brett
Denise Fleming

Nonfiction Books/Series

Rookie Read About Science series
Nature Up Close series by Elaine Pasco
Welcome Books series
Let's Read and Find Out Science series
American Museum of Natural History Easy Reader series
Animal Diaries Life Cycle series by Ellen Lawrence
Animal Groups Categorical by Brian Cleary

Websites

ALA Great Websites for Kids @ <http://gws.ala.org/>

Second Grade - Third Grade

Fiction Books

13 Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
Don't Feed the Geckos by Karen English by Karen English
Friends of a Feather by Lauren Myracle by Lauren Myracle
My New Team by Ryan Howard and Krystle Howard by Ryan Howard
Logan Pryce Makes a Mess by Grace Gilmore by Grace Gilmore
The Best Friend Battle by Lindsay Eyre
Stowaway by Erin Soderberg
Misty by Christine Dencer
Don't Feed the Geckos by Karen English

Popular Fiction Series

Fort Lee Public Schools Summer Reading

Cam Jansen by David Adler
Geronimo Stilton by Elisabetta Dami
Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
Horrible Harry by Suzie Klein
Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park
Ready Freddy by Abby Klein
Rosco Riley Rules by Katherine Applegate
Just Grace by Charise Harper
Captain Awesome by Stan Kirby
Lulu by Judith Viorst
Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
Clementine by Sarah Pennypacker
Katie Kazoo by Nancy Krulik
The Bad Guys In Mission Unpluckable by Aaron Blabey
My Father's Dragon by Ruth
The Carver Chronicles by Karen English
The Life of Ty by Lauren Myracle
Little Rhino by Ryan Howard
Tales from the Maple Ridge by Grace Gilmore
Sylvie Scruggs by Lindsay Eyre
Puppy Pirates by Erin Soderberg
Stanley & Me by Christine Dencer
My Weird School by Dan Gutman
My Weirder School by Dan Gutman
Judy Moody & Stink by Megan McDonald
Captain Awesome Stan Kirby

Popular Authors

Roald Dahl
Tomie dePaola
Judy Blume
Kevin Henkes
Dan Gutman
Steve Jenkins

Nonfiction Books/Series

Who Would Win by various authors
The Picture Biography series by David Adler

Anything but Annie Ordinary Annie: The True Story of Adelaid Herman, Queen of Magic
by Mara Rockcliff

The Blobfish by Jessica Olien

26 Fairmont Avenue by Tomie Depaola

Let's Read-and-Find-Out-Science books by various authors (Harper Collins Publishers)

So You Want to Grow a Pizza? by Bridget Heos (Grow Your Food series)

Websites

<http://gws.ala.org/>

www.code.org

www.tynker.com

Fourth Grade - Fifth Grade

Fiction Books/Series

Me and Marvin Gardens by Amy Sarig King

Sunny-Side Up by Jennifer Holm

Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Rollergirl by Victoria Jamieson

El Deafo by Cece Bell

Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate

I Funny by James Patterson

Pie by Sarah Weeks

Whatever After series by Sarah Mlynowski

The Penderwicks series by Jeanne Birdsall

Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

The Babysitters Club series by Ann M. Martin

Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene

Alvin Ho series by Lenore Look

Tom Angleberger Origami Yoda series by Tom Angleberger

Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case by Donald J. Sobol

The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell

Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler

Popular Authors

Judy Blume
Beverly Cleary
J.K. Rowling
Louis Sachar
Jerry Spinelli

Nonfiction Books/Series

Scholastic Question and Answer series by Melvin and Gilda Berger
Who Was...? biography series by various authors
Where is...? Series by various authors (Published by Penguin Random House)
Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories by Sandra Markle
Sports in Action series various authors

Sixth - Eighth Grades

Fiction Books

Terrifying Tales edited by Jon Scieska
Walking Two Worlds by Joseph Bruchac
The Flinkwater Factor by Pete Hautman
The Boy Who Crashed to Earth by Judd Winick
Historium by Jo Nelson
Pax by Sarah Pennypacker
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
Crossover by Kwame Alexander
The Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Loser by Jerry Spinelli
Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander
I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifrenka
The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell by Christ Colfer

Mechanica by Betsy Cornwell
Better Nate than Never by Sheila Garrigue
The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito by Sheila Garrigue
Fish In A Tree by Lynda Hunt
Con Academy by Joe Schreiber
Rain Reign by Ann Martin
Zeroes by S. Westerfeld, M. Lanagan and D. Biancotti
Middle School, the Worst Years of My Life by James Patterson and Chris Tebbets
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Popular Series

Guys Read by Jon Scieska
Pathfinders by Joseph Bruchac
Flinkwater Chronicles by Pete Hautman
Hilo by Judd Winick
Welcome to the Museum by Jo Nelson
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Dear America by various authors
Warriors by Erin Hunter
The Chronicles of Narnia by CS Lewis
The Kane Chronicles by Rick Riordan
Horrible Histories by Terry Deary, Peter Hepplewhite and Neil Tonge
39 Clues by Rick Riordan
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan

Popular Authors

Brian Selznik
Rene Telemegier
Wendy Mass
Patricia Polacco
Mike Lupica
Kwame Alexander
Roald Dahl
Jerry Spinelli
Shel Silverstein (Poetry)
Jack Prelutsky (Poetry)

Nonfiction Books/Series

“Scientists in the Field” Series (Published by Houghton Mifflin)

“Hazardous Tales” Series (Nathan Hale)

“Stem Trailblazers” Series by Lerner Books

Ninth-Twelfth Grades

Fiction Books

The Young Elites by Mary Lu

The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer by E.K Johnston

Heir of Fire by Sarah J. Mass

The Testing by Joel Charbonneau

The Winner’s Curse by Marie Rutkoski

The Crossover by Alexander Kwame

The Kiss of Deception by Mary E. Pearson

Jackaby by William Ritter

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Vango Between Sky and Earth by Timothee De Fombelle

We Were Liars by E. Lockhart

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson

The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom

Tell the Wolves I’m Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

Room by Emma Donoghue

Midnight at the Electric by Jodi Lynn Anderson

Tell Me Three Things, Julie Buxbaum

Popular Authors

Victoria Aveyard

Kiera Cass

Cassandra Clare

John Green

Sandra J. Maas

Ransom Riggs

Nicola Yoon

Nonfiction Books

“The Glass Castle” Jeannette Walls

“Behind Rebel Lines” Seymour Reit

“Grace, Gold, and Glory: My Leap of Faith” Gabrielle Douglas

“Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing Our Minds for the Better” Clive Thompson

“The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland” Jim DeFede

Family Read-Alouds for All Ages

Here are some titles families can read together.

Fiction

Charlotte’s Web by E.B.White

Stuart Little by E.B. White

James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

Wonder by Raquel J. Palacio

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Chronicles of Narnia by C.S Lewis

Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli

Treasury of Greek Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli

The Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Great Illustrated Classics Published by Baronet Books

Aesop’s Fables

Heidi

The Call Of The Wild

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

Frankenstein

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm

The Last of the Mohicans

Captains Courageous
Robin Hood
Prince and the Pauper
Time Machine
Anne of Green Gables
Peter Pan
Black Beauty
The Phantom of the Opera
The Jungle Book
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Hound of the Baskervilles
The Hunchback of Notre Dame

A reading program is a joint responsibility between school and family. Parents might very reasonably disagree about what material constitutes suitable reading for children. The titles suggested are not Board of Education approved texts. They are works that are recommended by such organizations as the American Library Association, the New York Times, and the National Council for Teachers of English. They appear on many reading lists across the nation. Nevertheless, certain titles may contain subject matter that some parents may not want their children to read (whether Grimm's Fairy Tales for young children or books with mature themes and graphic language for older students). Only parents can determine appropriate choices for their children. Check with teachers, local librarians, and book web sites for reading levels and information about the various titles.

K-12 Fort Lee Public Schools Summer Reading Log

Student Full Name: _____

Entering Grade: _____

Title	Author