

Dear Parents,

A primary goal of the Farmington Public Schools' reading program is to develop a lifelong desire to read for both pleasure and knowledge acquisition. The Farmington Summer Reading Program is a collaboration between the Farmington Public Schools and the Farmington Libraries. The program is designed to encourage students to continue the reading "habit" throughout the summer months. This extended reading opportunity will sustain reading achievement and expand reading interests.

Parents are children's first teachers and your support is critical in reinforcing our expectation that every student participate in the Farmington Summer Reading Program. Perhaps the best way to show your support is to find some quiet summer reading time yourself and let your youngster see how much you enjoy the experience of reading. When parents, teachers, school and public librarians offer encouragement through the Summer Reading Program, thousands of Farmington young people will reap the benefits that only time spent reading can provide.

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*Keeping Farmington's elementary students excited about reading during the summer months is the central goal of the school librarians, and the Farmington Library staff as they select books for the newest edition of the Farmington Elementary Reading Lists (2010). The librarians diligently read, discuss and select books that will encourage children to imagine, make connections, and gain information as they read. We hope you enjoy many of the books on the lists and find other exciting books at the library during the summer.*

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**1. Read every day!** This packet gives you many suggestions for books from a wide range of authors and genres. Some books will be easy while others are more difficult. You should choose to read the books that are just right for you and that you enjoy. It is okay to read the same books again and again. Summer reading should be fun and interesting!

**2.** Each time you finish a book, **record the title and the author on the book log “Make A Splash READ”**, that can be found on the Public Library website [www.farmingtonlibraries.org](http://www.farmingtonlibraries.org). or printed out from the Farmington Public Schools website [www.fpsct.org](http://www.fpsct.org). You are invited to bring your book log to the library over the summer to be stamped and to collect a prize. **Bring this log to school on the first day.** We are planning to celebrate all the good reading students have done over the summer!

**3.** In the fall, your new teacher will be anxious to get to know you as a reader. **At the end of the summer, answer the questions on the form on the next page. Be sure to bring it to school with your book log and hand it in to your new teacher.** Your teacher will want to spend some time talking with you about your book choices and reading interests. This form will help get this important conversation started.

**Dear Parents,**

Summer is a wonderful time to explore new authors and genre in literature and to keep children motivated to read by choosing books that are easy and fun. The lists here include a range of levels so that every child can find something “just right,” even if that means reading books from another grade level’s list.

The staff at the Farmington public libraries is eager to help students find these and other books your children will want to read, so we encourage you to take frequent trips to the library to take advantage of all that they can offer.

<b>Name:</b>
<b>School:</b>
<b>Grade:</b>

**What kinds of books do you like to read?**

**What do you like to read about?**

**Do you have any favorite authors?**

**What was the best book you read over the summer?**

**What would you like me to know about you as a reader?**

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## Entering Grades 2/3 Summer Reading List



### **Fiction**

- Adler, David      Young Cam Jansen Mysteries – Series Jennifer “Cam” Jansen and her best friend Eric are young detectives who solve every mystery that comes their way.
- Adler, David      Cam Jansen Mysteries – Series The Cam Jansen mysteries continue in longer episodes.
- Arnold, Tedd      Fly Guy – Series A boy named Buzz is so surprised that a fly knows his name, he adopts him as his new pet, Fly Guy! Read all the adventures of this boy and his amazing pet.
- Baker, Keith      Mr. and Mrs. Green – Series A loving alligator couple enjoys going camping, eating pancakes, visiting the county fair, and doing other fun activities together.
- Bang-Campbell, Monika      Little Rat – Series These stories tell of a young rodent who experiences many things for the first time and through determination develops the confidence to do them well.
- Brown, Jeff      Flat Stanley – Series Stanley has amazing adventures and finds that being different has its advantages.
- Cazet, Denys      Minnie and Moo – Series Follow along with Minnie and Moo, two bovine buddies, as they attempt to drive tractors, ride buses, and attend barn dances just as humans do.
- Chaconas, Dori      Cork & Fuzz – Series Cork is a muskrat. Fuzz is a possum. Will they always have enough in common to remain good friends?
- Christopher, Matt      Soccer Cats - Series The adventures (and misadventures) of the young members of a soccer team.
- DiCamillo, Kate      Mercy Watson – Series Mr. and Mrs. Watson have a pig named Mercy. Read about Mercy’s incredible adventures.
- Duffey, Betsy      How to be Cool in the Third Grade (or other books by this author)  
Do you really need a whole new image to be considered cool in third grade?

Ernst, Lisa Campbell	<u>Stella Louella's Runaway Book</u> (or other books by this author) Stella Louella is helped by the whole town as she searches for her lost library book.
Greenburg, Dan	<u>Zack Files – Series</u> Zach, a 10-year-old boy, has a knack for getting into wild and weird situations.
Greene, Stephanie	<u>Owen Foote – Series</u> (or other books by this author) Eight-year-old Owen faces the challenges of school, sports, and friendship in these humorous stories.
Guest, Elissa Haden	<u>Iris and Walter – Series</u> Together Iris and Walter discover that anything is easier when you have a best friend to help you.
Hoban, Lillian	<u>Arthur – Series</u> This series of books follows Arthur, a young chimp, and his family on many adventures.
Howe, James	<u>Pinky and Rex – Series</u> or <u>Houndsley and Catina - Series</u> Both series are about two good friends who share lively adventures.
Hurwitz, Johanna	<u>Russell and Elisa – Series</u> More fun with Russell and his tag-along sister Elisa.
Kane, Tracy L.	<u>Fairy Houses - Series</u> What would happen if you built a house for fairies to live in?
Keene, Carolyn	<u>Nancy Drew Notebooks - Series</u> Follow along as Nancy Drew and her friends solve exciting mysteries.
Kerrin, Jessica Scott	<u>Martin Bridge: On the Lookout! - Series</u> Meet Martin Bridge - - a most special and ordinary boy whose well-meant plans sometimes go wrong.
Kimmel, Eric A.	<u>Anansi – Series</u> These stories tell of a selfish spider whose attempts to take advantage of others never succeed.
Kline, Suzy	<u>Horrible Harry – Series</u> Young, mischievous Harry is forever looking for opportunities to pull pranks.
Levy, Elizabeth	<u>Invisible, Inc. – Series</u> Three friends with special powers solve mysteries.
Marshall, Edward	<u>Fox – Series</u> Fox is too clever for his own good as he tries to outwit his friends and family.

McDermott, Gerald	<u>Zomo the Rabbit (or other trickster tales by this award- winning author)</u> Zomo the Rabbit, an African trickster, sets out to gain wisdom.
Miller, Sara Swan	<u>Stories You Can Read To Your Cat – Series</u> Stories about cats, told from the cat’s point of view.
Mills, Claudia	<u>Gus and Grandpa – Series</u> These stories illustrate the loving relationship between a boy and his grandfather.
Napoli, Donna Jo	<u>Sly the Sleuth - Series</u> Young Sly forms her own detective agency to solve mysteries in the neighborhood.
Parish, Peggy	<u>Amelia Bedelia – Series</u> A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.
Peterson, John	<u>The Littles – Series</u> Exciting adventures about tiny people who live among us and are only six inches tall.
Preller, James	<u>Jigsaw Jones Mysteries – Series</u> Jigsaw Jones, private eye, and his partner Mila investigate all sorts of mysteries.
Roy, Ron	<u>A to Z Mysteries – Series</u> Wherever they go, friends Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose always encounter mysteries which need to be solved.
Rylant, Cynthia.	<u>Cobble Street Cousins – Series, Henry and Mudge – Series, or Mr. Putter and Tabby – Series</u> Sample some of these books by a favorite author.
Ruelle, Karen Gray	<u>Harry and Emily Adventures – Series</u> Harry and Emily enjoy fun activities around the house.
Stevens, Janet	<u>Tops &amp; Bottoms (or other folktales by this author)</u> Hare turns his bad luck around by striking a clever deal with the rich and lazy bear down the road.
Teague, Mark	<u>Detective LaRue – Series</u> Mrs. LaRue’s canine companion, Ike, tells his stories through a series of misleading yet humorous letters to his owner.
Wells, Rosemary	<u>Yoko – Series</u> Yoko, a young feline and her animal companions, learn the importance of caring and friendship in this series of books.

West, Tracey

Pixie Tricks – Series Violet and her fairy friend, Sprite, work together to teach mischievous pixies a lesson.

## **Nonfiction**

Branley, Franklyn

Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science Stage 2 – Series Numerous books on a wide variety of subjects from weather to planets written in clear easy-to-read text along with colorful illustrations.

Jenkins, Martin

The Emperor's Egg The fascinating story of the birth of an emperor penguin.

Rhoda, Carol

On My Own History – Series Beginning readers will enjoy this introduction to history.

Simon, Seymour

Seemore Readers – Series Learn about all different topics in these informative and engaging books.

Tang, Greg

Grapes of Math (or other books by this author) Entertaining, mind-stretching books full of fun problems to solve.

Thomson, Sarah

Amazing Animals (I Can Read) – Series All sorts of information about animals in the wild.

Various Authors

Eyewitness Readers – Series Introduces readers to many nonfiction subjects.

**Don't forget to visit the special non-fiction shelf at the Farmington Libraries for students entering grades 2 and 3!**

## **Poetry**

Florian, Douglas

Mammalabilia (or other books by this poet) Original poems and colorful paintings about all different kinds of animals.

Hoberman, Mary Ann

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together – Series A book of children's poetry which encourages young children to read with an adult.

Prelutsky, Jack

Rainy, Rainy Saturday (or other books by this poet) Each poem is a gem, and the book meanders through issues like perseverance, sadness, anger, ingenuity, and imagination.

## **Biography**

Adler, David	<u>A Picture Book Of – Series</u> Easy to read biographies about many famous historical individuals such as Benjamin Franklin, Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Amelia Earhart.
Brown, Don	<u>Dolley Madison Saves George Washington (or other biographies by this author)</u> Describes the significant contribution Dolley Madison made to the United States when she saved a picture of George Washington.
Rappaport, Doreen	<u>Martin’s Big Words</u> The life of Martin Luther King in a beautifully illustrated format.
Various Authors	<u>Ready-to-Read Childhood of Famous Americans – Series</u> The life and times of a variety of important Americans.