

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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Acknowledgements

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. or printed out from the Farmington Public Schools website 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.

Name:
School:
Grade:

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?



Entering Kindergarten/Grade 1 Summer Reading List



- Alborough, Jez Watch Out! Big Bro's Comin! (or other books by this author) The jungle is aflutter when the news that rough, tough Big Bro is coming.
- Arquette, Kerry What Did You Do Today? This rhyming story asks the question "What Did You Do Today?" to a number of farm animals.
- Brett, Jan Annie and the Wild Animals (or other books by this author) When Annie's cat disappears, she attempts friendship with a variety of unsuitable woodland animals, but with the emergence of Spring, everything comes right.
- Capucilli, Alyssa Satin Biscuit - Series A little, yellow puppy always wants one more thing before he will go to sleep.
- Carle, Eric Mister Seahorse (or other books by this author) This story teaches children about male seahorses and other sea-dwelling creatures who bear the traditionally maternal burden of caring for their young.
- Christelow, Eileen Five Little Monkeys – Series The well-known antics of the five little monkeys are retold by Eileen Christelow.
- Clements, Andrew Big Al - and sequel Shrimpy learns that even though he may be small, he can still make a big difference to his friend, Big Al.
- Cronin, Doreen Giggle, Giggle, Quack (or other books by this author) When Farmer Brown goes on vacation, leaving his brother Bob in charge, Duck makes trouble by changing all his instruction to notes the animals like much better.
- DePaola, Tomie Strega Nona: – Series When Strega Nona leaves Big Anthony alone with her magic pasta pot, he is determined to show the townspeople how it works.
- Eclare, Melanie A Handful of Sunshine Photographs and text record each step of planting and growing sunflowers.

Ehlert, Lois	<u>Waiting for Wings (or other books by this author)</u> Simple text and bright pictures show how butterflies use flowers and identify several types of butterflies.
Feiffer, Jules	<u>Bark, George</u> A dog named George seems to be unable to bark.
Fisher, Doris	<u>Happy Birthday to Whooo?</u> An animal riddle book that describes a number of baby animals including elephants, lions, giraffes, blue whales, and seahorses.
Fox, Mem	<u>Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild (or other books by this author)</u> When a young girl has a series of mishaps at home one day, her mother tries not to lose her temper—and does not quite succeed.
Gibbons, Gail	<u>Any non-fiction book by this author</u> These richly illustrated books bring to life a wide range of real world topics.
Harper, Jessica	<u>A Place Called Kindergarten</u> Wondering why their friend Tommy has not come to the barn at his usual time, the animals become alarmed when the dog tells them that he has gone to a place called “Kindergarten”.
Henkes, Kevin	<u>A Good Day (or other books by this author)</u> A bird, a fox, a dog, and a squirrel overcome their problems to have a very good day.
Hest, Amy	<u>Baby Duck – Series</u> In this series of books, Baby Duck experiences many firsts of childhood (a new baby sibling, a new sport, a new friend) and the excitement and emotions that accompany these events.
Jenkins, Steve	<u>Biggest, Strongest, Fastest (or other books by this author)</u> Presents 14 animals that are record holders in such areas as size, strength, speed, and age.
Keller, Holly	<u>That's Mine, Horace (or other books by this author)</u> Horace loves the little yellow truck that he finds in the schoolyard, but he has a problem when a classmate tries to claim it.
Kvasnosky, Laura	<u>Zelda and Ivy – Series</u> In three brief stories, Ivy, the younger of two fox sisters, goes along with her older sister's schemes, even when they seem a bit daring.
Lester, Helen	<u>Hooway for Wodney Wat (or other books by this author)</u> All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but he becomes popular when he drives away the class bully.

London, Jonathan	<u>Froggy – Series</u> Follow along with Freddy as he goes to school, learns to play sports, and participates in many other activities in these wonderful read-aloud books.
Martin, Jr., Bill	<u>Chicka Chicka – Series</u> Rhyming books that help children learn letters and numbers while enjoying a fun story at the same time.
Marzollo, Jean	<u>Ten Cats Have Hats</u> Pictures and rhyming text present animals from one bear to ten cats with their assorted possessions.
McMullan, Kate	<u>I Stink! - Series</u> A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.
McPhail, David	<u>Lost! (or other books by this author)</u> What would you do if you met a bear lost in the city? Read about a little boy who tries to help a friend in need.
Posada, Mia	<u>Ladybugs Red, Fiery, and Bright (or other non-fiction books by this author)</u> This book of charming verse, fun facts, and beautiful illustrations provides an informative look at one of children’s favorite backyard bugs.
Rathmann, Peggy	<u>The Day the Babies Crawled Away (or other books by this author)</u> A boy follows five babies who crawl away from a picnic and saves the day by bringing them back.
Ryder, Joanne	<u>A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find A Home at the San Diego Zoo</u> Explains how twin polar bear cubs, Kalluk and Tatqiq, discovered orphaned on the Alaskan wilderness, grow and learn at their new home at the San Diego Zoo.
Rylant, Cynthia	<u>Poppleton – Series</u> Follow along with Poppleton, a good-natured little pig, as he experiences life’s many adventures.
Scieszka, Jon	<u>Pete’s Party – Trucktown Series.</u> A zany world of busy trucks with fun personalities and exciting adventures.
Shannon, David	<u>Duck on a Bike (or other books by this author)</u> One day, Duck gets an idea: “I bet I could ride a bike.” He soon inspires all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.
Sierra, Judy	<u>Wild About Books</u> (or other books by this author) A librarian named Mavis McGrew introduces the animals in the zoo to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.

Slate, Joseph	<u>Miss Bindergarten – Series</u> Readers will delight in these stories about a very likeable kindergarten teacher and the many adventures and sometimes mishaps she experiences.
Stoeke, Janet	<u>Minerva Louise – Series</u> Hilarious stories about a ‘happy go lucky’ hen that is forever mistaking objects in the outside world for things she has seen on her farm.
Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie	<u>Elizabeti’s First Day of School – Series</u> Elizabeti is excited about the first day of school but wonders what her family is doing at home.
Taback, Simms	<u>There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly (or other books by this author)</u> Ever-expanding die-cut holes show exactly what is happening in the old lady’s stomach as she swallows an assortment of creatures, beginning with a small fly, and ending with a fatal horse.
Various Illustrators	<u>The Little Red Hen</u> The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.
Van Leeuwen, Jean	<u>Amanda and Oliver – Series</u> Join siblings Amanda and Oliver, two young pigs, as they venture through life, learning the importance of friendship.
Waddell, Martin	<u>Little Bear – Series</u> This series of books follows the journeys of a thoughtful young bear and his emotionally supportive parent.
Wells, Rosemary	<u>Max and Ruby – Series</u> Join ever-responsible Ruby and her younger brother Max as they bake a special cake for Grandma, shop for new clothes, and play together.
Willems, Mo	<u>There is a Bird On Your Head – Elephant & Piggie Series</u> Gerald the elephant and Piggie are very different, but they are the best of friends and help each other in many funny situations.
Wilson, Karma	<u>Bear Snores On – Series</u> On a cold winter night many animals gather to have a party in a cave of a sleeping bear, who wakes up and protests that he has missed the food and the fun.
Yolen, Jane	<u>How Do Dinosaurs Get Well Soon? – Series</u> This book uses humor and rhyme to describe what a young dinosaur should do in order to quickly get over being sick.

The libraries also have many “old favorites” by various authors for your child to enjoy!

Don't forget to visit the special non-fiction shelf at the Farmington Libraries for students entering grades K and 1!

Also, don't forget to look for the many enjoyable alphabet and counting books, housed in the *I Can Read* Section.