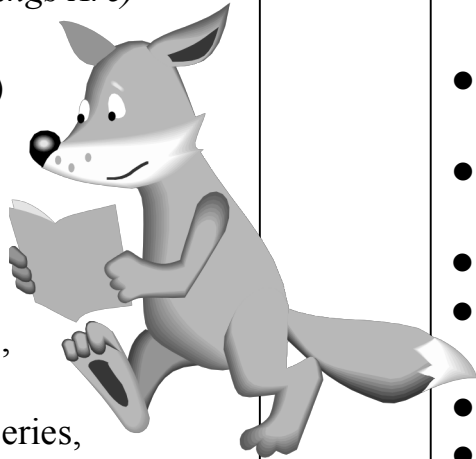


# Grades 1 and 2

Please read at least 5 books

including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- Maurice Sendak (*Where the Wild Things Are*)
- Mercer Mayer (*Little Critter Series*)
- Helen Cowcher (*Tigress, Antarctica*)
- Dr. Seuss (*Cat in the Hat*)
- Martin Waddell (*Owl Babies*)
- Judy Sierra (*Wild About Books, Antarctic Antics*)
- Arnold Lobel (*Frog and Toad Series, Mouse Tales, Mouse Soup*)
- Cynthia Rylant (*Henry and Mudge Series, Mr. Putter and Tabby Series*)
- David McPhail (*Lost!, Henry Bear's Park, Big Brown Bear*)
- Frank Asch (*Like A Windy Day, Moonbear Series, Water, Mr. Maxwell's Mouse*)
- Bill Martin, Jr. (*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*)
- Jerry Pallotta (*The Furry Alphabet Book and other ABC books*)
- Graeme Base (*Animalia, Jungle Drums, Uno's Garden, The Waterhole*)
- Eric Carle (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Mixed-Up Chameleon*)
- *Step into Reading Series* – especially non-fiction
- *ZooBooks, Rookie Readers* and other non-fiction



# Grades 3 and 4

Please read at least 3 books

including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- Robert Kimmel Smith (*The War with Grandpa, Chocolate Fever*)
- Graeme Base (*The Worst Band in the Universe, The Eleventh Hour, The Sign of the Seahorse*)
- Cynthia Rylant (*The Cobble Street Cousins Series, Gooseberry Park Series, Lighthouse Family Series*)
- Lois Lowry (*Anastasia and Sam Series*)
- Dick King-Smith (*Babe: The Gallant Pig, The School Mouse*)
- Gail Gibbons – specializing in non-fiction
- Stephen Krensky (*Ben Franklin and His First Kite, Lionel Series*)
- Andrew Clements (*Jake Drake Series*)
- Richard & Florence Atwater (*Mr. Popper's Penguins*)
- Susan Wojciechowski (*Beany Series*)
- Hadley Higginson (*Keeker Series*)
- Patricia Reilly Giff (*Lily's Crossing, Polk Street School Series*)
- Douglas Florian (*Beast Feast, Insectopedia*)
- Dan Gutman (*Weird School Series*)
- Poetry by Eloise Greenfield, Nikki Grimes, Jack Prelutsky and Lee Bennett Hopkins
- *Baby Animal Series, ZooBooks* and other non-fiction

# Grade 5

Please read at least 3 books

including, but not limited to, books by the following authors:

- Jerry Spinelli (*Maniac Magee, Crash, Loser, The Library Card, Fourth Grade Rats*)
- Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*Roxie and the Hooligans, Shiloh Series*)
- Pam Ryan Muñoz (*Becoming Naomi León, Riding Freedom, Esperanza Rising*)
- Kate DiCamillo (*Tiger Rising, The Tale of Despereaux, The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Because of Winn Dixie*)
- Jean Craighead George (*My Side of the Mountain, Julie of the Wolves, One Day in the... Series*)
- Kimberly Willis Holt (*My Louisiana Sky, When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*)
- Dan Gutman (*Honus and Me, QWERTY STEVENS ADVENTURE Series*)
- Blue Balliett (*Wright 3, Chasing Vermeer*)
- Avi (*Mayor of Central Park, The Good Dog, Poppy Series*)
- Ann Martin (*It's A Dog's Life*)
- Betsy Byars (*Tornado, Computer Nut*)
- David Macauley (*The New Way Things Work*)
- Gary Paulsen (*Brian Series, Dogsong*)
- Plus any of the titles from the Massachusetts Book Award Nominees



# Wild Reads

## Summer Reading List for Grades 1-5

The Danvers Public Schools are dedicated to ensuring that literacy is a lifelong passion and commitment. To that end, we strongly encourage your family's participation in our Summer Reading Program and *Wild Reads at Your Library* at the Peabody Institute Library. Your parental support in fostering summer reading will reap huge dividends in overall student achievement, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension. For each book, kindly fill out a bookmark. Completed bookmarks should be returned during the first week of school. Participants in the Summer Reading Program will receive a Certificate of Recognition at a school-wide assembly.



4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are also encouraged to try one of these 2008/2009 Massachusetts Children's Book Award nominees\*:

<i>Regarding the Trees: A Splintered Saga Rooted in Secrets</i>	
<i>H.I.V.E. (Higher Institute for Villainous Education)</i>	
<i>Whales on Stilts: M.T. Anderson's Thrilling Tales</i>	
<i>The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs</i>	
<i>Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini</i>	<i>Clementine</i>
<i>Martin Bridge: Ready for Takeoff!</i>	<i>I, Coriander</i>
<i>The Mysterious Benedict Society</i>	<i>Chicken Boy</i>
<i>Each Little Bird That Sings</i>	<i>The Sacrifice</i>
<i>The Homework Machine</i>	<i>Free Baseball</i>
<i>Miracle on 49<sup>th</sup> Street</i>	<i>Rickshaw Girl</i>
<i>Shakespeare's Secret</i>	<i>Gossamer</i> <i>Double Identity</i>
<i>The Year of the Dog</i>	<i>Punished!</i> <i>All of the Above</i>
<i>Drita, My Homegirl</i>	<i>Swordbird</i> <i>Counting on Grace</i>

\* Please note that we have not had the opportunity to read all of the above-mentioned titles. Parents are responsible for reviewing books to determine the appropriateness of the content for their children.