

North Arlington Public Schools Elementary Summer Reading List



The Sun Comes Out When You Read!

Through our *Summer Reading Challenge* for incoming students in grades 1-5, we hope to foster a lifelong love of reading! In this packet, you will find a suggested book list and reading log. We encourage you and your child(ren) to find texts that are *just right* based on his/her/their guided reading level. Please note that students are welcome to read titles that are not included in this packet.

Understanding Reading Levels: Reading levels are determined by Teacher's College Benchmarks. Here is a viewer-friendly chart that outlines the levels appropriate for your child(ren) based on his/her/their comprehension and grade levels http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/guidedreading/leveling_chart.htm

How to check reading levels of alternate texts: To check the reading level of a book you can use www.booksources.com or download the *Scholastic Book Wizard* app on your phone.

About the Reading Log: The reading log should be utilized to keep track of the total amount of minutes read. This will be submitted to next year's teacher during the first week of school. *The student who reads the greatest number of minutes in each grade will receive a prize!*

Leveled Booklist

These recommended ranges are based on Teacher's College and have been reviewed by the district administration, teachers, and Reading Specialist in order to provide the most appropriate progress markers.

Level A = Kindergarten- 1st Grade

- Let's Go! by Vanessa York
- What Can I Be? by Cari Meister
- Sea Animals by Annie Thomas
- School Day! by Jesus Cervantes
- My Mom by Andy Greer
- What Do Insects Do? by Susan Canizares
- Elephants Like To... by Janelle Cherrington
- Playing by Avelyn Davidson
- Big Cat by Ethan Long

Level B = Kindergarten- 1st Grade

- Eddie the Raccoon (series) by Catherine Friend
- The Best Pet by Liza Charlesworth
- That Cat by Liza Charlesworth
- Ducks in Muck by Lori Haskins
- Firefighters Are Heroes by Liza Charlesworth
- Up by Joe Cepeda
- Bear Wakes Up by Ryder Shava
- Dinosaur Goes to the Library by Ken Alside
- Game Day by Cari Meister

Level C = Kindergarten- 1st Grade

- Good News, Bad News by Jeff Mack
- Hide and Seek by Summer Shah
- Duke the Dog (Pet Tales series) by David Lee
- KoKo the Cat (Pet Tales series) by Caitie McAnaney
- See Otto (The Adventures of Otto series) by David Milgrim
- It Looked Like Spilled Milk by Charles D. Shaw
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? by Bill Martin
- Pug by Ethan Long

Level D = Kindergarten- 1st Grade

- A Season of Sight Words (series) by Shannon Penney
- Max Has a Fish by Wiley Blevins
- The Dinosaur Dance by Dot Meharry
- Go Otto Go (The Adventures of Otto series) by David Milgrim
- Noodles: I'm So Grumpy (series) by Hans Wilhelm
- Noisy Breakfast by Ellen Blonder
- Ballerina Girl! by Kristen Hall
- Oh David! (series) by David Shannon
- Big Dog and Little Dog by Dav Pilkey

Level E = Kindergarten- 1st Grade

- Toad Makes a Road by Phil Roxbee Cox
- Pete the Cat: Too Cool for School (series) by Kimberly and James Dean
- Today is Monday by Eric Carle
- Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother, Too? by Eric Carle
- David Smells! (series) by David Shannon
- You Are (Not) Small by Christopher Weyant
- Clifford Can by Wiley Blevins
- Gus Gets Mad (series) by Frank Remkiewicz
- Down on the Farm by Merrily Kutner
- X Marks the Spot by Libby Brereton
- I Like Bugs by Margaret Wise Brown
- Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed by Eileen Chistelow
- Cat's Colors by Jane Cabrera
- Ice Cream Soup by Ann Ingalls
- A Box Can Be Many Things by Dana Meachen Rau
- I'll Wait, Mr. Panda (series) by Steve Antony

Level F = 1st Grade - 2nd Grade

- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Biscuit (series) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- Fly High, Fly Guy! by Tedd Arnold
- A Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
- Scat, Cat! by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
- I Love My New Toy! by Mo Willems
- Piggy Paints by Jim Benton
- Cookie's Week by Cynthia Ward and Tomie dePaola
- The Seals on the Bus by Lenny Hort
- Noodles: I Hate Bedtime (series) by Hans Wilhelm
- Pig and Pug by Laura Marchesani and Zenaides A. Medina Jr.
- What's in the Pond, Dear Dragon? (series) by Margaret Hillert
- Soccer Game! by Grace MacCarone
- Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins

Level G = 1st Grade - 2nd Grade

- I Just Forgot by Mercer Mayer
- Good Boy, Fergus! by David Shannon
- Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana by James Dean
- Are You Ready to Play Outside? by Mo Willems
- Cat and Dog Go Shopping by Drew Rosa
- Danny's Rocket (series) by Mia Colton
- Pets at the Party (series) by Gwendolyn Hooks
- My New Friend is So Fun by Mo Willems
- A Big Guy Took My Ball by Mo Willems
- The Fly Flew In by David Catrow
- David Gets in Trouble (series) by David Shannon
- Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now! By Dr. Seuss

Level H = 1st Grade - 2nd Grade

- Super Fly Guy by Ted Arnold
- Robin Hill School: A Tooth Story by Margaret McNamara
- Just a Snowman by Mercer Mayer
- Little Critter: I Am Sharing by Mercer Mayer
- To the Rescue by Mercer Mayer
- Bark, George by Jules Feiffer
- The Berenstain Bears: All Aboard! by Jan and Mike Berenstain
- The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli
- Can I Play Too? by Mo Willems
- If you Give a Pig a Party by Laura Numeroff
- Little Cloud by Eric Carle
- The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too! by Mo Willems
- Eek and Ack: Invaders from the Great Goo Galaxy (series) by Blake A, Hoana
- Aggie the Brave (series) by Lori Ries
- Flying by Kevin Ludhardt
- Katie Woo and Her Big Ideas by Fran Manuashkin
- I Spy Numbers (series) by Walter Wick

Level I = 1st Grade - 2nd Grade

- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! by Mo Willems
- Father Bear Comes Home by Maurice Sendak
- Dixie and the School Trip by Grace Gilman
- Robin Hill School: Summer Treasure by Margaret McNamara
- Hello Kitty: The New Friend by Elizabeth Bennett
- It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr
- The Feelings Book by Todd Parr
- It's Okay to Make Mistakes by Todd Parr
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury
- The Kissing Hand by Audrey Penn
- If You Give a Dog a Donut by Laura Numeroff
- Hi! Fly Guy (series) by Tedd Arnold
- Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Adventure by Derek Anderson
- Henry and Mudge and the Funny Lunch by Cynthia Rylant
- Llama Llama Nighty-Night by Anna Dewdney
- Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes
- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
- How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight? (series) by Jane Yolen
- Maisy Learns to Swim by Lucy Cousins

Level J = 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade

- Young Cam Jansen and the Lost Tooth (series) by David A. Adler
- Splat the Cat Sings Flat (series) by Chris Statehearn
- Fancy Nancy: The Dazzling Book Report (series) by Jane O'Connor
- Clifford the Small Red Puppy by Normal Bridwell
- Pancakes, Pancakes! By Eric Carle
- Curious George and the Firefighters by Margret and H.A. Rey's
- Pete the Cat: Play Ball! (series) by James Dean
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Amelia Bedelia Hits the Trail by Herman Parish
- Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant
- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion
- How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
- Henry and Mudge: The First Book (series) by Cynthia Rylant
- Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss
- The Pigeon Wants a Puppy! by Mo Willems

Level K = 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade

- Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
- Mercy Watson (series) by Kate DiCamillo
- Andy Shane... (series) by Jennifer Richard Jacobsen
- Annie and Simon (series) by Catharine O'Neill
- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
- Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin
- Corduroy (series) by Don Freeman
- Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Tale by Mo Willems
- Pet Show by Ezra Jack Keats
- Scaredy Squirrel (series) by Melanie Watt
- Harold and the Purple Crayon (series) by Crockett Johnson

Level L = 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade

- Cam Jansen (series) by David Adler
- Pee Wee Scouts (series) by Judy Delton
- Horrible Harry (series) by Suzy Kline
- Amelia Bedelia (series) by Peggy Parish
- Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot (series) by Dav Pilkey
- Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts
- Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
- Tacky the Penguin (series) by Helen Lester
- Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard
- A Birthday Basket for Tia by Pat Mora
- Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
- Mouse Was Mad by Linda Urban
- Curious George at the Firestation by Margret and H.A. Rey's

Level M = 2nd Grade - 3rd Grade

- Judy Moody (series) by Megan McDonald
- Stink (series) by Megan McDonald
- The Magic Tree House (series) by Mary Pope Osborne
- The Bailey School Kids (series) by Debbie Dadey
- Ivy and Bean (series) by Annie Barrows
- Marvin Redpost (series) by Louis Sachar
- Alexander... (series) by Judith Viorst
- Dear Juno by SoYung Pak
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes
- Abuela's Weave by Omar Castenada
- Captain Awesome to the Rescue (series) by Stan Kirby
- Stone Soup by Marsha Brown

Level N = 3rd Grade to 4th Grade

- A to Z Mysteries (series) by Ron Roy
- Amber Brown (series) by Paula Danziger
- Piper Reed (series) by Willis Holt
- Herbie Jones (series) by Suzy Kline
- The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl
- The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl
- Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days! by Stephanie Manes
- Growing Up Pedro: How the Martinez Brothers Made it From the Dominican Republic All the Way to the Major Leagues (nonfiction) by Matt Tavares
- Stellaluna by Janell Cannon
- Julius, Baby of the World by Kevin Henke
- Rainbow Magic: Destiny the Rock Star Fairy (series) by Daisy Meadows
- Puppy Place (series) by Ellen Miles
- Horrid Henry (series) by Francesca Simon
- Attack of the Ninja Frogs (series) by Ursula Vernon
- The Class Trip From the Black Lagoon (series) by Jared D. Lee
- Mo and Jo: Fighting Together Forever by Jay Lynch

Level O = 3rd Grade - 4th Grade

- The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
- Calvin Coonut: Trouble Magnet (series) by Graham Salisbury
- Mallory... (series) by Laurie Friedman
- Ramona (series) by Beverly Cleary
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle (series) by Beverly Cleary
- The Secrets of Droon (series) by Tony Abott
- Jake Drake (series) by Andrew Celements
- My Weird School: Miss Daisy is Crazy (series) by Dan Gutman
- Clementine (series) by Sara Pennypacker
- Gloria's Way by Ann Cameron

- The Boxcar Children (series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Henry (and Ribsy)... (series) by Beverly Cleary
- Geronimo Stilton (series) by Geronimo Stilton
- Pony Pals (series) by Jeanne Cetancourt
- Pippi Longstocking (series) by Astrid Lindgren
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- EllRay Jakes (series) by Sally Warner

Level P = 3rd Grade - 4th Grade

- Encyclopedia Brown (series) by David Sobel/Bantam
- The Time Warp Trio (series) by Jon Scieszka
- Sports Books (BMX Bully, Batter Up!) by Jake Maddox
- The Dragon Slayers' Academy (series) by Kate McMullan
- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me by Roald Dahl
- Angus and Sadie by Cynthia Voigt
- Magic School Bus (series) by Joanna Cole
- Tough to Tackle by Matt Christopher
- Sideways Stories From Wayside School by Louis Sachar
- Riding Freedom by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Bad Kitty School Daze (series) by Nick Bruel
- Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami
- Clubhouse Mysteries: Lost in the Tunnel of Time (series) by Sharon Draper

Level Q = 4th Grade - 5th Grade

- Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One (series) by Judy Blume
- Animal Ark (series) by Ben Baglio
- Baby Mouse (series) by Jennifer Holm
- Bunnicula by James Howe
- Cabin Creek Mysteries: The Secret of Robber's Cave (series) by Kristiana Gregory
- Dear Mr. Henshaw by Beverly Cleary
- Little House on the Prairie (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Fudge (series) by Judy Blume
- Help! I'm Trapped in... (series) by Todd Strasser
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- Joshua T. Bates by Susan Shreve
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Fudge series) by Judy Blume
- Main Street: Welcome to Camden Falls (series) by Ann M. Martin
- The World According to Humphrey (series) by Betty G. Birney

Level R = 4th Grade - 5th Grade

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- The Witches by Roald Dahl
- How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume
- Stuart Little by E.B. White
- There's a Frog in My Sleeping Bag by Susan Clymer
- There's a Hamster in My Lunchbox by Susan Clymer
- There's a Tarantula in My Homework by Susan Clymer
- Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- Rules by Cynthia Lord
- Big Nate: Boredom Buster (series) by Lincoln Pierce
- Hank Zipzer (series) by Henry Winkler
- Chet Gecko: The Mystery of Mr. Nice (series) by Bruce Hale
- Shredderman (series) by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Misty of Chincoteague by Marguerite Henry
- Frindle by Andrew Clements
- The Landry News by Andrew Clements
- Lost and Found by Andrew Clements
- No Talking by Andrew Clements
- The School Story by Andrew Clements
- Touch Blue by Cynthia Lord

Level S = 4th Grade - 5th Grade

- Deltora Quest: The Forest of Silence (series) by Emily Rodda
- The Million Dollar Shot (series) by Dan Gutman
- Nancy Drew Mysteries: The Chocolate Covered Contest (series) by Carolyn Keene
- Poppy (series) by Avi
- The Doll People (series) by Ann M. Martin
- A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray by Ann M. Martin
- Two-Minute Drill by Mike Lupica
- Flying Solo by Ralph Fletcher
- From the Mixed-Up Filed of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg
- Granny Torelli Makes Soup by Sharon Creech
- The Great Gilly Hopkins by Katherine Paterson
- The Janitor's Boy by Andrew Clements
- Room One by Andrew Clements
- The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- Taking Care of Terrific by Lois Lowry
- Taking Sides by Gary Soto
- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- The Twits by Roald Dahl
- Edward's Eyes by Patricia MacLachlan
- Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper
- Island Trilogy by Gordan Korman

Level T = 5th Grade - 6th Grade

- Everest (Trilogy) by Gordan Korman
- Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories by Sandra Markle
- An Angel for Solomon Singer by Cynthia Rylant

- Baseball Card Adventures: Jackie & Me (series) by Dan Gutman
- Notes From a Liar and Her Dog by Gennifer Choldenko
- The Great Brain at the Academy by John D. Fitzgerald
- Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
- Joey Pigza (series) by Jack Gantos
- The Middle Moffat by Eleanor Estes
- A Week in the Woods by Andrew Clements
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo
- Sammy Keyes (series) by Wendelin Van Draanen
- The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C.S. Lewis
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) by Jeff Kinney
- Everything for a Dog by Ann M. Martin
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- House of Robots (series) by James Patterson

Level U = 5th Grade - 6th Grade

- Midnight for Charlie Bone (series) by Jenny Nimmo
- Extra Credit by Andrew Clements
- The 39 Clues: The Maze of Bones (series) by Various Authors
- Warriors: Into the Wild (series) by Erin Hunter
- The Boy Who Owned the School by Gary Paulsen
- The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo
- The View From Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg
- Wringer by Jerry Spinelli
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo
- Loser by Jerry Spinelli
- Ella Enchanted by Gail Carson Levine
- Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen
- Eggs by Jerry Spinelli
- Knots in my Yo-Yo String (Autobiography) by Jerry Spinelli
- The BFG by Roald Dahl
- The Sisters Grimm (series) by Michael Buckley
- Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- The Name of this Book is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch

Level V = 5th Grade - 6th Grade

- A Series of Unfortunate Events (series) by Lemony Snicket
- The Birthday Room by Kevin Henkes
- Holes by Louis Sachar
- Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan
- Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen
- Harry Potter (series ranges from V-Z) by J.K. Rowling
- The Princess Academy (series) by Shannon Hale
- Heat by Mike Lupica
- The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart
- Wonder by R.J. Palacio

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