



**HILLSDALE SCHOOLS SUMMER READING LIST
GRADES K-2, 2021**

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Please consider reading to your child. A good children's book can be a pleasant experience for an adult as well as your child. Taking the time to read to your child will let him/her know that you, too, value reading. Parents who read to their children nurture more than literary skills. Although individual titles by particular authors are listed here, any other titles by these authors are recommended.

A Note about Leveled Reading

It has come to our attention that many teachers are providing students with their guided reading level. At the Hillsdale Library, we have compiled a thorough listing of titles by level. The listing may be found on our website by going to the children's tab and then to the drop down menu of Leveled Reading Book Lists. We also maintain a binder with a complete print listing of titles for use in the children's room. As always, please feel free to ask the staff for assistance in locating any materials.

Transitional Books

The children's room has expanded our collection of transitional books. This section is a bridge between easy readers and fiction books. These books are a step up from easy readers as they include a larger page count, fewer pictures, and an expanded subject matter. Books in this section are designated with an orange sticker and located at the end of the fiction shelves. They are a great addition to students in grades 1-3 and for reluctant readers.

Happy Reading!

Adler, David- **Cam Jansen** (series)

Cam uses her photographic memory and her brain to solve various mysteries.

Arena, Jennifer- **Lady Liberty's Holiday**

When the Statue of Liberty decides she wants to see more of America, she leaves her post in New York to explore.

Arnold, Tedd- **Fly Guy's Big Family** (series)

Fly Guy misses his family, so Buzz invites them to a surprise party and his mother, father, and thousands of brothers and cousins show up--Fly Guy is delighted but Buzz's parents are not pleased.

Bardoe, Cheryl- **The Ugly Duckling Dinosaur**

In this take on "The Ugly Duckling," a tyrannosaurus rex is hatched in a nest of ducklings. Includes facts about dinosaurs.

Barnett, Mac- **Extra Yarn**

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.

Birney, Betty- **Humphrey's Tiny Tales** (series)

Humphrey is the pet hamster of Classroom 26 at Longfellow School. Humphrey has adventures involving camping, weekend stays at student's homes, science fairs, pet shows, and more!

Bond, Michael- **Paddington Sets Sail** (series)

Paddington's first trip to the beach is a day to remember as he explores the sandy shore and is swept off on a grand adventure!

Border, Terry- **Happy Birthday, Cupcake**

What's a cupcake to do when she needs to plan her birthday party? In this hilarious, kid-friendly homage to food and birthdays, Cupcake runs through tons of ideas while her best friend, Blueberry Muffin, finds reasons why they won't work.

Border, Terry- **Peanut Butter & Cupcake**

What's a little piece of bread to do when he's feeling lonely? Find a friend, of course! And that's exactly what Peanut Butter tries to do.

Border, Terry- **Milk Goes to School**

First days of school are tough, and making new friends is even tougher. Milk's dad gave her a sparkly new backpack and told her that she was the creme de la creme, but most of the other kids don't seem to agree

Brett, Jan – Tale of the Tiger Slippers

This is Jan Brett's lush, vibrant version of the classic Middle Eastern folk tale "Abu Kassem's Slippers." This story will inspire fans of her international retellings to appreciate the hard work that leads to all of their successes.

Brown, Jeff- Flat Stanley (series)

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

Browne, Anthony- Little Beauty

When a gorilla who knows sign language tells his keepers that he is lonely, they bring him a very special friend.

Buzzeo, Toni- One Cool Friend

Elliot, a very proper young man, feels a kinship with the penguins at the aquarium and wants to take one home with him.

Capucilli, Alyssa- Biscuit (series)

Biscuit is a fun loving puppy that is very curious. Biscuit is always making new friends and learning new things. These easy readers are perfect for any child beginning to read.

Carle, Eric- Mister Seahorse

When Mrs. Seahorse lays her eggs, she does it on Mr. Seahorse's belly! She knows he will take good care of them. While he swims waiting for the eggs to hatch, he meets some other underwater fathers caring for their babies: Mr. Tilapia, who carries his babies in his mouth; Mr. Kurtus, who keeps his on his head; and Mr. Catfish, who is baby-sitting his young hatchlings.

Catrow, David- Max Spaniel (series)

Readers will laugh out loud as they follow the fantastical thoughts of this wacky hound.

Chaconas, Dori- Cork and Fuzz (series)

A possum and a muskrat become friends despite their many differences.

Churchman, Jennifer and John - Alpaca Lunch (Sweet Pea & Friends)

Poppy the alpaca is excited to discover new plants, fruits, and vegetables growing around Moonrise Farm. She tries dandelions in the spring, strawberries in the summer, pumpkins in the fall, and so much more! But when a frost arrives, Poppy can't find any more tasty treats. What happened to the mint and flowers? Where did the apples and squash go? What will she eat for lunch? Lucky for Poppy, someone has filled the barn to the brim with a surprise that she and her animal friends can eat all winter long.

Corderoy, Tracey- The Little White Owl

Living all alone in a snowy landscape under a starry sky, a little white owl imagines himself as a knight or as a rocket, blasting off to the moon.

Cotton, Katie- Counting Lions

A spectacular, visually stunning celebration of wildlife—and gentle counting book—that can be enjoyed by the entire family.

Cowdrey, Richard - **Fiona the Hippo**

Fiona the Hippo, by *New York Times* bestselling artist Richard Cowdrey of *Bad Dog, Marley* fame, tells the story of Fiona, the adorable internet sensation from the Cincinnati Zoo who captured hearts around the world with her inspiring story and plucky personality.

Cox, Judy- **Don't Be Silly, Mrs. Millie** (series)

Mrs. Millie makes her students laugh when she mixes up words, saying "goats" instead of "coats" and "poodles" when she means "puddles."

Curato, Mike- **Little Elliot, Big City**

Elliot the little elephant has a hard time with a lot of things in the city he loves until he meets Mouse, who is even smaller--and hungrier.

Cuyler, Margery- **The Little Ice Cream Truck**

Everyone smiles when the little ice cream truck, loaded up with tasty treats, shows up at parties, baseball games, parks, and zoos.

DePaola, Tomie- **Strega Nona Takes a Vacation** (series)

Strega Nona sends home gifts of candy and bubble bath while on vacation, but when Bambolona grabs the candy, Big Anthony is left with a lot of bubbles.

Dewdney, Anna- **Llama Llama loves to Read**

Throughout the school day, the teacher helps Llama Llama and the other children practice their letters, shows word cards, reads stories, and brings them to the library where they can all choose a favorite book. By the end of the day, Llama Llama is recognizing words and can't wait to show Mama Llama that he's becoming a reader!

DiCamillo, Kate- **Mercy Watson to the Rescue-** (series)

After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

DiTerlizzi, Angela - **Just Add Glitter**

It all starts with a mysterious mail delivery, a little girl with a big imagination, and a sprinkling of twinkling glitter. Before long there's glitter here, glitter there--glitter, glitter EVERYWHERE! But just when she's about to add *more* glitter, the little girl realizes maybe there *is* such a thing as too much bling when you and your best pal start to get lost in it...

Droyd, Ann- **Goodnight iPad**

This book is a reminder for the child in all of us to power down at the end of the day. This hilarious parody not only pokes loving fun at the bygone quiet of the original classic, but also at our modern plugged-in lives.

Ehlert, Lois- **RRRalph**

The narrator describes discovering how Ralph the dog can talk, appropriately saying words such as "roof," "rough," "bark," and "woof."

Ehlert, Lois- **Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A to Z**

An alphabetical tour of the world of fruits and vegetables, from apricot and artichoke to yam and zucchini.

Ferrie, Chris- **Scientist, Scientist, Who Do you See?**

Various scientists whose scientific achievements are described in rhyme.

Fleiss, Sue- **Mary Had a Little Lab**

Hoping for a friend, Mary invents a way to make a sheep, but when she starts making sheep for her new friends, chaos abounds.

Foley, Greg- **Kat Writes a Song**

Kat the kindhearted kitten has a great big song to share.

Foley, Greg- **Purple Little Bird**

Purple Little Bird leaves his almost-perfect purple home in search of a better place, but although Brown Bear, Yellow Camel, and others live in very nice places, none is quite right for him.

Franco- **Dino-Mike and The T. Rex Attack** (series)

Dino-Mike is on the trail of a T. rex. The son of a famous paleontologist, young Michael Evans travels the world with his dino-huntin' dad. As dad digs dino bones, Mike does some exploring on his own and winds up finding a live T. rex! After tracking what couldn't possibly be real, Mike meets a mysterious kid that seems to know why and how the real dinosaur got here.

Funk, Josh -**How to Code a Sandcastle**

Pearl and her trusty rust-proof robot, Pascal, need to build a sandcastle before summer vacation is over, and they're going to do it using code.

Garland, Michael- **Big and Little are Best Friends**

Big is an elephant, Little is a mouse. Big enjoys soft music, warm weather, and small bites of savory foods. But Little prefers a loud drum jam, icy skiing weather, and mass quantities of sweets! Can two who are so different be best friends?

Garton, Sam- **Otter: Let's Go Swimming** (series)

Otter—the irrepressible picture book character sure to be adored by fans of Llama Llama—learns how to swim.

Gehl, Laura - **Delivery Bear**

Zogby wants to work for Fluffy Tail Cookies as a delivery animal—but he's a bear and all the other animals are cute bunnies. Zogby tries to pretend to be a bunny by wearing bunny ears, putting on whiskers, and adding a fluffy tail. But he still scares the customers! When Zogby realizes being himself is best, can he find a way to stand out and get the job?

Gilbert, Leah- **A Couch For Llama**

When the Lago family's new couch accidentally falls off their car, it's found by Llama, who discovers how much fun a couch can be.

Gordon, David- **Extremely Cute Animals Operating Heavy Machinery**

Just because you're extremely cute, doesn't mean you can't operate a bulldozer! Karen and the other extremely cute animals just want to build sand castles. But the terribly mean bullies Skyler, Mike, and Trent keep knocking them down! So Karen and her friends get another idea. They'll build something the bullies can't knock down, something even bigger and better than a sand castle.

Gormley, Greg- **Dog in Boots**

After reading "Puss in Boots," an adventurous dog sets out to find the perfect pair of shoes to suit his every need.

Gravett, Emily- **Again!**

A little dragon and his favorite book make for a combustible combination in this clever picture book with a surprise ending.

Green Light State Readers (series)

Follows Mr. Geo, a geography teacher, as he visits Washington State, including historic landmarks, fruit farms, Puget Sound, and scenic wonders

Guillain, Charlotte- **Animal Fairy Tales**-(series)

Based on Jack and the beanstalk. In this retelling of the classic fairy tale, a kitten called Cat climbs to the top of an enormous beanstalk where he uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant dog and make his and his mother's fortune. Includes a note on the history of the tale.

Harper, Charise Mericle- **A Big Surprise for Little Card**

In the world of cards, each one has a special job to do. How can Little Card bring his exuberance into a library, a quiet place of books and rules and hushing? Offbeat and utterly endearing, this tale of a little guy who gives it all he's got is complete with a sweet twist and a surprise ending.

Heapy & Heap- **Very Little Red Riding Hood, (The Very Little Series: Very Little Cinderella, and Very Little Sleeping Beauty)**

Enjoy reading about the famed Red Riding Hood, Cinderella, and Sleeping Beauty, but this time they are precious toddlers.

Hegarty, Patricia - **Everybody's Welcome**

Poor Frog's pond has dried up and he has nowhere to live. Luckily, he meets friendly Mouse, who is just starting to build a new house. *"Everybody's welcome, no matter who they are,"* explains Mouse. *"Wherever they may come from, whether near or far."* As Frog and Mouse build a house together, they meet more animals without a place to live. Soon, they all join in to build a big, beautiful home where everyone is welcome, safe, and warm.

Henkes, Kevin - **A Parade of Elephants**

Up and down, over and under, through and around . . . five big and brightly colored elephants are on a mission in this picture book for young children by Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes. Where are they going? What will they do when they get there? It's a surprise!

Henkes, Kevin- **Waiting**

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet and hungry trying to reach it.

Hoff, Syd- **Danny and the Dinosaur** (series)

A little boy is surprised and pleased when one of the dinosaurs from the museum agrees to play with him.

Hudson, Katy - **Too Many Carrots**

Rabbit loves carrots — and that's a big problem! In fact, his carrots are crowding him out of his cozy burrow. When his friends offer to help, they're just asking for trouble — a lot of trouble!

Kasca, Keiko- **Finders Keepers**

"When a squirrel uses his red hat to mark the spot where he buried an acorn, he sets off a chain of events involving other creatures, each of which finds an unusual use for the accessory"

Kelley, Gerald- **Please Please the Bees**

Benedict has a pretty sweet life for a bear. Every morning the bees leave a jar of honey on his doorstep, and every day he has honey for breakfast and honey in his tea. But all that changes when the bees go on strike. Now it's up to Benedict to listen to the bees, and he realizes there's a lot more he could be doing to help them. So he fixes up the hive and learns to be a better beekeeper. Will the bees be pleased?

Klassen, Jon- **I Want My Hat Back**

When Bear loses his hat, he patiently asks the animals he comes across if they have seen it, and just as he is about to give up his search, a deer helps him remember exactly where he left his beloved hat.

Klein, Abby - **Ready, Freddy!** (series)

Watch out, Junie, there's a new kid on the block! It's Freddy Thresher, a first grader who knows it's a jungle out there. A new chapter book series written by an elementary teacher who's seen it all!

Knudsen, Michelle- **The Library Lion**

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble.

Leaf, Munro- **The Story of Ferdinand**

Ferdinand is the world's most peaceful--and--beloved little bull. While all of the other bulls snort, leap, and butt their heads, Ferdinand is content to just sit and smell the flowers under his favorite cork tree.

Lewis, J. Patrick- **Tugg and Teeny** (series)

Meet Tugg and Teeny. Best friends since... well, forever! Tugg, a gorilla, and Teeny, a monkey, live together in their jungle neighborhood, Sidekick Thicket. As opposite as night and day, the two friends work and play together, each helping the other face life's challenges.

The Magic School Bus Rides Again (series)

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina. Branches books help readers grow! Seatbelts, everyone! The Magic School Bus is back and ready to ride again. Professor Frizzle's kid sister Fiona might be the new teacher at Walkerville Elementary, but she's got the same old motto: take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!

Maker, Martha- **Craftily Ever After** (series)

Join Emily, Maddie, Bella, and Sam as the four crafty friends dream up new projects to design, build, and create in the Craftily Ever After chapter book series.

Manushkin, Fran- **Katie Woo, Super Scout** (series)

Katie has joined the Super Scouts, where every scout is like a sister. Katie's ready for some outside fun on a treasure hunt, but she and her partner Janie are nothing alike! On their nature hike, Katie finds out that being friends doesn't always mean agreeing, and that you can never have too many sisters!.

Martin, Bill- **Baby Bear, Baby Bear, What Do You See?**

Illustrations and rhyming text portray a young bear searching for its mother and meeting many North American animals along the way.

Martin, Bill- **Panda Bear, Panda Bear, What Do You see?**

Illustrations and rhyming text present ten different endangered animals.

Mattick, Lindsay- **Finding Winnie**

Before Winnie-the-Pooh, there was a real bear named Winnie. And she was a girl. Harry Colebourn's real-life great-granddaughter tells the true story of a remarkable friendship and an even more remarkable journey--from the fields of Canada to a convoy across the ocean to an army base in England...And finally to the London Zoo, where Winnie made another new friend: a real boy named Christopher Robin.

McCloskey, Robert- **Make Way for Ducklings**

Originally published in August of 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Gardens with their 8 offspring.

McDonald, Megan- **Judy Moody and Friends: Amy Namey in Ace Reporter** (series)

Amy Namey, Ace Reporter, is on the hunt for a good news story. But not a lot happens in the town of Frog Neck Lake. So what's a budding reporter to do? Team up with Judy Moody! With Judy along to sniff out a story, anything can happen.

Nelson, Kadir- **When You Plant a Seed**

Gently humorous story about the power of even the smallest acts and the rewards of compassion and generosity. Demonstrates not only the process of planting and growing for young children but also how a seed of kindness can bear sweet fruit.

Numeroff, Laura- **Ponyella**

Ponyella's dream of showing Princess Penelope her tricks at the pony championship comes true with the help of her fairy godmare.

O'Connor, Jane- **Fancy Nancy** (series)

A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

Osborne, Mary Pope- **Magic Treehouse** (series)

Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them through various periods in history.

Pete the Cat (series)

Join Pete the Cat on his many adventures where the fun never stops.

Pinkney, Jerry- **The Three Billy Goats Gruff**

When the three billy goats Gruff are hungry, they see bountiful grass to eat across an old bridge. But the bridge is home to a terrible troll, who is hungry himself and looking for a tasty morsel to gobble up.

Pizzoli, Greg- **Number One Sam**

A competitive race-car driving dog learns that some things are more important than being number one.

Pizzoli, Greg- **Good Night Owl**

Owl is ready for bed. But as soon as he settles in, he hears a strange noise. He'll never get to sleep unless he can figure out what's going on!

Rania, Queen- **The Sandwich Swap**

Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.

Rayner, Catherine- **Abigail**

Abigail the giraffe wants to count the spots on her animal friends, Ladybug, Zebra, and Cheetah, but when they move too fast for counting, Abigail comes up with a new plan.

Reynolds, Aaron- **Creepy Pair of Underwear**

Jasper Rabbit is NOT a little bunny anymore. He's not afraid of the dark, and he's definitely not afraid of something as silly as underwear. But what will happen when the lights go out, and suddenly his new big rabbit underwear glows in the dark.

Rookie Readers.... both fiction and nonfiction titles.

Rosenthal, Amy - **Duck! Rabbit!**

Two unseen characters argue about whether the creature they are looking for is a rabbit or a duck.

Rubin, Adam- **Dragons Love Tacos**

Dragons love tacos. They love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. So if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos. Buckets and buckets of tacos. Unfortunately, where there are tacos, there is also salsa. And if a dragon accidentally eats spicy salsa . . . oh, boy. You're in red-hot trouble.

Rylant, Cynthia- **Henry and Mudge** (series)

Henry and Mudge and Annie's Perfect Pet

Although Henry's cousin Annie likes his dog Mudge, when she gets her own pet she decides that a bunny will be perfect for her.

Rylant, Cynthia- **Annie and Snowball** (series)

Annie and her pet rabbit, Snowball, invite Henry and Mudge to a dress-up birthday party, but there is some confusion about what the guests are supposed to wear.

Schwartz, Corey Rosen- **The Three Ninja Pigs**

In this twist on "The Three Little Pigs" tale, Pig One and Two neglect their ninja school martial arts training and are no match for the wolf, but Pig Three's practice and dedication saves the day. Includes glossary of Japanese martial arts terms.

Sherry, Kevin- **Turtle Island**

A giant turtle's loneliness ends when a boatload of animals is shipwrecked and makes a temporary home on his shell. But when they decide to sail for home, will the turtle be alone once more?

Slobodkina, Esphyr- **Caps for Sale and the mindful monkeys**

The same folklore tradition as the classic *Caps For Sale* and its sequel *More Caps For Sale*, comes a new story of the *caps* peddler, the monkeys, and a whole lot of monkey business. The peddler is tired of their trouble and asks his friend Essie for advice. But Essie thinks the peddler should give them one *more* chance before he decides they're no good. Will the peddler listen to Essie?

Smith, Lane - **Giraffe Problems**

Can you guess what's making this giraffe self-conscious? Could it be . . . HIS ENORMOUS NECK??

Spinelli, Eileen - **Miss Fox's Class Goes Green** (series)

The students in Miss Fox's class lead their school in making choices to help keep the planet healthy, such as turning off lights when leaving a room, taking shorter showers, and using cloth bags instead of plastic ones.

Stead, Philip- **A Sick Day for Amos McGhee**

Zookeeper Amos McGee, who is adored by all the animals, gets some unexpected guests while home sick one day.

Stein, Peter- **Little Red's Riding Hood**

Based on: Little Red Riding Hood. In this version of the classic tale, Little Red, a brave moped scooter, sets out to bring spare parts to Granny Putt Putt, but ends up having to rescue her from Tank, the biggest, loudest, and meanest machine in the neighborhood

Stevens, Janet - **The Donkey Egg**

Bear would rather sleep all day than work on his farm, and Fox knows just the kind of help he needs—a donkey! When Fox tricks Bear into buying a donkey egg, Bear can't wait for it to hatch so he can meet his new friend. But donkeys don't come from eggs! And when the "egg" finally opens, Bear gets a fruity surprise. Luckily, Bear doesn't have to face disappointment alone . . . Hare is there to help!

Teague, Mark- **Funny Farm**

Cousin Edward visits Aunt Judy and Uncle Earl on their farm and tries to help with all of the chores.

Thompson, Kay- **Eloise** (series)

Classic story about a little girl who lives at the Plaza Hotel.

Waber, Bernard- **Lyle, Lyle Crocodile** (series)

Lyle is perfectly happy living with the Primms on East 88th St. until irritable Mr. Grumps next door changes all that.

Wheeler, Lisa – **Dino-Dancing** (series)

The Paleo Theater is packed with cheering fans ready for a dance showdown. When the beat drops, can Triceratops win over the judges with his pop and lock? Can Allo's on-pointe ballet moves dominate the solo category? And will Maia and Stego take home the top prize for their sizzling salsa steps? This prehistoric dance competition will keep you on the edge of your seat!

Willems, Mo- **Who is the Mystery Reader** (Unlimited Squirrels Series)

From Mo Willems, creator of the revolutionary, award-winning, best-selling Elephant & Piggie

books, comes this breakout beginning-reader series. An ensemble cast of Squirrels, Acorns, and pop-in guests host a page-turning extravaganza. Each book features a funny, furry adventure AND bonus jokes, quirky quizzes, nutty facts, and so, so many Squirrels.

In *Who is the Mystery Reader?*, Zoom Squirrel tries out a new superpower with help from a mysterious Mystery Reader. But will the Squirrel pals ever find out who the real Mystery Reader is? Do you know more about reading than the Squirrels do? You will by the end of this book!

Willems, Mo- **Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs**

A spin on the traditional tale with dinosaurs who are visiting from Norway as the main characters.

Willems, Mo- **Because**

Mo Willems, a number one *New York Times* best-selling author and illustrator, composes a powerful symphony of chance, discovery, persistence, and magic in this moving tale of a young girl's journey to center stage. Illustrator Amber Ren brings Willems' music to life, conducting a stunning picture-book debut.

Wise, Bill- **Over at the Construction Site**

Spend a day with mommy and daddy construction vehicles—bulldozers, front loaders, cement mixers, and more—as they encourage their little ones to push, dig, cut, dump, mix, and tip! With its catchy, songlike rhyming text, this fun read-aloud will delight parents and kids alike. At the end, children will love discovering what these hardworking trucks have been busy creating!

Wu, Mike- **Ellie**

The zoo is closing. Ellie and her friends want to save their home, but Ellie's just a baby elephant, and she doesn't know what she can do to help.

Yoon, Salina-**Penguin on Vacation**

Penguin's tired of the snow and cold--so he decides to go on vacation! But where should he go? And what new friends will he meet along the way?"

You Choose- **Goldilocks And The Three Bears: An Interactive Fairy Tale Adventure** (series)

"A fractured fairy tale You Choose adventure about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, featuring three different story lines and three different points of view".

Zion, Gene- **Harry the Dirty Dog** (series) (I Can Read! and picture books)

A little dog runs away because he hates baths and is so dirty when he returns that no one recognizes him.

Easy Reader Series

Gutman, Dan- **My Weird School** (I Can Read- series)

Join A.J. and the gang from Ella Mentry School as they show young readers why they attend the weirdest—and most fun!—school around.

Henkes, Kenin-**Penny and Her Sled** (series)

Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes's award-winning and bestselling mouse, Penny, stars in an irresistible story about anticipation, disappointment, and a brand-new sled. Told in five short chapters, *Penny and Her Sled* is perfect for reading alone, reading aloud, and sharing together.

Hillert, Margaret- **Dear Dragon** (series)

The Dear Dragon book series includes books I Love You, Dear Dragon, Happy Birthday, Dear Dragon, Go to Sleep, Dear Dragon, and several more.

I Can Read! Superheroes (series)

Kids who love Marvel and DC Comics superheroes will be excited to learn all about them in these I Can Read books.

Kane, Kim- **Ginger Green** (series)

Every play date is different, but Ginger Green rules them all! In this fun and funny first-reader series, young Ginger Green navigates a range of tricky social situations with humor and inventiveness. This series is perfect for introducing first-readers to the joys of chapter books and play dates.

Meister, Cari- **Tiny Goes to the Library** (series)

Tiny the dog is a big help at the library when his owner takes out too many books to carry home.

Qualey, Marsha- **Gracie La Roo on the Big Screen** (easy reader series)

Gracie the pig has a part in a movie with Tilda Swinerton, the champion swim racer and movie star, but she is upset when she realizes she is just a stunt double--however a small change in the script makes her able to do that and also fulfill her dream with a part of her own.

Rippin, Sally- **Billie B. Brown** (series)

Meet Billie B. Brown, brave, brilliant, bold, and bound to become your best friend! Brand-new readers will readily relate to this series of stand-alone, everyday adventures. Filled with true-to-life situations, warm family relationships, humorous illustrations and positive problem-solving, they're taking the early reader scene by storm!

Rippin, Sally- **Hey Jack!** (series)

This early reader series featuring Billie B. Brown's best friend, Jack, is full of down-to-earth, real-life, fun and funny stories that boys can enjoy and relate to.

Sateren, Shelley Swanson- **Max and Zoe** (series)

From the series, The Life of Max, comes a delightful spin-off featuring Max and his best friend Zoe. This terrific twosome learn lots of life's little lessons as they experience new places and adventures. Likeable characters and relatable experiences make this perfect for early readers!

Graphic Novels

Clanton, Ben-**Narwhal and Jelly Books** (series)

Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do they love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together.

Dahl, Michael-**Princess Candy** (series)

Princess Candy is Graphic Sparks' first girl superhero! She gets her super powers from jars of candy given to her on her 11th birthday. Follow her sweet adventures as she learns how to

overcome difficult situations and school bullies.

Meister, Cari -**My First Graphic Novel** (series)

My First Graphic Novel is the perfect introduction to the world of graphic novels for emergent readers. The first pages show kids how to read a graphic novel including what order to read the panels and balloons. Each story uses familiar topics, repeating patterns and core vocabulary words appropriate for beginning readers. The bright, bold illustrations and relatable characters make these books a delight to read!

Non-Fiction Selected Titles and Series

Curious George Discovers: the Senses, and other titles in series

Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings (other titles by author, Douglas Florian)

Presents illustrated verse about various carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs, including the Iguanodon, Spinosaurus, and long-necked plesiosaurs.

Fly Guy Presents: sharks, and other titles in series

National Geographic Kids Explore my world: Butterflies, and other titles in series

Ready to Read...Countries (series)

Ready to Read...History of Fun Stuff (series)

Seedlings- Animal and Vehicle series by Kate Riggs

Step Into Reading- Golden Books titles

The Magic School Bus Presents: Planet Earth, and other titles in series

Who Would Win? Tyrannosaurus Rex Vs. Velociraptor, and other titles in series