

WOODLAND PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we bring this unique school year to a close, it is important that we continue to work together over these summer months. Research tells us that students need to read during the summer to maintain their independent reading levels. **Practice maintains progress!** The books they choose should make them smile, laugh, wonder, and ask questions. Summer is a great time to explore new authors and topics!

Charles Olbon and Beatrice Gilmore students **are encouraged to join and participate in the Alfred H. Baumann Public Library's summer reading program, *Tails and Tales***. We hope that your children will look forward to reading this summer and take the opportunity to discover books they truly enjoy.

BG students have one additional task. When we return in the fall, students will select their favorite book and present a "book talk" for their class. Some of our elementary students may opt to create a book trailer or use an alternate presentation format. Classroom teachers will work with their students to help them decide how they would like to present their favorite book. The presentations will take place sometime during the first few weeks of school and do not need to be completed before students return to school.

You can find suggested books lists and other literacy activities on our district website at www.wpschools.org. **In addition to the suggested book lists, please be reminded that all current CO and BG students have access to Learning A-Z's Raz-Kids (<http://www.raz-kids.com/>) to read interactive e-books.**

Have a WONDERFUL summer vacation!

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Woodland Park School District Summer Reading Book Suggestions



We have included Fountas & Pinnell reading levels to help you identify “just right” books for independent reading. Please note that if the books will be read with support, reading levels may be stretched above independent reading levels.

Series suggestions for the primary grades:

Early Reader Series by Dave Martin Levels B-C

These are great books for beginning or struggling readers. Children find success with funny stories about lovable characters.

Sample titles:

Monkey Business (4 titles) *Piggie and Dad Play* (4 titles)

Monkey Trouble (4 titles) *Piggie and Dad* (4 titles)

Tiny Scholastic Series Levels C-F

The illustrations are a delight, and there is just enough text to keep "beginning beginners" going. Tiny and his owner have great adult as well as kid appeal.

Sample titles:

Tiny's Bath

Tiny Goes to the Library

When Tiny Was Tiny

Biscuit Series by Alyssa Satin Levels F-H

Biscuit is a sweet-faced puppy you want to grab right out of the pages and cuddle. Share in his exciting adventures as you rapidly turn the pages of these books.

Sample titles:

Biscuit and the Baby

Biscuit Goes To School

Biscuit's New Trick

Elephant and Piggie Series by Mo Willems Levels F-G

These books will have young children rolling with laughter. They love how Piggie manipulates the reader. Mo Willems is the best when it comes to writing for young readers.

Sample titles:

I Broke My Trunk

I Will Surprise My Friend

Pigs Make Me Sneeze

Welcome Series- Various authors Levels F-H

The Welcome Series offers great non-fiction titles written with children's' curiosity and interests in mind. They explore the mysteries of life from which all children yearn to find answers.

Sample titles:

My Body: My Nose, My Eyes, My Ears, My Mouth

Let's Go: Car Rides, Subway Rides, etc...

How Things Grow: From Egg to Robin, From Acorn to Oak, etc...

Weather Report: Rainy Days, Cold Days, Cloudy Days, etc...

Dancing: African Dancing, Ballet Dancing, Jazz Dancing, etc...

Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert Levels C-D

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in the language that our early readers can conquer. Her funny tales are sure to great young readers excited about books.

Sample titles:

Cat Games

Train Song

Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert Levels F-G

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in the language that our early readers can conquer. Her funny tales are sure to spark excitement.

Sample titles:

Harry Takes a Bath

Nicky Upstairs and Down

The Ugly Duckling

Little Red Riding Hood

Easy To Read Books (Level 1/2) by Harriet Ziefert Levels H-J

Harriet Ziefert rewrites fun, classic stories in language that our early readers can conquer.

Sample titles:

The Three Little Pigs

My Tooth Is Loose

The Magic Porridge

Little Critter Series by Mercer Mayer Levels G-I

Join Little Critter as he enters the school science fair, builds his own growing machine, trains for a big race, or spends a weekend with Grandma and Grandpa. When Little Critter is your friend, even the most ordinary day can turn into an adventure!

Sample titles:

I Just Forgot

Just Me and My Puppy

Just Me and My Babysitter

All by Myself

Starting Chapter Books:

Fly Guy Series by Tedd Arnold Level I

Boy and Fly meet, and so begins a beautiful friendship. Using hyperbole, puns, slapstick, and silly drawings, bestselling author/illustrator Tedd Arnold creates easy readers that are full of fun.

Sample titles:

Hi! Fly Guy
Super Fly Guy
Shoo Fly Guy

Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant Level J

Henry & Mudge books are about the simple happy pleasures of everyday life. It isn't necessary to start with any one particular book, but once you start reading Henry and Mudge, you'll want to keep reading them all!!

Sample titles:

Henry and Mudge Take the Big Test
Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon
Henry and Mudge and the Wild Wind

Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish Level L

Amelia is a very literal housekeeper, and if not for her exceptional skill in the kitchen baking goodies, it is hard to think that she would be employed at all! Her literal nature is at the root of many adventures and the cause of great hi-jinx and amusement.

Sample titles:

Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor
Good Work, Amelia Bedelia
Amelia Bedelia and the Surprise Shower

Ricky Ricotta Fantasy Series by David Pilkey Levels L/M

Any fan of David Pilkey will love this book! It is full of wacky humor that appeals to kids and adults who still love being kids.

Sample titles:

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Mutant Mosquitoes from Mercury
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Voodoo Vultures from Venus

Cam Jansen Mystery Series by David Adler Level L

The Cam Jansen books are perfect for young readers who are making the transition to chapter books, and Cam is a spunky young heroine whom readers have loved for over two decades.

Sample titles:

Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the U.F.O

Black Lagoon Series by Mike Thaler Levels L-M

These humorous early chapter books with generous illustrations feature a boy with a very active imagination.

Sample titles:

The Science Fair from the Black Lagoon
The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon
The Talent Show from the Black Lagoon

Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald Level M Boys and girls everywhere are relating to Judy's many moods and laughing at her hilarious adventures. Judy Moody inspires the kind humor both kids and adults can enjoy, and characters with who kids can really identify.

Sample titles:

Judy Moody Gets Famous

Judy Moody Saves the World

Judy Moody Predicts the Future

Stink Series by Megan McDonald Levels L-N Any fan of the Judy Moody series was thrilled when he/she heard they were coming out with a series about Judy's little brother Stink! This book is well written and easy for young and old readers to understand. It is a very funny and enjoyable book!

Sample titles:

Stink: the Incredible Shrinking Kid

Stink and the Incredible Super-Galactic Jawbreaker

Stink and the World's Worst Super-Stinky Sneakers

Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows Level M

These books are well-written, humorous, and engaging. Ivy and Bean have vivid imaginations and get themselves into some hot water with their schemes, making them interesting and sympathetic.

Sample titles:

Ivy and Bean

Ivy and Bean and the Ghost That Had to Go

Ivy and Bean: Break the Fossil Record

A-Z Mysteries by Ron Roy Level N

These mysteries are well crafted and interesting. They challenge readers to try to figure out "who did it" and often offer a twist or surprise in the end.

Sample titles:

The Absent Author

The Bald Bandit

The Canary Caper

The Zack Files by Dan Greenberg Level N

The Zack Files are perfect for kids who are curious about the supernatural! To start with, they are hilarious, especially for kids. They are clearly written, fast moving, not lots of description, and have great plots.

Sample titles:

Zack Files 01: My Great-grandpa's in the Litter Box

Zack Files 02: Through the Medicine Cabinet

Zack Files 03: A Ghost Named Wanda

My Weird School Series by Dan Gutman Level L-O Get ready to laugh with the *My Weird School* series.

Never before has school been this mixed up—or this much fun!

Sample titles:

Miss Patty is Batty

Miss Daisy is Crazy

Miss Small is Off the Wall

Gail Gibbons Non-fiction Sets Levels L-P Gibbons is an author for all information buffs. Gibbons writes about nature, animals, and the everyday wonders that surround us.

Sample titles:

The Moon Book

Grizzly Bears

Dogs

Bring home a biography...

Picking up a biography is an opportunity to step into someone else's shoes and live his or her adventures through the pages of a book. Learn about the lives of history's heroes and today's champions.

Biographies Levels K-N *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates* by Jonah Winter

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle by David Adler

Joe DiMaggio: Young Sports Hero by Herb Dunn

Lance Armstrong: Racing for His Life by Michael Sandler

Tennis: Victory for Venus Williams by Michael Sandler

Biographies Levels O-Q *Who Was King Tut?* by Roberta Edwards

Who Was Leonardo Da Vinci? by Roberta Edwards

Ice Mummy: The Discovery of a 5,000-Year-Old Man by Mark Dubowski & Cathy East

Home Run: The Story of Babe Ruth by Robert Burleigh

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull

Biographies Levels R-U *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull

Langston's Train Ride by Robert Burleigh

Leonardo Da Vinci by Diane Stanley

Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

Pick up a poem...

Reading poetry is an opportunity for children to view the world in new and exciting ways. Silly rhymes and rhythm make exploring language fun.

Shel Silverstein

Silverstein has a knack for knowing how to get a child's attention, and sometimes pass a message along without it seeming like a message at all. His poems are enchanting and will bring smiles and giggles to his readers.

Jack Prelutsky

Poems about picnics, pretending, and puppies make his books a great way to introduce little ones to poetry. Jack Prelutsky, one of today's most respected children's poets, writes old favorites, traditional rhymes, and humorous verses--that will delight young listeners.

Bruce Lansky

Lansky's collections of poetry for kids will have readers laughing out loud. His poems cover every topic from choosing an after-school snack to painting dad's toe nails while he naps. Young readers will enjoy the silliness and the everyday situations of the poems

Favorite Fiction and Non-fiction Authors

Avi

One of today's most prolific authors for children, Avi's books range from historical fiction (*The Fighting Ground*), to fantasy (*Something Upstairs*), and even contemporary fiction (*S.O.R. Losers*). **Sample titles ranging from R-V:**

Poppy

Ragweed

The Escape from Home

Michael Buckley Levels R-V Buckley's books are full of laughs and adventure. Buckley brings us into wondrous worlds of magic and mystery in his *The Sisters Grimm* series and tickles our funny bone in his *N.E.R.D.S* books.

Matt Christopher Levels M-S Books for the sports lover! Christopher brings us out onto the field with his fiction titles and biographies of our favorite players.

Sample titles from Level M fiction series:

The Basketball Counts

Look Who's Playing First Base

No Arm in Left Field

Sample titles from Level S biographies:

On the Bike with... Lance Armstrong

On the Court with... Kobe Bryant

On the Ice with... Tara Lipinski

Beverly Cleary Levels O-R

Generations of children have enjoyed the adventures of Ramona Quimby as she adjusts to school, friends, and staying out of trouble. The stories and situations are timeless and they can easily identify with Cleary's lovable characters.

Some sample titles:

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

Socks

Dear Mr. Henshaw

Russell Freedman Levels U-W Freedman's photo-laden non-fiction books bring lost worlds vividly to life for young readers.

Sample titles:

Cowboys of the Wild West

Confucius: The Golden Rule

An Indian Winte

Roald Dahl

Dahl's books are a fun filled ride into the wonders of a child's imagination. His whimsical characters take us into magical worlds full of adventure and fun.

Sample titles from levels N-Q:

Fantastic Mr. Fox
The Magic Finger
George's Marvelous Medicine

Sample Titles R-U:

The BFG
Matilda
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Lincoln Peirce Levels Q-S

Lincoln Peirce is a cartooning hero, and *BIG NATE* ranks as a comics classic.

Sample titles:

Big Nate on a Roll
Big Nate Strikes Again
Big Nate and Friends

Louis Sachar

Bizarre and clever and twisted plots, Sachar writes masterpiece after masterpiece, from the language to the setting to the perfect ending.

Sample titles from levels L-P:

Marvin Redpost series
Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Sample titles S-V:

Holes
The Boy Who Lost His Face

Gail Carson Levine Levels U-X

In these popular stories, Levine transforms familiar standbys (like "Cinderella" and "Sleeping Beauty") into longer, more thought-provoking tales that pose interesting questions. For any readers looking for classics with a twist, Levine's books are a must read!

Sample titles:

Ella Enchanted
Dave at Night
Fairest

Text Gradient



