

## Suggested Summer Reading

While Charlotte Lab School does not have a formal “summer reading list,” on the pages that follow you will find a list of “good reads” broken down by reading level. If you do not know your child’s reading level, you may want to start with a title of a book that your child can read independently and look for other books at that same level to use as a baseline. For parents of early readers, try some of these titles as read-aloud books.

We encourage you to find some of these books at your local bookstores or libraries. Hopefully this list will give you a variety of books to get your children reading every night over the summer. Happy summer reading!

<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Fountas and Pinnell levels*</b>
Kindergarten	A – D
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	C – J
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	I – M
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	L - P
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	O - S

\*These levels represent the typical range of levels for each grade level

<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Reading Level</b>
Best Friends	Tina Athaide	A
Meat Pies	Patricia M. Herbert	A
A Family Picnic	Gaylia Taylor	A
We Make Music	Dolores Johnson	A
Can I Have a Pet	Gwendolyn Hooks	A
Big Snowball Fight	D.H. Figueredo	B
Here Comes the Bus	Anastasia Suen	B
Batter Up	Sue Muller Hacking	B
Jump Rope	Mimi Chapra	B
Cleaning Day	D.H. Figueredo	C
Everybody Wears Braids	Adjoa J. Burrowes	C
Fish Print	Mary Cappellini	C
Juicy Peach	Mary Dixon Lake	C
Laundry Day	Karen Hjembo	C
Where is My Puppy	Caroline Hatton	C
I Had a Hippopotamus	Hector Viveros Lee	D
I Play Soccer	Mary Cappellini	D
On Our Farm	Laura E. Williams	D
A Special Day	Anne S. O'Brien	D
Pinata Party	Mimi Chapra	D
We Eat Rice	Min Hong	D

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reading Level</u>
Block Party	Anastasia Suen	E
Go Go Gumbo	Adjoa J. Burrowes	E
Ice Cream Money	Anastasia Suen	E
I Need to Ask You Something	Miriam Marx	E
In the Mountains	Mary Cappellini	E
Seven Cookies	Lorena Heydenburk	E
Sister, Sister	Anne S. O'Brien	E
Car Wash	Patricia Keeler	F
Confetti eggs	Dani Sneed	F
Pran's Week of Adventure	Lisa Cinelli	F
Ruby's Whistle	Renee Londner	F
Twister's Tricks	Francis McCall	F
Pancakes	Sandra Irvensen	G
Crunchy Munchy	Brenda Parkes	G
Francis Frog Meets a Space Snake	Murray Pile	G
I Love Cats	Marjorie-Mary Hurst	G
Biscuit	Alyssa Capucilli	G
Guess How Much I Love You	Sam McBraney	G
Moving Day Surprise	Tina Stolberg	G
Moose's Loose Tooth	Jacqueline A. Clarke	G
My Best Friend	Marian Roadman	H
Going to School	Tommy Schlepp	H
School Rules	Larry Brimner	H
Wemberly Worried	Kevin Henkes	H
George Shrinks	William Joyce	H
Hiccups	Marcia Vaughan	I
How the Mouse Got Brown Teeth	Freda Ahenakew	I
My Dad Is Awesome	Nick Butterworth	I
Mrs. Brice's Mice	Syd Hoff	I
Clifford, We Love You	Norman Bidwell	I
98, 99, 100! Ready or Not, Here I Come!	Teddy Slater	I
What Do Roots Do?	Kathleen V. Kudlinski	J
Play Ball!	Vanessa York	J
Little Bear's Friend	Else Minarik	J
Beezy at Bat	Megan McDonald	J
City Mouse, Country Mouse and Two More Tales from Aesop	John Wallner	J
Curious George Rides a Bike	H.A. Rey	J
Fox and His Friends	Edward Marshall	J
In My Backyard	John DeVries	J
Winter Ice Is Nice	Norman Bidwell	J
Scooby Doo! Sea Monster Scare	Gail Herman	J

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The Cat in the Hat	Dr. Seuss	J
Ghosts! Ghostly Tales From Folklore	Alvin Schwartz	J
Andy Shane and the Very Bossy Dolores Starbuckle	Jennifer Richard Jacobson	K
Days With Frog and Toad	Arnold Lobel	K
Tricks and Traps	Lynette Evans	K
Earthquakes	Ellen J. Prager	K
Commander Toad In Space	Jane Yolen	K
Babar and the Ghost	Laurent de Brunhoff	K
Beauty and the Beast: Princess Stories	Elizabeth Mills	K
The Great Ant Adventure	Quinlan B. Lee	K
The Leaf Man and the Brave Good Bugs	William Joyce	K
Supertwins Meet the Bad Dogs from Outer Space	Brian James	K
Best Friends for Frances	Russell Hoban	K
Houndsley and Catina	James Howe	K
Two Sweet Peas	Andria Rosenbaum	K
Clifford's Pals	Norman Bidwell	K
Sheila Rae the Brave	Kevin Henkes	K
Horrible Harry in Room 2B		L
Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds	Suzy Kline David A. Adler	L
Seed Soil Sun	Cris Peterson	L
Looking Closely in the Rain Forest	Frank Serafini	L
Homework Hassels	Abby Klein	L
Itching and Twitching	Patricia and Robert McKissak	L
The Boy with the Helium Head	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	L
Custard the Dragon and the Wicked Knight	Ogden Nash	L
The Magic Hat	Mem Fox	L
Pish and Posh	Barbara Bottner	L
The Witch's Walking Stick	Susan Meddaugh	L
Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot	Dave Pilkey	L
Stuart Goes to School	Sara Pennypacker	M
Judy Moody Saves the World!	Megan McDonald	M
Growl! A Book About Bears	Melvin and Gilda Berger	M
Hurricanes and Tornadoes	Kate Waters	M
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs	Judith Barrett	M
Edward and the Pirates	David McPhall	M
The Amazing Bone	William Steig	M
Another Day in the Milky Way	David Milgrim	M
Anyone But Me Katie Kazoo	Nancy Krulik	M
Wingman On Ice	Matt Christopher	M

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Paintbrush Kid	Clyde Robert Bulla	M
Kids at Polk Street School	Pat Riley Giff	M
Second Grade - Friends Again!	Miriam Cohen	M
Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon	Paula Danzinger	N
Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days	Stephen Manes	N
Amazing Pet Records	Ryan Herndon	N
Ants, Bees, and Other Social Insects	Kris Hirschmann	N
Hey, Al	Arthur Yorinks	N
Matthew's Dragon	Susan Cooper	N
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig	N
Homework Hassles (Ready, Freddy!)	Abby Klein	N
Chocolate Fever	Robert Kimmel Smith	O
Jake Drake, Bully Buster	Andrew Clements	O
Germs Make Me Sick!	Melvin Berger	O
Look What Came From Mexico	Miles Harvey	O
Invisible Stanley	Jeff Brown	O
The Case of the Missing Ruby and Other Stories (Sniffy Blue: Ace Crime Detective)	Walter Dean Myers	O
Moon Power	Lynette Evans	P
Koya DeLaney and the Good Girl Blues	Eloise Greenfield	P
The Time Warp Trio: Knights of the Kitchen Table	Jon Scieszka	P
A Dinosaur Named Sue	Fay Robinson	P
The Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum	P
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Roald Dahl	P
Felita	Nicholasa Mohr & Barbara Park	P
Jason Kidd Story	David Moore	P
Fourth Grade Rats	Jerry Spinelli	Q
The Jacket	Andrew Clements	Q
Antarctica	Mel Friedman	Q
Spring Into Action	Janine Scott	Q
The Magician's Boy	Susan Cooper	Q
James and the Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	Q
Help! I'm Trapped in a Movie Star's Body	Todd Strasser	Q
Last Summer With Maizon	Jacqueline Woodson	Q
Because of Winn-Dixie	Kate DiCamillo	R
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr	R
The Hindenburg Disaster	Peter Benoit	R
Everything Dog	Marty Crisp	R
The Indian in the Cupboard	Lynne Banks	R
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Roald Dahl	R
Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator	Roald Dahl	R

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The Zippity Zinger	Henry Winkler	R
Locomotion	Jacqueline Woodson	R
Taking Sides	Gary Soto	S
The Great Gilly Hopkins	Katherine Paterson	S
Mississippi Bridge	Mildred D. Taylor	S
A Cricket in Times Square	George Selden	S
The Borrowers	Mary Norton	S
Ancient Greece	Sandra Newman	S
So You Want to Be an Inventor?	Judith St. George	S
Awake and Dreaming	Kit Pearson	S
From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	E.L. Konigsburg	S
Sahara Special	Esme Raji Codell	S
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Jack Gantos	T
The Tiger Rising	Kate DiCamillo	T
The Well	Mildred D. Taylor	T
Bridge to Terabithia	Katherine Paterson	T
If You Lived When There Was Slavery in America	Anne Kamma	T
Wild Wetlands	Janine Scott	T
Cry of the Cat (Goosebumps)	R.L. Stine	T
The Toothpaste Millionaire	Jean Merrill	T
The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis	T
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry	T
Loser	Jerry Spinelli	U
The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	U
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis	U
The Truth About Great White Sharks	Mary Cerullo	U
The Challenger Disaster	Tim McNeese	U
Tangerine	Edward Bloor	U
Ella Enchanted	Gail C. Levine	U
The Princess Diaries	Meg Cabot	U
Becoming Naomi Leon	Pam Munoz Ryan	V
Crash	Jerry Spinelli	V
Immigrant Kids	Russell Freedman	V
The Civil Rights Movement in America	Elaine Landau	V
Passager: The Young Merlin Trilogy	Jane Yolen	V
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan	V
Freak the Mighty	Rodman Philbrick	W
Home of the Brave	Katherine Applegate	W
Roll of My Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor	W
The Industrial Revolution	Melissa McDaniel	W
Guilty by a Hair!	Anna Prokos	W

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Reading Level</u>
Slam	Walter Dean Myers	W
Drive-By	Lynne Ewing	W
Bronx Masquerade	Nikki Grimes	W
The Little Prince	A. De Saint-Exupery	X
The Dark is Rising	Susan Cooper	X
Bad Boy: A Memoir	Walter Dean Myers	X
Monster	Walter Dean Myers	Y
The Giver	Lois Lowry	Y
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	Y
Wintergirls, Catalyst, Speak, Fever	Laurie Hals Anderson	Y
Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Ji-li Jiang	Z
Darkness Before Dawn	Sharon Draper	Z
Stuck in Neutral	Terry Trueman	Z
The Golden Compass	Phillip Pullman	Z
The Hobbit	Tolkien	Z

Below are books across a wide variety of reading levels for avid readers; this is by no means a comprehensive list - really just a place to get started. Not every book will be appropriate for every reader - some may be considered more of a family “read-aloud” book rather than an independent reading book. Enjoy!

<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
The Night Fairy	Laura Amy Schiltz
Twig	Elizabeth O. Jones
The Wollstonecraft Detective Agency	Jordan Stratford
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon
Stella By Starlight	Draper, Sharon
A Snicker of Magic	Lloyd, Natalie
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White
Stuart Little	E.B. White
Trumpet of the San	E.B. White
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Beverly Cleary
One Dog and His Boy	Eva Ibbotson
Tuesday at the Castle	Jessica Day George
Wednesdays in the Tower	Jessica Day George
Pie	Sarah Weeks
Mr. Popper's Penguins	Richard Atwater & Florence Atwater
Tree Girl	Ben Mikaelson
Night Gardener	Jonathan Auxier

Flora and Ulysses	Kate DiCamillo
The Penderwicks*	Jeanne Birdsall
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi
Coraline	Neil Gaiman
Elephant in the Garden	Michael Morpurgo
The Year of Billy Miller	Kevin Henkes
Three Times Lucky	Sheila Turnage
Dragonborn	Toby Forward
Fireborn	Toby Forward
Doubleborn	Toby Forward
Ginger Pye*	Eleanor Estes
Tumtum and Nutmeg	Emily Bearn
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*	Jacqueline Kelly
The Gollywhopper Games*	Jody Feldman
The Pinballs	Betsy Byars

## Book Wish Lists

As we begin to build our Commons' Libraries, we are looking for some specific titles to use in lessons, as read-alouds, and for students to read independently or in book clubs. If you have any of these titles in your home libraries and would care to donate them to Charlotte Lab School, please let us know.

### Grades K-2

Caps for Sale - Esphyr Slododkina  
 Owl Babies - Martin Waddell  
 The Kissing Hand - Audrey Penn  
 Cookie Store Cat - Cynthia Rylant  
 Kitten's First Fully Moon - Kevin Henkes  
 Max's Dragon Shirt - Rosemary Wells  
 Bunny Mail - Rosemary Wells  
 Kiss Good Night - Amy Hest  
 You Can Do it Sam - Amy Hest  
 Do Like Kyla - Angela Johnson  
 Owl Moon - Jane Yolen  
 The Three Billy Goats Gruff - Paul Galdone  
 Big Al - Andrew Clements  
 Corduroy - Don Freeman  
 The Lion and the Little Red Bird - Elisa Kleven  
 The Bird House - Cynthia Rylant  
 My Father's Hands - Joanne Ryder  
 Night At The Fair - Donald Crews  
 One Of Three - Angela Johnson  
 The Snail's Spell - Joanne Ryder  
 Where's Spot? - Eric Hill

Flying - Donald Crews  
My Little Island - Frane Lessac  
School Bus - Donald Crews  
The Ginger Bread Boy - Paul Galdone  
Extraordinary Egg - Leo Lionne  
Snowy Day - Ezra Jack Keats  
Apples - Gail Gibbons  
Snow Is Falling - Franklyn M. Branley  
Two Of Them - Alike  
Apples and Pumpkins - Anne Rockwell  
Where the Wild Things Are - Maurice Sendak  
Bedtime Story - Mem Fox  
Koala Lou - Mem Fox  
Pet Show! - Ezra Jack Keats  
Shortcut - Donald Crews  
Biscuit - Alyssa Capucilli  
Guess How Much I Love You - Sam McBraney  
Moving Day Surprise - Tina Stolberg  
Moose's Loose Tooth - Jacqueline A. Clarke

#### **Grades K-4**

Hansel and Gretel - James Marshall  
The Little Red Hen - Paul Galdone  
Jamaica Tag Along - Juanita Havill  
Stellaluna - Jannell Cannon  
The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein  
Just Us Women - Jeannette Caines  
Everybody Needs A Rock - Byrd Baylor  
Honey, I Love And Other Poems - Eloise Greenfield  
Peter's Chair - Ezra Jack Keats  
City Mouse, Country Mouse and Two More Tales from Aesop - John Wallner  
Curious George Rides a Bike - H.A. Rey  
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs - Judith Barrett

#### **Grades 2-4**

The Story of Ruby Bridges - Robert Coles  
The Other Side - Jacqueline Woodson  
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day - Judith Viorst  
A Chair For My Mother - Vera B. Williams  
Bigmama's - Donald Crews  
The Other Way To Listen - Byrd Baylor  
Meanest Thing to Say - Bill Cosby  
When I'm Old with You - Angela Johnson  
Appalachia - Cynthia Rylant  
Night Shift Daddy - Eileen Spinelli  
Chicken Sunday - Patricia Polacco  
I Have A Dream - Martin Luther King



The Pain And The Great One - Judy Blume  
Sheila Rae the Brave - Kevin Henkes

**Grades 3-4**

Because of Winn-Dixie - Kate DiCamillo  
Charlotte's Web - E.B. White  
Fireflies! - Julie Brinckloe  
Every Living Thing - Cynthia Rylant  
The Paperboy - Dav Pilkey  
Journey - Patricia MacLachlan  
Kid - Ralph Fletcher  
What You Know First - Patricia MacLachlan  
Chicken Soup For the Kid's Soul - Jack Canfield, et al  
The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros  
Joshua By The Sea - Angela Johnson  
Butterflies And Moths - Bobbie Kalman  
I'm In Charge of Celebrations - Byrd Baylor  
Joshua's Night Whispers - Angela Johnson  
Fly Away Home - Eve Bunting  
One Green Apple - Eve Bunting  
The Wall - Eve Bunting  
Dreaming of America: An Ellis Island Story - Eve Bunting  
How to Lose All Your Friends - Nancy Carlson  
Paintbrush Kid - Clyde Robert Bulla  
The Wizard of Oz - L. Frank Baum  
Fantastic Mr. Fox - Roald Dahl  
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Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes - Eleanor Coerr  
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A Cricket in Times Square - George Selden  
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Number the Stars - Lois Lowry  
Loser - Jerry Spinelli  
The Watsons Go To Birmingham, 1963 - Christopher Paul Curtis  
Bud, Not Buddy - Christopher Paul Curtis

**Grades 3-8**

The Witch of Blackbird Pond - Elizabeth G. Speare  
Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories - Sandra Cisneros  
Been To Yesterdays - Lee Bennett Hopkins  
Childtimes: A Three-Generation Memoir - Eloise Greenfield  
Red Suitcase - Naomi Shihab Nye