Dear Manzano Day School Parents & Families,

Welcome to summer! There is no better time to explore new worlds (both astonishingly real and incredibly imaginary), embark on amazing journeys, and learn a thing or two...through books! As an adult, choosing books for children can seem daunting. These guides are intended to you help you select books and activities that can be enjoyed as a family and promote a life-long love of reading and learning.

Books are grouped by grade level. Consider helping your child select books from the grade level that he/she will be entering next year. Many of the books overlap and are appropriate and interesting selections for children across grade levels. Ideally, books selected for this summer reading list should:

- Be ENJOYABLE! (This is the most critical requirement.)
- Encourage active, collaborative, and reflective thought and learning
- Be problem-posing, leading to meaningful thought or investigation
- Present alternative perspectives
- Be situated in something children know, care about, or come to be interested in because the book has opened their eyes to new possibilities
- Encourage dialogue and a spirit of inquiry

Not every book will meet all of these criteria, and that is okay. There are so many great books that meet some or all of these standards—it is an extraordinary time to be a reader!

Research has shown that reading aloud to a child, even one who can read independently, has has a profound and lasting positive impact on their long-term reading success. Connecting over stories and literature is rewarding for everyone, but it also builds awareness and empathy. Some ideas that could add variety or create exciting opportunities to connect over literature are included on the following page.

I wish you all a READiculous summer--full of good books, reading, and adventure! Read on!

Rachel Patton Librarian



Share a Story

- Visit the Albuquerque Public Library branch near you. The public library has a full slate of summer reading events including magic shows and live music.
- Listen to an audio book.
- Explore magazines, newspapers, and graphic novels.
- Start a book club or host a book exchange with another family.
- Try reading somewhere new--the park, by flashlight in a tent, or during a break at the swimming pool.
- Have your child read to you, over the phone to a grandparent, or to a pet.
- Have a loved one who lives far away read a bedtime story to your child via Facetime, Skype, or over the phone.
- Read books that take place in other parts of the country or world. Find the country, city, or region on a map or globe. Look at pictures of these places online. Visit a restaurant that specializes in food from the area or cook a recipe from that region.
- Try listening to podcast while cooking dinner or driving in the car.

















Kindergarten



Please, Mr. Panda, Steve Antony Daniel's Good Day, Micha Archer Rain!, Linda Ashman Laundry Day, Jessica Bagley *Triangle,* Mac Barnett Square, Mac Barnett Circle, Mac Barnett Z is for Moose!, Kelly Bingham *Inside Outside,* Lizi Boyd Jabari Jumps, Gaia Cornwall The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet, Carmen Agra Deedy Fly!, Karl Newsom Edwards My Heart Fills With Happiness, Monique Gray Smith You Hold Me Up, Monique Gray Smith Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse, Kevin Henkes Night Job, Karen Hesse Everything You Need for a Treehouse, Carter Higgins Open This Little Book, Jesse Klausmeier Frog and Fly: Six Slurpy Stories, Jeff Mack Ella and Penguin Stick Together, Megan Maynor Wait, Antoinette Portis Another, Christian Robinson Where's Walrus, Stephen Savage

They Say Blue, Jillian Tamaki

Caldecott Medal Winners, Various Authors

First Grade

"What this story needs is a pig. A pig in a wig, on a boat, in a moat, with a frog, a dog, and a goat on a log."

-Emma J. Virjan, from What This Story Needs Is a Pig in a Wig



Series

My Father's Dragon Series, Ruth Stiles Gannett Henry and Mudge Series, Cynthia Rylant Pedro Series, Fran Manushkin Yasmin Series, Saadia Faruqi *The Magic Treehouse*, Mary Pope Osborne

What If..., Samantha Berger

A Piglet Named Mercy, Kate DiCamillo

Good Dog, Cori Doerfield

Snapsy the Alligator (Did Not Ask to Be in This Book), Julie Falatko

Oh, No!, Candace Fleming

Carl and the Meaning of Life, Deborah Freedman

Red, Michael Hall

Picture Books

Hello, Door, Alastair Heim

Duck and Goose, Tad Hills

How Rocket Learned to Read, Tad Hills

Goodnight Already!, John Jory

The Very Last Castle, Travis Jonker

Beyond the Pond, Joseph Kuefler

My Heart, Corinna Luyken

Little Red Fort, Brenda Maier

La Princessa and the Pea, Juana Martinez-Neal

Float, Daniel Miyares

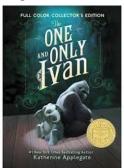
That Neighbor Kid, Daniel Miyares

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile, Bernard Waber

Second Grade

"I like colorful tales with black beginnings and stormy middles and cloudless blue-sky endings. But any story will do."

- Katherine Applegate, The One and Only Ivan



Series

Mercy Watson Series, Kate DiCamillo Owl Diaries Series, Rebecca Elliott Geronimo Stilton Series, Elisabetta Dami Ramona Series, Beverly Cleary Erie Elementary Series, Jack Chabert Ivy & Bean, Annie Barrows

Ms. Nelson is Missing, Henry Allard
The One and Only Ivan, Katherine Applegate
Preaching to the Chickens, Jabari Asim
No Small Potatoes, Tonya Bolden
Maybe Something Beautiful, Theresa Howell & Isabel Campoy
Mouse and the Motorcycle, Beverly Cleary
Diary of a Fly, Doreen Cronin
Zola's Elephant, Randall de Seve
All Around Us, Adriana M. Garcia
The Year of Billy Miller, Kevin Henkes
Imagine, Juan Felipe Herrera
A Letter for My Teacher, Deborah Hopkinson

Drawn Together, Minh Le Blue Sky, White Stars, Saryinder Naberhaus Water is Water Miranda Paul

Water is Water, Miranda Paul

Lifetime: The Amazing Numbers in Animals Lives, Lola Schaefer The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred, Samantha Vamos The Day You Begin, Jacqueline Woodson

Third Grade

"So many miracles have not yet happened." -Kate DiCamillo, from *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*



Series

Nancy Drew Series, Caroline Keene Black Stallion Series, Walter Farley Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series, Jeff Kinney Dog Man Series, Dav Pilkey Big Nate Series, Lincoln Peirce Judy Moody Series, Megan McDonald Whatever After Series, Sarah Mlynowski Clementine Series, Sara Pennypacker Ramona Series, Beverly Cleary

Books

Wishtree, Katherine Applegate A Boy Called Bat, Elana Arnold

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy, Jeanne Birdsall

Frindle, Andrew Clements

Hoop Genius, John Coy

James and the Giant Peach, Roald Dahl

Islandborn, Junot Diaz

Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures, Kate DiCamillo

My Side of the Mountain, Jean Craighead George

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg

The Year of the Dog, Grace Lin

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon, Grace Lin

One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia, Miranda Paul

Fourth Grade

"The world in all its smelly glory, in all its treachery and joy and nuttiness, washed over Ulysses, ran through him, filled him. He could smell everything. He could even smell the blue of the sky.

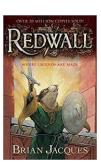
He wanted to capture it. He wanted to write it down. He wanted to tell Flora.

-Kate DiCamillo, from *Flora and Ulysses*









Harry Potter Series, J.K. Rowling Redwall Series, Brian Jacques *El Deafo*, Cece Bell

The War that Saved My Life, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley Grandma Torrelli Makes Soup, Sharon Creech

Saving Winslow, Sharon Creech

Blended, Sharon Draper

The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise, Dan Gemeinhart

Absolutely Almost, Lisa Graff

Ban this Book, Alan Gratz

Refugee, Alan Gratz

Roller Girl, Victoria Jamieson

Song for a Whale, Lynne Kelly

A Wrinkle in Time, Madeleine L'Engle

The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle, Connor Leslie

The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher, Dana Alison Levy

The Chronicles of Narnia, C.S. Lewis

Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix, Jacqueline Briggs Martin

Silver Meadows Summer, Emma Otheguy

Hatchet, Gary Paulsen

Goodbye Stranger, Rebecca Stead

The Bridge Home, Padma Venkatraman

Brown Girl Dreaming, Jacqueline Woodson

Fifth Grade

"Hustle dig

Grind push

Run fast

Change pivot

Chase pull

Aim shoot

Work smart

Live smarter

Play hard

Practice harder"

Kwame Alexander, The Crossover









The Crossover, Kwame Alexander The Girl Who Drank the Moon, Kelly Barnhill The Next Great Paulie Fink, Ali Benjamin The Benefits of Being an Octopus, Ann Braden Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961, Larry Dane Brimner The Last Last-Day-of-Summer, Lamar Giles The Night Diary, Veera Hiranandani The Parker Inheritance, Varian Johnson Merci Suarez Changes Gears, Meg Medina

The Stars Beneath Our Feet, David Barclay Moore

The Book of Boy, Catherine Gilbert Murdock

A Long Walk to Water, Linda Sue Park

The Track Series, Jason Reynolds

The Tapper Twins Go To War, Geoff Rodkey

Bomb, Steve Sheinkin

When You Reach Me, Rebecca Stead

Chasing Lincoln's Killer, James Swanson

Some Writer!: The Story of E.B. White, Melissa Sweet

The Bridge Home, Padma Venkatraman

Other Words for Home, Jasmine Warga

Beyond the Bright Sea, Lauren Wolk

Front Desk, Kelly Yang