

Summer Reading

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Dear Families,

What a great year it has been for all of us at Springhurst School. We have learned so much about becoming readers and writers! Sharing great stories is a favorite activity of Springhurst students. This summer that same exploration around books can still happen. We hope that you will encourage your child to reread favorite stories all summer and that they may even find some new favorites that they can tell next year's teacher about in the fall.

Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Some of the books on these lists will be best suited to be read to your child, while others are suitable for your child to read on their own. Please remember that it is very important to support fluency while reading, and rereading favorite books is a great way to build that fluency.

Springhurst School also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection. Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related non-fiction eBooks from Scholastic. This interactive resource also includes Spanish versions for many of their paired texts, a read aloud component in which children can hear a narrated story and definitions of key words, and educational games and activities. To access our school's subscription, follow these easy instructions:

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

This summer, Capstone is providing free access to thousands of eBooks that can be used with a laptop or desktop computer or an iPad. These interactive eBooks have supports like text-highlighting and read-aloud audio. To access these eBooks:

- Go to: www.mycapstonelibrary.com
- Login: summer18
- Password: lovetoread

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading!

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2018 Summer Reading Suggestions
Entering 1st and 2nd Grade

The Wompananny Witches Make One Mean Pizza by Jennie Palmer

Anita and Winnifred Wompananny are kitchen witches who spend their days whipping up all kinds of delicious treats. One day, a run-in with a few particularly rambunctious kids sends the witches into a panic, so they blow off some steam by cooking up their very favorite meal: a good old-fashioned pizza pie.

A Boy, a Mouse, and a Spider--The Story of E. B. White by Barbara Herkert

When young Elwyn White lay in bed as a sickly child, a bold house mouse befriended him. Propelled by his fascination with the outside world, he began to jot down his reflections in a journal. Writing filled him with joy, and words became his world.

Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings

This picture book shares the tale of Arfy, a homeless mutt who lives in a box in an alley. Arfy writes to every person on Butternut Street about what a great pet he'd make.

The Bad Seed by Jory John

This is a book about a bad seed. He has a bad temper, bad manners, and a bad attitude. He's been bad since he can remember! But what happens when one mischievous little seed changes his mind about himself, and decides that he wants to be—happy?

Alfie (The Turtle That Disappeared) by Thyra Heder

Nia loves Alfie, her pet turtle. But he's not very soft, he doesn't do tricks, and he's pretty quiet. Sometimes she forgets he's even there! That is until the night before Nia's seventh birthday, when Alfie disappears!

Charlotte the Scientist is Squished by Camille Andros

Charlotte is a serious scientist. She loves to solve important problems by following the scientific method. But Charlotte has a problem. She needs more room!

Goldfish on Vacation by Sally Lloyd-Jones

H, Little O, and Baby Em are stuck in the city for the summer with only their pet goldfish—Barracuda, Patch, and Fiss—for company. It's looking like it might be a pretty boring vacation, but one day, something exciting happens.

Square by Mac Barnett

This book is about Square. Square spends every day taking blocks from a pile below the ground to a pile above the ground. This book is also about Square's friend Circle. Circle thinks Square is an artistic genius. But is he really?