

Summer Reading

June 2018

Dear Families,

It is that time again when we start thinking about the wonderful summer ahead and planning how to spend our time during those hot sunny days. It is our hope that, when planning what to pack for camp, vacation, or a sleepover, our children will remember to pack their favorite book or magazine to bring along. 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.

Our readers have strong opinions about themselves as readers. Some will say, "I like reading fantasy" or "I like to read a whole series in order", or "I am more of a nonfiction reader". We hope that these lists will offer plenty of opportunities for your child to find the right books for him or her this summer. There is a book out there for everyone, for sure! Please note that the books on the list represent a range of difficulty levels. The children know what a "just right" book is for them and should be able to choose a book that they will be able to read comfortably.

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 3rd and 4th Grade

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

For Bixby Alexander Tam (nicknamed Bat), life tends to be full of surprises—some of them good, some not so good. Today, though, is a good-surprise day. Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter.

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai

As a child in Pakistan, Malala made a wish for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy, to erase the smell of garbage from her city, to sleep an extra hour in the morning. But as she grew older, Malala saw that there were more important things to wish for.

A Different Pond by Bao Phi

An unforgettable story about a simple event— a fishing trip for a boy and his dad. Between hope-filled casts, a father tells his son about a different pond in their homeland of Vietnam.

Mr. Crum's Potato Predicament by Anne Renaud

When Filbert P. Horsefeathers walks into George Crum's restaurant, he tells the waitress, "I have a hankering for a heaping helping of potatoes." George decides to use his sharpest knife to cut paper-thin potato slices, which he fries until they are crackling and then showers with salt. And just like that, George Crum has invented potato chips!

Danza! Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklorico de Mexico by Duncan Tonatiuh

Amalia studied ballet and modern dance under the direction of skilled teachers who had performed in world-renowned dance companies. She began traveling through Mexico, witnessing the dances of many regions and used her knowledge of ballet and modern dance to adapt the traditional dances to the stage.

Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm by Sue Macy

On the morning of August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle stood in her bathing suit on the beach at Cape Gris-Nez, France, and faced the churning waves of the English Channel. Twenty-one miles across the perilous waterway, the English coastline beckoned. This is the story of Ederle and her bid to be the first woman to swim the Channel.

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive.