

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 5th Grade

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen—he can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own. But then the unthinkable happens.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus by Dusti Bowling

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again.

Wishtree by Katherine Applegate

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. This wishtree watches over the neighborhood. When a new family moves in, not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She rescues the children by nourishing them starlight.

Serafina and the Splintered Heart by Robert Beatty

Something has happened to Serafina. She has awoken into a darkness she does not understand, scarred from a terrible battle, only to find that life at Biltmore Estate has changed in unimaginable ways. Old friends do unthinkable things and enemies seem all around. (series)

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser

The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another member of the family. So when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are.

Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans

You're called Fidge and you're nearly eleven. You've been hurled into a strange world. You have three companions: Two are unbelievably weird, and the third is your awful cousin Graham. You have to solve a series of nearly impossible clues. You need to deal with a cruel dictator and three thousand Wimbley Woos. And the whole situation is your fault.