

# 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

If your child had a RAZ Kids account throughout the year, they will still have access to it through the summer.

As part of *Summer reading at New York Libraries* (<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>), the State Education Department has a site with many resources families can utilize.

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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**2020 Summer Reading Suggestions**  
**Entering 1st and 2nd Grade**

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** by Kevin Noble Maillard

Fry bread is food. It is warm and delicious, piled high on a plate. Fry bread is time. It brings families together for meals and new memories. Fry bread is nation. It is shared by many, from coast to coast and beyond. Fry bread is us. It is a celebration of old and new, traditional and modern, similarity and difference.

**Under My Hijab** by Hena Khan

As a young girl observes six very different women in her life who each wear the hijab in a unique way, she also dreams of the rich possibilities of her own future, and how she will express her own personality through her hijab.

**When Aidan Became a Brother** by Kyle Lukoff

When Aidan was born, everyone thought he was a girl. His parents gave him a pretty name, his room looked like a girl's room, and he wore clothes that other girls liked wearing. After he realized he was a trans boy, Aidan and his parents fixed the parts of his life that didn't fit anymore, and he settled happily into a new life.

**Camp Tiger** by Susan Choi

Every year, a boy and his family go camping, but this year is different. This year, the boy is going into first grade, and his mother is encouraging him to do things on his own, just like his older brother. And the most different thing of all . . . this year, a tiger comes to the woods.

**The Good Egg** by Jory John

Meet the good egg. He's a verrrrrry good egg indeed. But trying to be so good is hard when everyone else is plain ol' rotten.

**The Very Impatient Caterpillar** by Ross Burach

When an inquisitive caterpillar sees a bunch of his friends climb up a tree, he questions their unusual behavior. They explain that it is time to "metamorphosize."

**The Scarecrow** by Beth Ferry

All the animals know not to mess with old Scarecrow. But when a small, scared crow falls from midair, Scarecrow does the strangest thing. He saves the tiny baby crow. Soon a loving bond grows between the two unlikely friends. But is it strong enough to weather the changing of the seasons?

**Facts vs Opinions vs Robots** by Michael Rex

Do you know the difference between a fact and an opinion? It can be a hard thing to understand. Some things are facts--like the number of robots in this book. Other things are opinions--like which robot would make the best friend, or which robot dances best.