

Summer Reading

June 2019

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

As part of *Summer reading at New York Libraries* (<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>), the State Education Department and myON, by Renaissance, are partnering to bring thousands of authentic, enhanced digital books to children all over the state. Unlimited, 24/7 access to the myON digital library will be available from May 1 through September 30. Children and families can read online using any web-based device and offline using free mobile apps.

- Go to: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/myon/>
- Login: read
- Password: books

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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2019 Summer Reading Suggestions
Entering 1st and 2nd Grade

Julián is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julián gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own mermaid costume.

Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

A young girl plays dress up with her mother's headscarves, feeling her mother's love with every one she tries on.

Peter & Ernesto: A Tale of Two Sloths by Graham Annable

Peter and Ernesto are friends. But Peter and Ernesto are nothing alike. Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on Earth. When Ernesto leaves for an adventure, Peter stays behind and frets.

Thank You, Omu! by Oge Mora

Everyone in the neighborhood dreams of a taste of Omu's delicious stew! One by one, they follow their noses toward the scrumptious scent. And one by one, Omu offers a portion of her meal. Soon the pot is empty. Has she been so generous that she has nothing left for herself?

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

There are many reasons to feel different. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it. Sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway.

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed. She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams. . . and her stories.

Girl Running by Annette Bay Pimentel

Because Bobbi Gibb is a girl, she's not allowed to run on her school's track team. But after school, no one can stop her-- and she's free to run endless miles to her heart's content. She is told no yet again when she tries to enter the Boston Marathon in 1966. So what does Bobbi do? She bravely sets out to prove the naysayers wrong and show the world just what a girl can do.

We Don't Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all. . . .