

## Nonfiction

Salt in his Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream  
by Deloris Jordan

Hippos are Huge!  
by Jonathan London

Otters Love to Play  
by Jonathan London

Poem Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems  
by J. Patrick Lewis

National Geographic Readers: Meerkats  
by Laura Marsh

The Real Poop on Pigeons! and We Dig Worms!  
(Graphic Novels) by Kevin McCloskey

Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt  
by Kate Messner

Water is Water: A Book about the Water Cycle  
by Miranda Paul

The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art  
by Barb Rosenstock

## Summer Reading Guidelines

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the next grade is to keep reading over the summer. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year.

This list is designed to give you some ideas of books that librarians across the district and state have found appealing to students at this age. Students can even vote for their favorite Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice Award book next spring if they have read at least three of the nominees.

Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. Some students might know their Fountas and Pinnell level which is stated in parentheses after the book title if it is available. For other books or students who are not aware of their level, we encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Our students have grown so much in the past school year. Let's make sure that they keep growing and learning over the summer!



## Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 2

Wallingford-Swarthmore  
School District

Martha Lambertsen  
Wallingford Elementary

Sandie Liacouras  
Nether Providence Elementary

Roberta Shapiro  
Swarthmore Rutledge Elementary

## Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards-Grades K-3

The Secret Subway  
by Shana Corey

When Green Becomes Tomatoes  
by Julie Fogliano

Hippopotamister  
by John Patrick Green

Slingshot and Burp  
by Richard Haynes

Mother Bruce  
by Ryan Higgins

Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook  
by Anne Vittur Kennedy

More-igami  
by Dori Kleber

Miss Mary Reporting: The True Story of  
Sportswriter Mary Garber  
by Sue Macy

We Dig Worms!  
by Kevin McCloskey

The Hole Story of a Doughnut  
by Pat Miller

Little Shaq  
by Shaquille O'Neal

Anything but Ordinary Addie: The True Story of  
Adelaide Hermann, Queen of Magic  
by Mara Rockliff

High Tide for Horseshoe Crabs  
by Lisa Kahn Schnell

My Dog, Bob  
by Richard Torrey

Weekends with Max and His Dad  
by Linda Urban

## Fiction

Fly Guy Presents: Castles (N-P)  
by Tedd Arnold

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole  
by Mac Barnett

The Miniature World of Marvin & James: The  
Masterpiece Adventure  
by Elise Broach

King & Kayla and the Missing Dog Treats (L)  
by Dori Hillestad Butler

Flop to the Top! (Graphic Novel)  
by Eleanor Davis

Penguin Problems  
by Jory John

Infamous Ratsos (L)  
by Kara LaReau

Gaston  
by Kelly DiPucchio

Little Red Writing  
by Joan Holub

Little Puffin's First Flight  
by Jonathan London

Hi Koo!: A Year of Seasons  
by Jon Muth

Are We There Yet?  
by Dan Santat

Claude in the Country  
by Alex T. Smith

Stowaway! Puppy Pirates #1  
by Erin Soderberg

The Water Princess  
by Susan Verde

Dino-Swimming  
by Lisa Wheeler

## Series

Urgency Emergency! Big Bad Wolf series  
by Dosh Archer

Mercy Watson  
by Kate DiCamillo

Princess Posey  
by Stephanie Greene

The Princess In Black  
by Shannon Hale

Benny and Penny: A Toon Book  
by Geoffrey Hayes

Ling and Ting  
by Grace Lin

Katie Woo  
by Fran Manushkin

Magic Tree House  
by Mary Pope Osborne

Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures  
by Sara Pennypacker and others

Piper Green and the Fairy Tree  
by Ellen Potter

The High-Rise Private Eyes  
by Cynthia Rylant

Skippyjon Jones  
by Judy Schachner

The Good for Nothing Button: An Elephant and  
Piggie Like Reading! Book  
by Charise Mericle Harper