### WSSD Elementary Reading List
#### Summer Before First Grade

**Fiction:**
- **Bingham, Kelly** — *Z is for Moose*
- **Cannon, Janell** — *Stellaluna*
- **DaCosta, Barbara** — *Nighttime Ninja*
- **Eastman, P.D.** — *Are you my Mother?*
- **Ehlert, Lois** — *Planting a Rainbow*
- **Fox, Mem** — *Hello Baby*
- **Frazee, Marla** — *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever*
- **Going, K.L.** — *Dog in Charge*
- **Henkes, Kevin** — *Old Bear*
- **Himmelman, John** — *Chickens to the Rescue*
- **McMullan, Kate** — *I’m Dirty*
- **Pulver, Robin** — *Thank You, Miss Dover*
- **Watt, Melanie** — *Chester*
- **Willems, Mo** — *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*

**Series:**
- **Arnold, Tedd** — *Fly Guy*
- **Capucilli, Alyssa** — *Katy Duck Makes a Friend; Biscuit*
- **Hoff, Syd** — *Danny the Dinosaur*
- **Hood, Susan** — *Pup and Hound*
- **Litwin, Eric** — *Pete the Cat*
- **Minarik, Else Holmelund** — *Little Bear*
- **Numeroff, Laura** — *If you give a Mouse a Cookie*
- **O’Connor, Jane** — *Fancy Nancy*
- **Rylant, Cynthia** — *Mr. Putter and Tabby*
- **Scotton, Rob** — *Splat the Cat*
- **Weeks, Sarah** — *Mac and Cheese*
- **Wells, Rosemary** — *Max and Ruby*
- **Willems, Mo** — *Cat the Cat, Who is That?; Elephant and Piggie*

**Non Fiction:**
- **Davies, Nicola** — *Dolphin Baby!*
- **Florian, Douglas** — *Zoo’s Who*
- **Hale, Christy** — *Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building*
- **Hartland, Jessie** — *How the Sphinx got to the Museum*
- **Hoberman, Mary Ann** — *You Read to Me and I’ll Read to You: Very Short Fables to Read Together*
- **Jenkins, Steve and Robin Page** — *My First Day*
- **Low, William** — *Machines Go To Work in the City*
- **Mayo, Margaret** — *Dig, Dig Digging*
- **Pinkney, Jerry** — *The Lion and the Mouse*
- **Prelutsky, Jack** — *Me I Am!*
- **Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton** — *All the World*
- **Schuh, Mari** — *Volcanoes*
- **Schwartz, David M.** — *Where in the Wild?*
- **Sill, Cathryn P.** — *About Rodents: A Guide for Children*
- **Stevens, Janet** — *Tops and Bottoms*
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Summer Before Second Grade

Fiction:
Cronin, Doreen  Diary of a Spider
Falconer, Ian  Olivia
Grey, Mini  Traction Man is Here
Harrington, Janice N.  The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County
Howe, James  Horace and Morris Say Cheese
Keller, Holly  Help! The Story of Friendship
Kraus, Robert  Whose Mouse Are You?
Lies, Brian  Bats at the Library
Long, Melinda  How I Became a Pirate
Maloney, Peter  The Magic Hockey Stick
Schachner, Judith  Skippyjon Jones
Sis, Peter  Madlenka
Spiegelman, Nadja  Zig and Wikki in Something Ate my Homework
Watt, Melanie  Scaredy Squirrel
Willems, Mo  Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed

Series:
Adler, David  Young Cam Jansen
Cazet, Denys  Minnie and Moo
Chaconas, Dori  Cork and Fuzz
Cosby, Bill  Little Bill
Cushman, Doug  Dirk Bones; Inspector Hopper
Danziger, Paula  A is for Amber
DiCamillo, Kate  Mercy Watson
Henkes, Kevin  Penny and her Doll
Howe, James  Pinky and Rex
Manushkin, Fran  No More Teasing
Rylant, Cynthia  Henry and Mudge
Sharmat, Marjorie  Nate the Great
Wheeler, Lisa  Dino Baseball
Willems, Mo  Knuffle Bunny; Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity
(various)  Geronimo Stilton

Nonfiction:
Agee, Jon  Orangutan Tongs
Chin, Jason  Redwoods
Clements, Andrew  Dogku
Lewis, J. Patrick  National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry
Myron, Vicki  Dewey: There’s a Cat in the Library
Pfeffer, Wendy  Life in a Coral Reef
Prelutsky, Jack  Read-Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young
Ryder, Joanne  Panda Kindergarten
Sidman, Joyce  Red Sings From Treetops: A Year in Colors
Singer, Marilyn  On the Same Day in March
Sweet, Melissa  A Place for Birds
Wardlaw, Lee  Wonton
Ziefert, Harriet  One Red Apple
WSSD Elementary Reading List
Summer Before Third Grade

**Fiction:**
Allard, Harry  
DiCamillo, Kate  
Fleischman, Paul  
Jenkins, Emily  
Knutson, Barbara  
Manushkin, Fran  
Myers, Walter Dean  
O’Malley, Kevin  
Oppel, Kenneth  
Pinkwater, Daniel  
Poydar, Nancy  
Shannon, David  
Spinelli, Eileen  
Steig, William  
Stevens, Janet

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Miss Nelson is Missing  
Louise: the Adventures of a Chicken  
Weslandia  
Toys Go Out  
Love and Roast Chicken  
The Shivers in the Fridge  
Looking Like Me  
Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates  
The King's Taster  
Mrs. Noodlekugel  
Fish School  
A Bad Case of Stripes  
Miss Fox’s Class Goes Green  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble  
Jackalope; Little Red Pen

**Series:**
Adler, David  
Barrows, Annie  
Cameron, Ann  
Grimes, Nikki  
Hicks, Betty  
Kirby, Stan  
Look, Lenore  
Lowry, Lois  
Lumry, Amanda  
McDonald, Megan  
Nolan, Lucy  
Osborne, Mary Pope  
Pennypacker, Sara  
Preller, James  
Roy, Ron

Cam Jansen  
Ivy and Bean  
Stories Julian Tells  
Dyamonde Daniel  
Gym Shorts  
Captain Awesome  
Ruby Lu  
Gooney Bird Greene  
Adventures of Riley  
Judy Moody; Stink  
Down Girl and Sit  
Magic Tree House  
Flat Stanley’s Worldwide Adventures  
Jigsaw Jones  
A-Z Mysteries

**Nonfiction**
Bishop, Nic  
Chin, Jason  
Coppendale, Jean  
Cousins, Lucy  
Davies, Jacqueline  
Florian, Douglas  
Hatkoff, Juliana  
Kajikawa, Kimiko  
Laroche, Giles  
Levine, Robert  
Lewis, Patrick  
Pallotta, Jerry  
Raffin, Deborah

Butterflies and Moths; Spiders; Frogs  
Island: the story of the Galapagos Island  
The Great Big Book of Mighty Machines  
Yummy: Eight Favorite Fairy Tales  
Unite or Die: How Thirteen States Became a Nation  
Bow Wow Meow Meow  
Winter’s Tail  
Tsunami  
What’s Inside? Fascinating structures around the world  
The Story of the Orchestra  
Spot the Plot: a Riddle Book of Book Riddles  
The Flower Alphabet Book  
Mitzi’s World
# WSSD Elementary Reading List
## Summer Before Fourth Grade

**Fiction:**
- Davies, Jacqueline: *The Lemonade War*
- DiCamillo, Kate: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
- Fleischman, Paul: *The Dunderheads*
- Fleming, Candace: *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School*
- Funke, Cornelia: *Igraine the Brave*
- Hill, Kirkpatrick: *The Year of Miss Agnes*
- Kerby, Mona: *Oweny the Mail-Pouch Pooch*
- Knight, Eric: *Lassie Come-Home*
- Levine, Ellen: *Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad*
- Lubar, David: *Punished*
- Marsden, Carolyn: *The Gold Threaded Dress; Silk Umbrellas*
- McGhee, Alison: *Julia Gillian (and the Art of Knowing)*
- Polacco, Patricia: *Thank You, Mr. Falker*
- Selznick, Brian: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
- Yee, Lisa: *Bobby vs. Girls (Accidentally)*

**Series:**
- Amoto, Mary: *Riot Brothers*
- Buckley, Michael: *Sisters Grimm*
- Butler, Dori Hillestad: *The Buddy Files*
- Colfer, Eoin: *Legend of Spud Murphy*
- English, Karen: *Nikki and Deja*
- Friedman, Laurie B.: *Mallory*
- Gutman, Dan: *Baseball Card Adventures*
- Holm, Jennifer: *Babymouse*
- Howe, James: *Bunnicula*
- Knudson, Jack: *Raymond and Graham*
- Look, Lenore: *Alvin Ho*
- Rodda, Emily: *Fairy Realm*
- Salisbury, Graham: *Calvin Coconut*
- Sobol, Donald: * Encyclopedia Brown*
- Winkler, Henry: *Hank Zipzer*

**Nonfiction:**
- Bishop, Nic: *Lizards*
- Boldner, Phil: *Unforgettable Season*
- Deedy, Carmen Agra: *Martina the Beautiful Cockroach*
- Dennis, Major Brian: *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle*
- Hughes, Langston: *My People*
- Krull, Kathleen: *The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth*
- McCarthy, Megan: *Pop! The Invention of Bubblegum*
- Nivola, Claire: *Life in the Ocean: the story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle*
- Rappaport, Doreen: * Eleanor, Quiet no More*
- Sturm, James: *Adventures in Cartooning: How to Turn Your Doodles into Comics*
- Weitzman, David: *Pharoah’s Boat*
- Winter, Jonah: *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!*
- Worth, Valerie: *Animal Poems*
Pinkney, Andrea Davis  

*Hand in Hand: ten Black men who changed America*

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**Summer Before Fifth Grade**

**Fiction:**

Balliett, Blue  
Chasing Vermeer

Barber, Ronde and Tiki  
Kickoff

Berlin, Eric  
The Puzzling World of Winston Breen

Birdsall, Jeanna  
The Penderwicks: A Summer of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and a Very Interesting Boy

Broach, Elise  
Masterpiece

Clements, Andrew  
No Talking

Curtis, Christopher Paul  
Bud, Not Buddy

DiCamillo, Kate  
Tale of Despereaux

Dowd, Siobhan  
The London Eye Mystery

Ibbotson, Eva  
The Star of Kazan

Levine, Gail Carson  
Ella Enchanted

Mass, Wendy  
11 Birthdays

Matthew, Cody  
Powerless

O’Connor, Barbara  
How to Steal a Dog

Ryan, Pam Munoz  
Becoming Naomi Leon

Yee, Lisa  
Millicent Min, Girl Genius

**Series:**

Baker, E.D.  
Tales of the Frog Princess

Barnett, Mac  
Brixton Brothers Mysteries

Bosch, Pseudonymous  
Terces Society Mysteries

Clements, Andrew  
Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School

Collins, Suzanne  
Gregor the Overlander

Holm, Jennifer  
Boston Jane

Horowitz, Anthony  
Diamond Brothers Mysteries

Messner, Kate  
Capture the Flag

Sanderson, Brandon  
Alcatraz

Stewart, Trenton Lee  
The Mysterious Benedict Society

Stone, Jeff  
Five Ancestors

Sutherland, Tui  
Wings of Fire

**Nonfiction:**

Chaiken, Andrew  
Mission Control, This is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon

Cherry, Lynne  
How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming

DeCristofano, Carolyn Cinami  
A Black Hole is not a Hole

Denenberg, Barry  
Titanic Sinks!

Fraden, Denis  
Duel! Burr and Hamilton’s Deadly War of Words

Hopkins, Lee Bennett  
My America

Jackson, Donna M.  
Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature’s Mysteries from Perilous Places

Jenczko, Paul  
Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing

Leedy, Loreen  
There’s a Frog in My Throat: 440 Animal Sayings

Nelson, Kadir  
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

Nelson, Vaundra Micheaux  
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshall

Nobleman, Marc Tyler  
Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman

Prelutsky, Jack  
My Dog is a Genius

Yezerski, Thomas  
Meadowlands: a wetland survival story