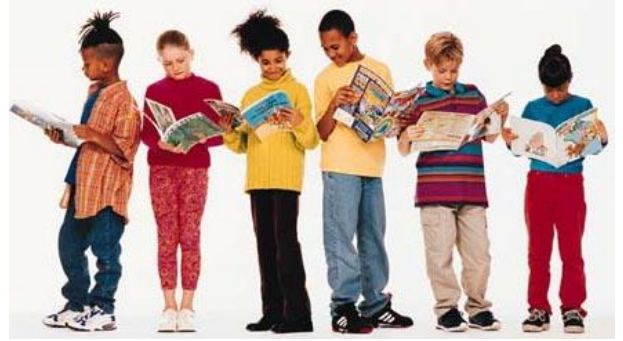




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### Incoming Fifth Grade Reading List

- 📖 *The Search for WondLa* by Toni Di Terlizzi
- 📖 *At Gleason's Gym* by Ted Lewin (fiction)
- 📖 *Jar of Dreams* by Yoshiko Uchida (historical fiction)
- 📖 *Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad* by Ellen Levine
- 📖 *Locomotive* by Brian Floca, 2014 Newbery Medal
- 📖 *Lincoln and His Boys* by Rosemary Wells (biography)
- 📖 *Nothings Fair in Fifth Grade* by Barthe de Clements (realistic fiction)
- 📖 *Bones Never Lie: How Forensics Helps Solve History's Mysteries* by Elizabeth MacLeod (science)
- 📖 *The Name of this Book is a Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch (fantasy)
- 📖 *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson, Sibert Medal Winner 2009
- 📖 *A Snicker of Magic* by Natalie Lloyd (fantasy)
- 📖 *The Spiderwick Chronicles* by Tony DiTerlizzi (fantasy series)
- 📖 *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien (classic)
- 📖 *A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet (informational)
- 📖 **Books of your choice!**

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# Torrance Unified School District Elementary School Suggested Summer Reading List

## Incoming Fourth Grade Reading List



- 📖 *Aesop's Fables* by Beverly Naidoo
- 📖 *Lost and Found* by Andrew Clements (fiction)
- 📖 *Cool World Cooking: Fun and Tasty Recipes for Kids* by Lisa Wagner
- 📖 *Henry Aaron's Dream* by Mark Tavares 2012 (biography)
- 📖 *Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South* by Robert San Souci
- 📖 *The Secret School* by Avi, 2001 (historical fiction)
- 📖 *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* by Kate DiCamillo (fantasy)
- 📖 *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl (classic)
- 📖 *Face Bug* by J. Patrick Lewis (science poetry)
- 📖 *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh (realistic fiction)
- 📖 *El Deafo* by Cece Bell
- 📖 *Bandit's Moon* by Sid Fleischman (historical fiction)
- 📖 *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Yuyi Morales, 2003 (Biography)
- 📖 *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech (fiction)
- 📖 *One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson, (fiction)
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## Torrance Unified School District Elementary School Suggested Summer Reading List

### Incoming Third Grade Reading List

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- A photograph of a family of four—a mother, a father, and two young children—gathered around a table, looking at a book together. The mother is on the left, the father is on the right, and the two children are in the foreground, one pointing at the book. They are all smiling and appear to be enjoying their reading time.
-  *Dr. De Soto* by William Steig (fantasy)
  -  *Mr. Lincoln's Way* by Patricia Polacco (fiction)
  -  *The Secret Coders* by Gene Luen Yang
  -  *A Taste of Colored Water* by Matt Faulkner
  -  *The Water Dragon: A Chinese Legend* by: Li Jian
  -  *Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill (historical)
  -  *Secrets of Droon- Knights Of The Ruby Wand* by Tony Abbott (series)
  -  *Just So Stories; The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling (classic)
  -  *Katie Kazoo Switcheroo* by Nancy Krulik (series)
  -  *Summer Reading is Killing Me!* by Jon Scieszka (fantasy)
  -  *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary (fantasy)
  -  *The Relatives Came* by Cynthia Rylant (realistic fiction)
  -  *Third Grade is Terrible* by Barbara Baker (realistic fiction)
  -  *A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet
  -  *Uncle Jed's Barbershop* by Margaret Mitchell (realistic fiction)
  -  *One Cool Friend* by Toni Buzzeo and David Small
  -  *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes (realistic fiction)
  -  *A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever* by Maria Frazee (fiction)
  -  **Books of your choice!**

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## Incoming Second Grade Reading List

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-  ***The Rabbit and the Turtle*** by Eric Carle, 2008
  -  ***Creepy Carrots*** by Aaron Reynolds
  -  ***Maria Had a Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita*** by Angela Dominguez
  -  ***Vulture View*** by April Pulley Sayre (science)
  -  ***Green*** by Laura Vaaccaro Seeger, Caldecott Honor 2013
  -  ***Keeping Quilt*** by Patricia Polacco
  -  ***Wabi Sabi*** by Mark Reibstein and Ed Young, 2009
  -  ***Water Sings Blue: Ocean Poems*** by Kate Coombs 2012
  -  ***Nacho and Lolita*** by Pam Munoz Ryan, 2005
  -  ***How I Learned Geography*** by Uri Shulevitz, 2008
  -  ***The Wolves Are Back*** by Jean Craighead George, 2008
  -  ***My Dog Is as Smelly as Dirty Socks: And Other Funny Family Portraits*** by Hanoch Piven, 2007
  -  ***I, Amber Brown*** by Paula Danziger, (series)
  -  ***Fandango Stew*** by David Davis (fiction)
  -  ***How I Spent My Summer Vacation*** by Mark Teague, 2006
  -  ***Mercy Watson to the Rescue*** by Kate DiCamillo (series)
  -  **Books of your choice!**

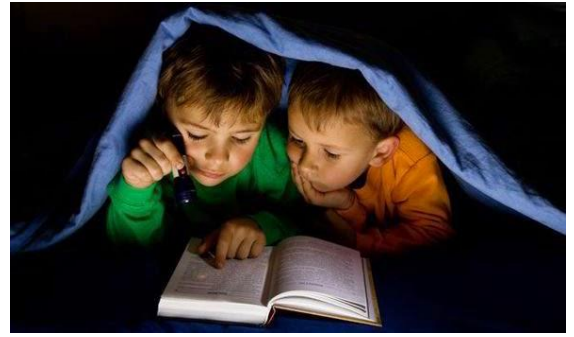
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## Incoming First Grade Reading List

- 📖 *Once I Ate a Pie* by Patricia Maclachlan
- 📖 *Eggs* by Marilyn Singer
- 📖 *Tortoise and the Hare* by Pinkney
- 📖 *Charley's First Night* by Amy Hest and Helen Oxenbury
- 📖 *Dear Hot Dog* by Mordicai Gerstein
- 📖 *Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures* by Cynthia Rylant
- 📖 *The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County* by Janice Harrington
- 📖 *Even More Parts: Idioms from Head to Toe* by Tedd Arnold
- 📖 *Little Pig Saves the Ship* by David Hyde Castello
- 📖 *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon and Marla Frazee
- 📖 *Nate the Great* (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
- 📖 *Cassie's Word Quilt* by Faith Ringgold
- 📖 *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza
- 📖 *You Can Read* by Helaine Becker
- 📖 *Mother Goose Numbers on the Loose* by Leo and Diane Dillon
- 📖 *Not Quite Narwhal* by Jessie Sima
- 📖 *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs* by Mo Williams
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### Incoming Kindergarten Reading List

-  *Z is for Moose* by Kelly Bingham and Paul O. Zelinsky
-  *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
-  *The Important Book* by Margaret Wise Brown
-  *The Numberlys* by William Joyce
-  *A Sick Day For Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead, 2011 Caldecott Medal
-  *The Lion & the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney, 2010 Caldecott Medal
-  *From the Bellybutton of the Moon and Other Summer Poems (Delombligo de la luna y otros poemas de verano)* by Francisco X. Alarcon
-  *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* by Jan Brett
-  *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle
-  *Tomie dePaola's Mother Goose* by Tomie dePaola
-  *Little Red Riding Hood* by Jerry Pinkney
-  *Little Dog Poems* by Kristine O'Connell George
-  *Don't Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus* by Mo Willems
-  *The Watermelon Seed* by Greg Pizzoli
-  *Pete's a Pizza* by William Steig
-  *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See* by Bill Martin, Jr.
-  *Dragons Love Tacos* by Adam Rubin
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