

Hello Families, Thank you for an amazing year! I had a great time and I hope you have a wonderful summer. The Primary class has become a group of great readers. I hope that your child will make some time over the summer to do some reading. Nothing on this list is required. However, I would like to share with you a few of my favorite books that you may choose to read over the summer. Pick which ones you like and enjoy! Have a wonderful summer. See you next fall!
Take care, Ms. Pon-Barry

1. FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS

by Arnold Lobel

HarperCollins, 1970, Paperback, 1990

ISBN: 0064440206

Frog and Toad are the best of buddies. Kids love reading these simple stories of the two friends' funny adventures.

2. ARTHUR'S BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

by Lillian Hoban

HarperCollins, 1996

ISBN: 0060249552

As monkey youngsters Arthur and Violet look forward to the first day of school, they compare lunch boxes and expectations --- all in an easy "I Can Read Book" style.

3. BREAD AND JAM FOR FRANCES

by Russell Hoban

illustrated by Lillian Hoban

HarperTrophy Paperback, 1993

ISBN: 0064430960

Frances decides that she would like to have her favorite food --- bread and jam -- as her only food. Surprisingly, her parents allow her to enjoy bread and jam for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Can she ever get too much of a good thing?

4. LITTLE BEAR

by Else Holmelund Minarik

illustrated by Maurice Sendak

HarperCollins, 1957

ISBN: 0064441970

Little Bear's adventures with Hen, Duck and Cat are some of the very first early-reader stories. Bear's loving parents provide a warm family atmosphere, too.

5. AMELIA BEDELIA

by Peggy Parish

illustrated by Fritz Seibel

HarperCollins, 1963

ISBN: 0064441555

Amelia Bedelia is a zany housekeeper who takes things a bit too literally. Whether she's "dressing" a chicken or "stealing" second base in a baseball game, her understanding of things always causes a mix-up. Luckily her talent for baking delicious treats helps her keep her job.

6. A BEAR CALLED PADDINGTON

by Michael Bond

illustrated by Peggy Fortnum

Houghton Mifflin, 1960, Paperback, 1968

ISBN: 0440404835

A teddy bear found in London's Paddington Station becomes the cuddly star of this and several subsequent stories.

7. THE CAT IN THE HAT

by Dr. Seuss

Random House, 1956

ISBN: 039480001X

The Cat in the Hat turns the household upside one rainy day while Mother is out. Seuss's exuberant text is a must for beginning readers.

8. DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR

by Syd Hoff

HarperCollins, 1958

ISBN: 0064440028

Danny visits the museum where he meets a very large new friend. The boy and his dinosaur explore the city for the afternoon, before they both have to head home.

9. GREEN EGGS AND HAM

by Dr. Seuss

Random House, 1960

ISBN: 0394800168

"Sam I am" does his darnedest to entice a picky eater with this famous colorful dish.

10. MY FATHER'S DRAGON

by Ruth Stiles Gannett

illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett

Random House, 1948, Paperback, 1987

ISBN: 0394890485

A boy explains how his father, Elmer Elevator, travels to the Wild Island to save a baby dragon. This short novel is a good family read-aloud.

11. NATE THE GREAT

by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

illustrated by Marc Simont
Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1972, Paperback, 1977
ISBN: 044046126X

Early readers love a mystery, and Nate, the neighborhood detective, delivers.
Fun to read and easy to solve.

12. MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS
by Richard and Florence Atwater
illustrated by Robert Lawson
Little, Brown, 1938, Paperback, 1992
ISBN: 0316058432

One penguin named Captain Cook plus another penguin named Greta means a whole family of penguins for the kindly Mr. Popper.

13. GEORGE AND MARTHA
by James Marshall
Houghton Mifflin, 1972
ISBN: 0395199727

The tender, sometimes prickly, and always funny friendship between hippos George and Martha makes for a great beginning reader series. Seven books about this hefty pair will keep kids giggling.

14. OH, THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK!
by Dr. Seuss
Random House, 1975
ISBN: 0394831292

It's remarkable to know that Theodor Geisel can not only write for very young readers, but can tickle the imaginations of older kids, as he does so well in OH THE THINGS YOU CAN THINK.

15. NOW WE ARE SIX
by A. A. Milne
illustrated by Ernest Shepard
Dutton, 1927; Puffin Paperback, 1992
ISBN: 0140361243

Christopher Robin and his beloved friend Winnie-the-Pooh appear throughout this classic collection of verse about childhood adventures and experiences. Don't miss the equally charming companion volume WHEN WE WERE VERY YOUNG.

16. HENRY & MUDGE
by Cynthia Rylant
illustrated by Sucie Stevenson
Aladdin Paperback, 1996
ISBN: 0689810059

Henry, an only child who lives on a street without any children to play with, can

use all the friends he can find. His parents understand, and allow him to get a dog. Soon the pooch that Henry has named Mudge becomes his best --- and biggest --- pal. It doesn't take very long for Mudge to grow from pint-sized puppy to 180 pounds! The two have plenty of adventures in these sweet, humorous stories.

17. TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING

by Judy Blume

120 pages

Puffin Books

ISBN: 0142401013

This is a humorous story, which children with younger siblings can relate to. Main character Peter, a fourth grader, has a two-year-old brother named Fudge, who gets into a lot of trouble.

18. RAMONA THE PEST

by Beverly Cleary, Tracy Dockray

192 pages

HarperTrophy

ISBN: 0380709546

The tale about Ramona starts with her first day of kindergarten, the greatest day of her life. Ramona loves her school and her teacher, Miss Binney, but somehow Ramona gets into a lot of trouble. Author Beverly Cleary is very good at seeing things through the eyes of children. She has created a very realistic and memorable character in Ramona.

19. STUART LITTLE

by E.B. White

131 pages

HarperTrophy

ISBN: 0064400565

A mouse born into a human family, Stuart Little goes through many adventures. His biggest adventures occur when he leaves home in search of a lovely bird named Margalo.

20. FRECKLE JUICE

by Judy Blume

48 pages

Yearling Books

ISBN: 0440428130

Andrew wants freckles so bad that he buys a secret recipe for freckle juice from Sharon for fifty cents, his five-week allowance. But freckle juice does not work as expected. Andrew has to draw fake freckles with a blue marker. At school, Andrew's teacher gives him a "freckle remover" to remove the blue freckles.

21. THE HUNDRED DRESSES

by Eleanor Estes, Louis Slobodkin

96 pages

Harcourt Paperbacks

ISBN: 0152052607

The story's main character Wanda Petronski, a Polish-American girl from a poor family, is teased by classmates at school for being different and for saying she has one hundred dresses at home while she is wearing the same faded dress to school every day. Only after Wanda's absence from school do Maddie and Peggy find out the true story about the one hundred dresses and try to make amends.

22. Ramona Quimby, Age 8.

by Beverly Cleary

208 pages

HarperTrophy

ISBN: 0380709562

Life at school has its ups and downs. Ramona is pretty upset when the egg she cracks on her head following a school fad is raw and not hard-boiled. Ramona is shocked to overhear her teacher, Mrs. Whaley, call her a show-off and a nuisance. Later on when they clear their misunderstanding, Ramona feels better about school.

23. THE MOUSE AND THE MOTORCYCLE

by Beverly Cleary and Louis Darling

158 pages

HarperTrophy

ISBN: 0380709244

"Ralph the mouse makes friends with a boy named Keith, the owner of a toy motorcycle and goes on many adventures

24. PIPPI LONGSTOCKING

by Astrid Erisson Lindgren

160 pages

Puffin Books

ISBN: 0140309578

The story's main character Pippi Longstocking, an independent and strong girl who can lift her own horse, lives alone without her parents. Pippi makes friends with two kids who live next door and they have lots of fun and adventures together. Best-known Swedish author Astrid Lindgren creates a very memorable storybook character in Pippi Longstocking, who is tough, brave, funny and free-spirited.