

Elysian Charter School
Summer Reading List
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade

Some books to read aloud:

Abiyoyo, by Pete Seeger

A father and his son sing down a slovenly giant.

Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp, by Denise Fleming. After a week at Cowboy Camp for Dogs, Buster's homesickness evaporates.

Charlie Parker Played Be Bop by Chris Raschka

Sing and swing with a great jazz saxophonist.

Juan Bobo by Carmen Bernier-Grand

A little boy has funny adventures in four folktales from Puerto Rico.

The Drinking Gourd by F. N. Monjo

Tommy discovers that his house is a station on the Underground Railroad.

Down in the Subway by Miriam Cohen

Enjoy an underground adventure.

Goose and Duck, by Jean Craighead George. Goose imprints on the boy who finds his egg; Duck imprints on Goose; both follow boy around until they figure out who they are.

Kitten for a Day by Ezra Jack Keats

A puppy and kittens play together.

Abuela by Arthur Dorros

A little girl and her grandma enjoy a special view of New York City.

The Gardener by Sarah Stewart

Lydia Grace plants a rooftop garden. This is one of my favorite picture books.

How to Heal a Broken Wing, by Bob Graham. An injured pigeon on a busy city street.

Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Story from China by Ed Young

Three sisters outsmart a hungry wolf.

Next Stop Grand Central by Maira Kalman

Grandfather's Journey, by Alan Say

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka

Papa and Me, by Arthur Dorros. A father and son spend a special day together in the city.

Rosie & Michael by Judith Viorst

Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaret King Mitchell

Sarah Jean's uncle finally achieves his dream in the segregated South.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs by Judi Barrett

The tale of the town of Chewandswallow, where meals fall from the sky.

Just Us Women by Jeannette Caines

A girl and her aunt share a convivial road trip to North Carolina.

Strega Nona by Tomi DePaola

Just one book by this wonderful and prolific author.

Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes

Just one book by another wonderful author.

Angelina Ballerina by Katharine Holabird

Angelina is a mouse child who loves to dance. A series.

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Perfect for a hot summer day! One book by this great author.

Swimmy by Lio Lionni

A school of fish find a way to work together to evade their predators. Great author.

Thundercake by Patricia Polacco

While gathering ingredients for her grandmother's "thundercake" a young girl overcomes her fear of storms. A wonderful author.

Beginning Reader Books. One book from each series is recommended, just to get you started!

Step Into Reading, Level One Books (Random House)

Sir Small and the Dragonfly

Hello Reader! Level One (Scholastic)

The Classroom Pet

Bank Street Ready-to-Read, Level One

My First Day at Camp

Get Ready, Get Set, Read, Set One (Barron's)

The Bug Club

An I Can Read Book, Level One (Harper Trophy)

The Horse in Harry's Room, by Syd Hoff

Dorling Kindersley Readers, Level One, Beginning to Read

a Day in the Life of a Firefighter

Beginning Chapter Books - great for new readers.

The Fire Cat, by Esther Averill

Abigail Takes the Wheel, by Avi

Fox Be Nimble by James Marshall
One of a series of books about Fox.

Mr. Putter and Tabby Paint the Porch by Cynthia Rylant
One of a series by the author of *Henry and Mudge* and the *Poppleton* books.

Nate the Great books by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
A series of mysteries.

Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel
A short series.

Cam Jansen by David Adler
A series about a girl detective.

Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff

Little Bear by Else Minarik

Meet M&M by Pat Ross
A series.

Tales of Oliver Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen
A series.

Pinky and Rex by James Howe
A short series.

Poppleton, by Cynthia Rylant. A short series.

Chapter Books :

Pirate's Promise by Clyde Bulla.

Against his will, a young boy is separated from his sister and sold as a bonded servant, but the good-hearted pirate captain who rescues him makes possible a happier future.

Me Tarzan by Betsy Byars

Dorothy successfully auditions for the part of Tarzan in the class play, but her jungle yell has unexpected results.

Annabel the Actress Starring in Just a Little Extra by Ellen Conford

A spunky aspiring actress pushes her way into an "extra" role in a movie being filmed locally.

Busybody Nora by Johanna Hurwitz

Nora wants to get to know all 200 people living in her New York apartment building.

Jenius: The Amazing Guinea Pig by Dick King-Smith

Judy's pet guinea is so brilliant that he can play dead, but during show and share, she discovers he might not always perform in front of an audience. (Check out the other fun books by this author.)

Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion by Suzy Kline

Harry becomes the class ant monitor when Mrs. Mackle gets an ant farm, but temporarily loses his position when he is bitten while locating a couple of escaping ants. A series.

The Dragonling by Jackie French Koller

Derek longs to go on a dragon quest, but when he finds a baby dragon, he cannot help wanting to rescue it.

The Littles by John Peterson

A very small family lives in the Bigg's house. A series.

Dragon's Fat Cat by Dav Pilkey

Dragon finds a fat cat in the snow outside his house, brings it inside, and soon has a family. (This is the author of *Captain Underpants*... he's a very funny writer.)

Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth by Louis Sachar

A funny, easy-to-read chapter book about a third-grade boy who is convinced that he was kidnapped at birth and is really the Lost Prince of Shampoo.

Chocolate Fever by Robert Kimmel Smith

Henry eats so much chocolate that he makes medical history with the very first case of Chocolate Fever.

Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man by David A. Adler
Discover the life of the great Yankee.

The House With a Clock in its Walls by John Bellairs
A boy and his uncle, who is a wizard, search their old house for a clock hidden in the walls. Part of a short series. The author has written other series of scary books.

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library by Eth Clifford
During a blizzard, two girls spend an intriguing night trapped inside a public library.

Felicia the Critic by Ellen Conford
Felicia is so determined to be truthful that she doesn't realize her criticism is annoying the people around her. Other popular books by this author include *The Luck of Pokey bloom*, *Dreams of Victory*, and *Hail, Hail Camp Timberwood*.

Some popular series to try:

The Secrets of Droon by Abbott

Arthur Chapter Books by Brown

The Stories Julian Tells by Cameron

The Bailey School Kids by Dadey

Bullseye Step Into Classics, various authors

The Zack Files by Greenburg

A to Z Mysteries by Roy

Magic Tree House by Osborne

Werewolf Club Series by Pinkwater

The Ink Drinkers by Sanvoisin

The Time Warp Trio by Scieszka

Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective, by Sobol

The Boxcar Children by Warner

American Girl Collection

Ivy and Bean, by Annie Barrows.

Poetry & Word Play

Go Hang a Salami I'm a Lasagna Hog by Agee
Lots of funny palindromes.

You Read To Me I'll Read To You, Ciardi

Nathaniel's Talking by Clifton

Composed in a variety of styles - rap, blues, free verse - these 18 poems offer nine-year-old Nathaniel's thoughts about himself, his family and friends.

From Sea to Shining Sea: A Treasury of American Folklore and Folk Songs, Cohn

Anna Banana's 101 Jump Rope Rhymes, Cole

Arroz con Leche, Delacre

A collection of Traditional Latin American songs and rhymes, in Spanish and English, with the music included.

Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices, Fleischman

Souls Looks Back in Wonder, Feelings

Artwork and poems by Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, Askia Toure and others portray the creativity and strength of their African American heritage.

The Sun is So Quiet, Giovanni

Poems primarily about nature and the seasons but also about chocolate and scary movies.

The Llama Who Had No Pajama 100 Favorite Poems, Hoberman

A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems, Janeczko

Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry, Kennedy

Pizza the Size of the Sun, Prelutsky
(or any other book by this author!)

Where the Sidewalk Ends, Silverstein
(or any other book by *this* author!)

If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries: Poems for Children and their Parents, Viorst

