

2023 Summer Book List

Grades 3-5



We hope that you have a wonderful summer filled with reading great books. Today you received your summer reading book. Every SPS student in your grade will be reading the same one. **What fun it will be to talk about your book with others this August!**

One Book One Grade Summer Reading Together 2023 Assignment

This summer, read your assigned text for about 20 minutes per session, several times a week. Parents can read aloud to your child, invite your child to read to you, or read together. Audiobooks are available at Learning Ally access through Clever. When you finish your assigned book, choose books from the lists located on the back of this flier.

As you are reading, please find ideas that stand out to you. You can also think about the following questions:

Fiction Text	Non-Fiction Text
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are the characters feeling? What in the book tells you how the characters feel?• Who is your favorite character in the story and why?• What connections can you make between your own life and the characters and situations in this book? What is different from your experiences?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why is the topic of this book important or interesting to you? What would you want other people to know about this topic?• What new information are you learning?• What more do you want to learn about this topic? What in the text makes you want to learn more about this topic?

Discuss your questions and reactions to the book. Consider making notes on a piece of paper as you are reading or sharing your thoughts with a picture, bookmark, flip-book, padlet, Tik-Tok, Flipgrid. Share these creations with someone. Have fun reading across Southfield in parks, at the Southfield Public Library, or even at the Southfield Pavilion. In August, bring your book to school and be prepared to discuss this with your school community.

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Enjoy the summer and read lots of books!

Summer Reading Together

- This summer,
3rd graders will read
Battle of the Bad-Breath Bats by David Bowles and Shane Clester
- 4th graders** will read
Planet Omar by Zanib Mian
- 5th graders** will read
The First Rule of Punk by Celia Cruz

Contemporary Fiction

- Dumpling Days*..... Lin
EllRay Jakes (series)..... Warner
Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet (series)..... Blakemore
From the Desk of Zoe Washington..... Marks
Front Desk..... Yang
The Great Treehouse War..... Graff
Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen..... Florence
Just Right, Jillian..... Collier
Lety Out Loud..... Cervantes
Maizy Chen's Last Chance..... Yee
Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel (series)..... Grimes
Merci Suarez Can't Dance..... Medina
Midsummer's Mayhem..... LaRocca
Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business (series)..... Lee
Nikki and Deja (series)..... English
Operation Sisterhood..... Rhuday-Perkovich
Sadiq and the Desert Star (series)..... Nuurali
Scientific Life of Azaleah Lane (series)..... Smith
The Season of Styx Malone..... Magoon
Simon B. Rhymin'..... Reed
Sofia Valdez and the Vanishing Vote (series)..... Beaty
Something To Say..... Ramée
Stella Diaz Never Gives Up..... Dominguez
The Terrible Two (series)..... Barnett
Ways to Make Sunshine (series)..... Watson
Zayd Saleem, Chasing the Dream..... Khan

Folktales, Fairy Tales, & Legends

- Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns*..... Tonatiuh
High-Five to the Hero..... Murrow
The Legend of Gravity: A TALL Basketball Tale..... Palmer
Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales..... Mandela
Power to the Princess..... Murrow
The Sea-Ringed World:
Sacred Stories of the Americas..... García Esperón
Tales Our Abuelitas Told:
A Hispanic Folktale Collection..... Campoy and Ada
Treasury of Magical Tales From Around the World..... Napoli

Science Fiction & Fantasy

- Dory Fantasmagory*..... Hanlon
The Fairy Tale Detectives (series)..... Buckley
Gumazing Gum Girl (series)..... Montijo
Midnight War of Mateo Martinez..... Yardi
Mulan: Before the Sword..... Lin
Pip's Guide to Magical Creatures..... Pearce & Steifvater
The Coin Slot Chronicles..... Jennings
The Unicorn Rescue Society (series)..... Gidwitz
Sisters of Neversea..... Smith
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon..... Lin

Biography & Autobiography

- Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball* Bryant
Becoming Kid Quixote: A True Story of Belonging in America
Sierra
Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks..... Slade
I Am Not A Label..... Burrell
Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers..... Menéndez
Look Up With Me: Neil deGrasse Tyson..... Berne
One Step Further: My Story of Math, the Moon, and a Life-long Mission..... Johnson
She Persisted: Sonia Sotomayor (series)..... Medina
Sprouting Wings: The True Story of James Herman Banning.
Jaggar
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop..... Hill
Who is Greta Thunberg? (series)..... Leonard
Who is Kamala Harris? (series)..... Anderson

Historical Fiction

- I Survived the Great Molasses Flood, 1919 (series)*..... Tarshis
Lincoln Project (Flashback Four series)..... Gutman
Marika Marches for Equality..... Alikhan
The Mighty Miss Malone..... Curtis
One Crazy Summer..... Williams-García
Out of Left Field..... Klages
Riding Freedom..... Ryan
Turtle in Paradise..... Holm

Informational Books

- A Child's Introduction to African American History*..... Asim
Brave. Black. First: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World..... Hudson
A Child's Introduction to Egyptology..... Alexander
Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls..... ed. by Workneh
I Am An American: The Wong Kim Ark Story. Brockenbrough
It's A Number's Game! Basketball..... Buckley
Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks Planet..... Manley
King of Ragtime: The Story of Scott Joplin..... Costanza
The Last Straw: Kids Vs. Plastics..... Hood
More Than Just A Game:
The Black Origins of Basketball..... Moore
Sanctuary: Kip Tiernan and Rosie's Place..... McDonnell
Saving American Beach..... King
Sharks: Nature's Perfect Hunter (Science Comics series)..... Flood
Water: A Deep Dive into Discovery..... Mihaly
What's In Your Pocket?
Collecting Nature's Treasures..... Montgomery
Winged Wonders:
Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery..... Pincus
Your Place in the Universe..... Chin

Poetry Books

- Bravo: Poems about Amazing Hispanics*..... Engle
Family Poems for Every Day of the Week..... Alarcón
In the Spirit of a Dream: 13 Stories of American Immigrants of Color..... Salazar
The Taco Magician..... Gonzales Bertrand
The Undeclared..... Alexander
Voices of Justice: Poems about People Working for a Better World..... Lyon
Write! Write! Write!..... Vanderwater