



**Chickasaw Elementary School  
Suggested Summer Reading  
Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
2018**

***Ballet Cat: Dance! Dance! Underpants!***

**by Bob Shea**

Disney-Hyperion, 2016,  
ISBN: 9781484713792

Ballet Cat is simply manic for ballet and tries to get her friend Butter Bear to join in the dance.

***Beastly Verse***

**Illustrated by Joo Hee Yoon**

Enchanted Lion Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781592701667

Text and art are interwoven to bring to life sixteen animal related poems in this award winning anthology.

***Cookie Fiasco***

**by Mo Willems and Dan Santat**

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN:  
9781484726365

From the new Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! series, a hippo, crocodile, squirrel with pigtailed, and squirrel with glasses have to divide three cookies evenly between them.

***Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music***

**by Margarita Engle, illustrated by Rafael López**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780544102293

Based on the childhood of Millo Castro Zaldarriaga, one of Cuba's first female drummers, this picture-book biography inspires us all to follow our dreams.

***Duck, Duck, Dinosaur***

**by Kallie George, illustrated by Oriol Vidal**

HarperCollins, 2016,  
ISBN: 9780062353085

Just when the game was getting to be fun, in came trouble—in this twist on the child's game.

***Flowers Are Calling***

**by Rita Gray, illustrated by Kenard Pak**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015,  
ISBN: 9780544340121

Playful rhyming text alternates with factual callouts that describe flowers and the pollination process. The watercolor illustrations are gorgeous and sure to inspire young naturalists everywhere!

***Fly Guy Presents: Castles***

**by Tedd Arnold**

Scholastic, 2017, ISBN: 9780545917384

Fly Guy and Buzz learn about what it is like to have lived in a castle in this nonfiction reader.

***Freedom in Congo Square***

**by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie**

little bee books, 2016, ISBN: 9781499801033  
Slaves are forced to work hard all week long, so they look forward to Sunday, when they can gather in New Orleans' Congo Square to dance, sing, and enjoy an afternoon of freedom.

***Get a Hit, Mo!***

**by David A. Adler, illustrated by Sam Ricks**

Penguin, 2016, ISBN: 9780670016327

Mo is used to striking out, but when the bases are loaded, he may just finally hit a home run.

***Hank's Big Day: The Story of a Bug***

**by Evan Kuhlman, illustrated by Chuck Groenink**

Schwartz & Wade, 2016, ISBN: 9780553511505  
Pill bug Hank and his human pal Amelia spend a marvelous day exploring the outdoors in a sweet story of friendship and imagination.

***Ice Cream Summer***

**by Peter Sís**

Scholastic, 2015, ISBN: 9780545731614

Get the scoop on some fun history, math, new vocabulary, and much more in this entertaining book all about ice cream.

***Little Elliot, Big Fun***

**by Mike Curato**

Henry Holt, 2016, ISBN: 9780805098273

A big amusement park brings more fear than fun until a mouse friend helps Little Elliot find the rides that are just right for him.

***The Night Gardener***

**by Terry Fan and Eric Fan**

Simon & Schuster, 2016,

ISBN: 9781481439787

William and an elderly gardener help transform their town by creating anonymous topiary artwork

***¡Olinguito, de la A a la Z! Descubriendo el bosque nublado / Olinguito, from A to Z!***

**Unveiling the Cloud Forest**

**by Lulu Delacre**

Children's Book Press, 2016,

ISBN: 9780892393275

Explore the cloud forest of the Andes in Ecuador in this bilingual alphabetical book in verse.

***The Quickest Kid in Clarksville***

**by Pat Zietlow Miller, illustrated by Frank Morrison**

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781452129365

In 1960, on her way to meet Olympic track star Wilma Rudolph at the hometown parade, Alta discovers that it is not shoes that make her fast.

***Strictly No Elephants***

**by Lisa Mantchev, illustrated by Tae-eun Yoo**

Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781481416474

Pets—and friends—come in all shapes and sizes.

***Surf's Up***

**by Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Daniel Miyares**

NorthSouth Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780735842205  
Frog friends Bro and Dude hilariously debate whether surfing or reading is a better way to spend a day at the beach.

***They All Saw a Cat***

**by Brendan Wenzel**

Chronicle Books, 2016, ISBN:  
9781452150130

Difference in perspective is clearly demonstrated in this book as many animals all look at the same cat.

***Treat***

**by Mary Sullivan**

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,  
2016, ISBN: 9780544472709

Learn the many things this dog does in order to get a treat to eat in this light tale filled with humor.

***Urgency Emergency! Itsy Bitsy Spider***

**by Dosh Archer**

Albert Whitman, 2015, ISBN: 9780807583609

In this funny early reader, Doctor Glenda and Nurse Percy rush to work when the penguin paramedics bring in a very small spider who has fallen down a waterspout.

***Waiting for High Tide***

**by Nikki McClure**

Abrams, 2016, ISBN: 9781419716560

While the tide is out, a young boy and his family find treasures of all kinds in the muddy shoreline; stunning cut-paper illustrations make this a visual treat.

***We Are Growing!***

**by Mo Willems and Laurie Keller**

Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN: 9781484726358

While all of the other blades of grass find something at which they are the “-est.” Walt, an ordinary blade, feels a bit left out in this Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Series title. But, wait, what is that sound? Is that the . . . lawn mower!?



**Chickasaw Elementary School**  
**Suggested Summer Reading**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**2018**

***Ape and Armadillo Take Over the World***  
**by James Sturm**

TOON Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781943145096  
Ape and Armadillo learn that achieving world domination is a lot less fun without your best friend at your side.

***The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore***

**by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson, illustrated by R. Gregory Christie**

Carolrhoda Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780761339434  
The story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, a testament to the power of words and reading and a celebration of culture during some turbulent years.

***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***

**by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder, illustrated by Mary GrandPré**

Crown Books, 2015, ISBN: 9780385392280  
A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

***Fable Comics***

**Edited by Chris Duffy**

First Second, 2015, ISBN: 9781626721074  
Twenty-eight fables from different countries are retold with the help of prominent children's book illustrators.

***Flying Lessons & Other Stories***

**Edited by Ellen Oh**

Crown Books, 2017, ISBN: 9781101934593  
Ten authors celebrate diversity through tales of Bigfoot, basketball, girl pirates, and more in a highly readable, relatable short-story collection.

***Fort***

**by Cynthia DeFelice**

Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2015, ISBN: 9780374324278  
Friends Wyatt and Augie spend an unplugged summer in the woods, building a fort and protecting a disabled boy from bullies.

***Freedom over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life***

**by Ashley Bryan**

Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781481456906  
Bryan breathes life into eleven slaves (listed as property on a document from 1828 that he purchased in an estate sale) through his exquisite portraits and narrative poetry.

***Full of Beans***

**by Jennifer L. Holm**

Random House, 2016, ISBN: 9780553510362  
In Depression era Key West, Beans Curry and his barefoot gang of friends try various schemes to make easy money in this laugh-out-loud historical novel.

***Garvey's Choice***

**by Nikki Grimes**

WordSong, 2016, ISBN: 9781629797403  
Overweight sci-fi nerd Garvey knows he can never be the athlete his father wants him to be, but maybe—just maybe—he might be able to find his own path when he joins the school chorus.

***Hiawatha and the Peacemaker***

**by Robbie Robertson, illustrated by David Shannon**

Abrams, 2015, ISBN: 9781419712203  
A powerful introduction to the story of Hiawatha, the Mohawk who translated the message of unity from the Peacemaker, unifying the five nations of Iroquois.

***Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph***

**by Roxane Orgill, illustrated by Frances Valjejo**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763669546  
This collection of poetry focuses on the process art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

***Juana and Lucas***

**by Juana Medina**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763672089  
A little girl growing up in Bogotá is determined to learn English before her trip to the U.S. and her visit to Spaceland.

***The Jumbies***

**by Tracey Baptiste**

Algonquin, 2015, ISBN: 9781616204143  
Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

***The Last Kids on Earth***

**by Max Brallier, illustrated by Douglas Holgate**

Viking, 2015, ISBN: 9780670016617  
Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead, this postapocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

***Lola Levine Is Not Mean!***

**by Monica Brown, illustrated by Angela Dominguez**

Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN: 9780316258364  
Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field—and her friends—by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about.

***Moo***

**by Sharon Creech**

HarperCollins, 2016, ISBN: 9780062415240  
When Reena found out she was moving to Maine, she pictured lighthouses and lobsters, not a neighbor with a zany cow named Zora.

***Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea***

**by Ben Clanton**

Tundra Books, 2016, ISBN: 9781101918715  
A narwhal and a jellyfish strike up an unlikely friendship and have adventures under the sea.

***Nothing but Trouble***

**by Jacqueline Davies**

HarperCollins/Katherine Tegen Books, 2016, ISBN: 9780062369888  
Maggie, aspiring scientist and hacker, and Lena, a talented artist, team up to add a little mystery and mischief to the last days of Odawahaka Middle School.

***Oona Finds an Egg***

**by Adele Griffin, illustrated by Mike Wu**

Scholastic, 2016, ISBN: 9780545732796  
Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. First in a series.

***Pax***

**by Sara Pennypacker, illustrated by Jon Klassen**

Balzer + Bray, 2016, ISBN: 9780062377012  
Peter leaves home to reunite with his beloved pet fox, Pax.

***Raymie Nightingale***

**by Kate DiCamillo**

Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN: 9780763681173  
Raymie prepares for a local beauty pageant in the hopes of getting the attention of her father and becomes friends with her quirky competitors.

