

Dear Parents,

The Woodbridge Township School District is proud to announce that this year's first grade summer reading program is designed to support the **Woodbridge Reads** initiative through a partnership with the Woodbridge Public Library. Jointly, we recommend **100 + Books to Read in First Grade**, a list developed by the Children's Department of the Woodbridge Public Library in conjunction with Woodbridge Reads and the Woodbridge School District, as books to be enjoyed during the summer before first grade and throughout the first grade year.

Please assist your child in selecting a variety of books from this list as well as other books that interest your child. We encourage you to read to your child every day, visit the Woodbridge Public Library frequently, and participate in the summer reading and other children's programs offered through the Woodbridge Public Library.

Reading to your child and talking about books develops character, strengthens families, and prepares children for long-term success in school and in life. Join the Woodbridge Township School District and the Woodbridge Public Library in affirming that **Woodbridge Reads** as you enjoy many exciting and enriching summer reading experiences with your child. Best wishes for an inspiring summer and a successful school year!

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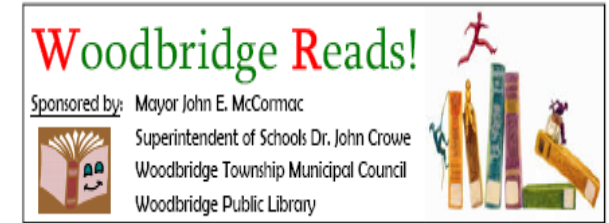
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**Woodbridge Township
School District**



**Summer Reading Program
Entering Grade 1**

**100 + Books
to Read in
First Grade**

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Around the World

Picture Books and Folk Tales

- ❑ *Amelia's Fantastic Flight* by Rose Bursik
- ❑ *For You Are a Kenyan Child* by Kelly Cunnane
- ❑ *Strega Nona* retold by Tomie de Paola
- ❑ *I Lost My Tooth in Africa* by Penda Diakite
- ❑ *Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken* by Kate DiCamillo
- ❑ *The Gingerbread Girl* by Lisa Campbell Ernst
- ❑ *The Girl Who Spun Gold* by Virginia Hamilton
- ❑ *Come Fly with Me* by Satomi Ichikawa
- ❑ *Anansi's Party Time* by Eric Kimmel
- ❑ *Everybody Bonjours!* by Leslie Kimmelman
- ❑ *Adele and Simon* by Barbara McClintock
- ❑ *My Mother's Sari* by Sandhya Rao
- ❑ *Shades of People* by Shelly Rotner
- ❑ *All the World* by Liz Garton Scanlon
- ❑ *Lon Po Po* by Ed Young

Easy Readers

- ❑ *Pedro's Burro* by Alyssa Capucilli
- ❑ *Panda Kisses* by Alyssa Capucilli
- ❑ *Chang's Paper Pony* by Eleanor Coerr
- ❑ *Rafi and Rosi* by Lulu Delacre
- ❑ *Rafi and Rosi: Carnival!* by Lulu Delacre

Non-Fiction

- ❑ *Recess at 20 Below* by Cindy Lou Aillaud
- ❑ *One World, One Day* by Barbara Kerley
- ❑ *How Much? Visiting Markets around the World* by Ted Lewin
- ❑ *Come and Play* by Ayana Lowe
- ❑ *Wangari's Trees of Peace* by Jeanette Winter

Everything Grows

Picture Books

- ❑ *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin
- ❑ *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert
- ❑ *Someone Bigger* by Jonathan Emmett
- ❑ *Scoot!* by Cathryn Falwell
- ❑ *Big Chickens* by Leslie Helakoski
- ❑ *Katie Loves the Kittens* by John Himmelman
- ❑ *My Brother Bert* by Ted Hughes
- ❑ *The Mysterious Tadpole* by Stephen Kellogg
- ❑ *All Aboard the Dinotrain* by Deb Lund
- ❑ *Martha Speaks* by Susan Meddaugh
- ❑ *Fletcher and the Falling Leaves* by Julia Rawlinson
- ❑ *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by Jon Scieszka
- ❑ *Wombat Walkabout* by Carol Diggery Shields
- ❑ *The Giant and the Beanstalk* by Diane Stanley
- ❑ *Puffling* by Margaret Wild

Easy Readers

- ❑ *Hi! Fly Guy!* by Tedd Arnold
- ❑ *When Tiny Was Tiny* by Cari Meister

- ❑ *Chicken Said, "Cluck!"* by Judyann Ackerman Grant
- ❑ *Puppy Mudge Wants to Play* by Cynthia Rylant
- ❑ *Mittens* by Lola Schaefer

Non-Fiction

- ❑ *A Seed Is Sleepy* by Dianna Hutts Aston
- ❑ *Dinosaurs!* by Gail Gibbons
- ❑ *Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals* by Steve Jenkins
- ❑ *It's a Butterfly's Life* by Irene Kelly
- ❑ *Guess What Is Growing Inside This Egg?* by Mia Posada

Past, Present, Future

Picture Books

- ❑ *Grace for President* by Kelly S. DiPucchio
- ❑ *Tyrannosaurus Drip* by Julia Donaldson
- ❑ *The Princess Knight* by Cornelia Funke
- ❑ *Dinotrux* by Chris Gall
- ❑ *Apples to Oregon* by Deborah Hopkinson
- ❑ *The Knight Who Took All Day* by James Mayhew
- ❑ *Art* by Patrick McDonnell
- ❑ *Mrs. Watson Wants Your Teeth* by Alison McGhee
- ❑ *I'm Mighty* by Kate McMullan
- ❑ *Superhero School* by Aaron Reynolds
- ❑ *The Totally Wonderful Miss Plumberry* by Michael Rosen
- ❑ *Robot Zot!* by Jon Scieszka
- ❑ *Winter Is the Warmest Season* by Lauren String
- ❑ *The House in the Night* by Susan Marie Swanson
- ❑ *Mary Smith* by Andrea U'Ren

Easy Readers

- ❑ *Arthur's Reading Race* by Marc Brown
- ❑ *The Golly Sisters Go West* by Betsy Byars
- ❑ *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa* by Erica Silverman
- ❑ *Good Night, Good Knight* by Shelley Moore Thomas
- ❑ *Commander Toad in Space* by Jane Yolen

Non-Fiction

- ❑ *Look to the Stars* by Buzz Aldrin
- ❑ *Our Children Can Soar* by Michelle Cook
- ❑ *The Boy on Fairfield Street* by Kathleen Krull
- ❑ *If You Decide to Go to the Moon* by Faith McNulty
- ❑ *Love Your World* by Dawn Sirett

Together

Picture Books

- ❑ *A Visitor for Bear* by Bonny Becker
- ❑ *Wallace's Lists* by Barbara Bottner
- ❑ *Violet the Pilot* by Steve Breen
- ❑ *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- ❑ *Lily Brown's Paintings* by Angela Johnson
- ❑ *Library Mouse* by Daniel Kirk

- ❑ *Bats at the Library* by Brian Lies
- ❑ *Froggy Gets Dressed* by Jonathan London
- ❑ *Bad Boys* by Margie Palatini
- ❑ *School Picture Day* by Lynn Plourde
- ❑ *Thunder Cake* by Patricia Polacco
- ❑ *Splat the Cat* by Rob Scotton
- ❑ *Wild about Books* by Judy Sierra
- ❑ *The Great Fuzz Frenzy* by Janet Stevens
- ❑ *How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?* by Jane Yolen

Easy Readers

- ❑ *Sunshine, Moonshine* by Jennifer Armstrong
- ❑ *What a Trip, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger
- ❑ *Iris and Walter* by Elissa Guest
- ❑ *Mr. Putter and Tabby Bake the Cake* by Cynthia Rylant
- ❑ *Today I Will Fly!* by Mo Willems

Non-Fiction

- ❑ *Owen and Mzee* by Isabella Hatkoff
- ❑ *Sisters & Brothers* by Steve Jenkins
- ❑ *Two Bobbies* by Kirby Larson
- ❑ *My Parents Think I'm Sleeping* by Jack Prelutsky
- ❑ *A Pair of Polar Bears* by Joanne Ryder

Chapter Books to Read Aloud

Around the World

- ❑ *Time Cat* by Lloyd Alexander
- ❑ *The White Elephant* by Sid Fleischman
- ❑ *Akimbo and the Elephants* by Alexander McCall Smith
- ❑ *The Adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great* by Gerald Morris
- ❑ *Knights of the Kitchen Table* by Jon Scieszka

Everything Grows

- ❑ *Poppy* by Avi
- ❑ *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary
- ❑ *Bunnica* by Deborah and James Howe
- ❑ *Catwings* by Ursula Le Guin
- ❑ *Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne
- ❑ *A Cricket in Times Square* by George Seldon

Past, Present, Future

- ❑ *The Blue Ghost* by Marion Dane Bauer
- ❑ *The Dragon of Doom* by Bruce Coville
- ❑ *The Princess Test* by Gail Carson Levine
- ❑ *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- ❑ *Keep the Lights Burning, Abby* by Peter Roop
- ❑ *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Together

- ❑ *The Magical Ms. Plum* by Bonny Becker
- ❑ *Gloria Rising* by Anne Cameron
- ❑ *Frindle* by Andrew Clements
- ❑ *Rip-Roaring Russell* by Johanna Hurwitz
- ❑ *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins
- ❑ *Harriet's Hare* by Dick King-Smith