Picture Books

The Serpent Came to Gloucester ............................................. Anderson
Extra Yarn ................................................................. Barnett
My Teacher Is a Monster ...................................................... Brown
The Great Kapok Tree .......................................................... Cherry
The Day the Crayons Came Home ....................................... Daywalt
Last Stop on Market Street .................................................. de la Pena
Drum Dream Girl ............................................................... Engle
A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever ......................... Frazee
The Man Who Walked Between the Towers ......................... Gerstein
Dog Magic ................................................................. Golembe
Waiting ........................................................................ Henkes
Henry’s Freedom Box ......................................................... Levine
Otis .............................................................................. Long, L.
How I Became a Pirate ......................................................... Long, M.
Ballot Box Battle ............................................................... McMullan
I’m Brave! ......................................................................... McCully
Moses Goes to a Concert ..................................................... Millman
My Rows and Piles of Coins ................................................... Mollel
Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin ........................................................... Moss
Grasshopper & the Ants ........................................................ Pinkney
Officer Buckle and Gloria ..................................................... Rathmann
Grandfather’s Journey ........................................................ Say
I Used to Be Afraid ............................................................. Seeger
The Lorax ....................................................................... Stead
Saving Sweetness .............................................................. Stanley
Sebastian and the Balloon ..................................................... Stead
Doctor De Soto ................................................................... Steig
Zachary’s Ball ................................................................. Tavares
Mailing May ..................................................................... Tunnell
That Is NOT A Good Idea .................................................... Willems
Show Way ................................................................ Woodson
Owl Moon ........................................................................ Yolen

Beginning to Read Books

Fly Guy (series) ........................................................................ Arnold
Pete the Cat (series) ............................................................. Dean
Bink & Gollie (series) ............................................................ DiCamillo
Penny (series) ...................................................................... Henkes
Pinkalicious (series) ............................................................ Kann
Max (series) ....................................................................... Klein
Ling and Ting (series) ........................................................... Lin
Katie Woo, Where Are You? (series) ................................. Manushkin
Big Dog and Little Dog (series) ............................................. Pilkey
Ten Eggs in a Nest ................................................................ Sadler
Ballet Cat (series) ............................................................... Shea
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa (series) .......................................... Silverman
Pig in a Wig (series) ............................................................ Virjan
Elephant and Piggie (series) .................................................. Willems

Chapter Books

Ivy and Bean (series) ............................................................ Barrows
Violet Mackerel (series) ........................................................ Brayford
Flat Stanley (series) ............................................................ Brown
Eerie Elementary (series) ...................................................... Chabert
Chicken Squad ................................................................... Cronin
Notebook of Doom (series) .................................................. Cummings
Leroy Ninker Saddles Up ..................................................... DiCamillo
Nikki and Deja (series) ........................................................ English
The Pirate Pig ................................................................. Funke
Princess in Black (series) ....................................................... Hale
Zapato Power (series) .......................................................... Jules
Alvin Ho (series) ............................................................... Look
Stink (series) ..................................................................... McDonald
Lulu (series) ....................................................................... McKay
A to Z Mysteries (series) ...................................................... Roy
No-Dogs-Allowed Rule ........................................................ Sheth
Geronimo Stilton/Thea Stilton (series) ............................... Stilton
Daisy Dawson (series) ........................................................ Voake
Elray Jakes (series) ............................................................. Warner
Story of Diva & Flea .......................................................... Willems

One Book / One Grade

This summer, all rising 2nd graders will read
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin.

Poems, Riddles & Songs

The Neighborhood Sing-Along ............................................. Crews
In the Wild ....................................................................... Elliott
Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings .................. Florian
Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry .......... Giovanni
Simms Taback’s Great Big Book of Spacey, Snakey, ........... Hall
Buggy Riddles ...................................................................(Press)
My People ..................................................................... Hughes
Yellow Elephant: A Bright Bestiary ................................... Larios
Take me out to the Ballgame ................................................. Norwood
De Colores and Other Latin American Folk Songs .......... (Press)
for Children ..................................................................... Orozco
Good Sports: Rhymes About Running, Jumping, ............. Prentz
Throwing and More.............................................................. Prelutsky
Mirror, Mirror: A Book fo Reversible Verse ......................... Racol
Here’s a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry ............. Yolen

Nursery Rhymes

Pio Peep! Traditional Spanish Nursery Rhymes .................. Ada
Skip Across the Ocean: Nursery Rhymes from ................. Bennington
Around the World ................................................................ Crews
The Neighborhood Mother Goose ................................... Benjamin
Songs in the Shade of the Flamboyant Tree: French Creole ... Grosleziat, comp.
Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes .......................................... Grosleziat, comp.
Over the Hills and Far Away: .............................................. Hammill, comp.
A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes ........................................... Hammer
You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You: Very Short ..................... Hornman
Mother Goose Tales to Read Together .............................. Hoberman
Red, Green, Blue: A First Book of Colors ......................... Jay
Pocketful of Posies: A Treasury of Nursery Rhymes .......... Mavor
Here Comes Mother Goose ................................................... Opie
Three Little Kittens ............................................................. Pinkney
Truckery Rhymes ............................................................... Scieszka

Folk Tales & Fairy Tales

Why Do Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears? ......................... Aadema
Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella ............................................ Brett
Jack and the Beanstalk ........................................................ Crews
Princess Patty Meets Her Match ......................................... Harper
The Boy Who Cried Wolf ...................................................... Hennessey

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Dorchester: 27 Richmond St. 617-298-9218
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Roxbury: 2044 Columbus Ave. 617-445-4340
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months are a wonderful time for you to help your children develop a love for books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program for your children to last the whole summer.

This Summer Book List will help you assure that your children are reading high quality literature. All the books on the list are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your children meet these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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