

Hazlet Township Public Schools

Summer Reading 2023 Entering Grades 1-4



June 2023

To Parents/Guardians and Students:

As summer approaches, the Hazlet Township School District encourages our students to choose reading as one of the many activities they enjoy while on break from school. Summer reading helps children to continue to develop skills and strategies that they have learned during the school year, and everyone loves a good book!

This year, we are excited to provide books for summer reading to our students in grades PreK-8; these will be distributed mid-June. Students are encouraged to read regularly over the summer for a minimum of ten minutes a day if they are entering first grade, fifteen minutes a day if they are entering second grade, and twenty minutes a day if they are entering third or fourth grades. Lists of suggested titles are attached. The lists are intended as selection guides and not as requirements; feel free to supplement with other books appropriate to your child's age or interests. Lists for all grade levels can be found on the district website's summer assignment page (<https://www.hazlet.org/o/htpsd/page/summer-assignments>). If your child selects a title that is challenging for them, we encourage that you read to or with your child. The main goal is for students to enjoy their reading.

Books may be obtained from the public library, a bookstore or online vendor such as Barnes and Noble, or an e-book source. Ebooks are available to borrow through the Monmouth County Library's online system at [Monmouth County Library - OverDrive](#). In addition, some of the online programs that students use during the school year may be accessible over the summer for reading material. Your child's teacher can provide information about these programs, if available.

We encourage your child to participate in one or more of the many reading incentive programs available this summer. A few are listed below:

- Monmouth County Library summer reading program: [monmouthcountylib.beanstack...](#)
- Scholastic Summer Reading: [Summer-Reading](#)
- Barnes and Noble Summer Reading: [SummerReading | Barnes & Noble](#)

In addition, we are excited to announce a special reading incentive program provided by the Hazlet Township Police Department. Details about this program can be found here: [500 Minutes of Summer.docx.pdf](#).

Please record your child's summer reading progress on the enclosed log sheets, also posted on the district website's summer assignment page (<https://www.hazlet.org/o/htpsd/page/summer-assignments>). These log sheets should be turned in to your child's teacher when the new school year begins in September.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's current Language Arts teacher, the building principal, or Suzanne Capraro, English Supervisor, at scapraro@hazlet.org or 732-264-8401, ext. 1008. We hope that you have an enjoyable summer and wish you Happy Reading!

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Summer Reading Book Suggestions Grades K-2



These titles were compiled by The Horn Book's Family Reading Blog and by Follett Titlewave. Information about the books can be found at [2023 Summer Reading Picture Books](#), at [2023 Summer Reading: Beginning Readers and Primary Grades](#), and by searching in <https://books.google.com>.

Ancient Night

by David Álvarez with David Bowles

Animal Armor

(*National Geographic Readers*)

by Laura F. Marsh

Animal Homes

(*National Geographic Readers*)

by Shira Evans

Animals in Pants

by Suzy Levinson;

illustrated by Kristen Howdeshell

and Kevin Howdeshell

Beaky Barnes: Egg on the Loose

by David Ezra Stein

Bear and Bird:

The Picnic and Other Stories

by Jarvis

Chicken in Mittens

by Adam Lehrhaupt

Dark on Light

by Dianne White;

illustrated by Felicita Sala

Dogs: A History of

Our Best Friends

by Lita Judge

Elena Rides

by Juana Medina

Evergreen

by Matthew Cordell

Glowing Animals

(*National Geographic Readers*)

by Rose Davidson

The Good Egg

and the Talent Show

by Jory John

Hey Otter! Hey Beaver!

by Brian Pinkney

Jump In!

by Shadra Strickland

The Last Plastic Straw:

a Plastic Problem

and Finding Ways to Fix It

by Dee Romito;

illustrated by Ziyue Chen

Grades K-2 Summer Reading Book Suggestions, continued

Lemon Bird: Can Help!
by Paulina Ganucheau

Let's Go!
by Michael Emberley

Little Land
by Diana Studka

Lost and Found
(*World of Reading*)
by Laura Butler

My Dad is a Tree
by Jon Agee

My Powerful Hair
by Carole Lindstrom;
illustrated by Steph Littlebird

Narwhal's Otter Friend
by Ben Clanton

Off the Wall
by Theodore Taylor III

Once Upon a Book
by Grace Lin and Kate Messner

Remember
by Joy Harjo;
illustrated by Michaela Goade

*Rica Baptista: Llamas, Iguanas,
and My Very Best Friend*
by Janet Costa Bates;
illustrated by Gladys Jose

Shark Princess
by Nidhi Chanani

The Song That Called Them Home
by David A. Robertson;
illustrated by Maya McKibbin

*Ten Rules You Absolutely Must
Not Break if You Want to Survive
the School Bus*
by John Grandits

The Tree and the River
by Aaron Becker

Violet & Jobie in the Wild
by Lynne Rae Perkins

Wild Blue: Taming a Big-Kid Bike
by Dashka Slater;
illustrated by Laura Hughes

*Yoshi, Sea Turtle Genius:
A True Story About
an Amazing Swimmer*
by Lynne Cox;
illustrated by Richard Jones

Additional age-specific book lists can be found on Scholastic's parent page ([Books and Reading](#)) and on the website of the Monmouth County Library ([Books and Reading for Kids](#)).



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Summer Reading Book Suggestions

Grades 3-4



These titles were compiled by WeAreTeachers and Follett Titlewave.

Information about the books can be found at

<https://www.weareteachers.com/summer-reading-list-for-kids/#chapter>

and by searching in <https://books.google.com>

Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants

by Andrea Beaty;

illustrated by David Roberts

Agent Moose

by Mo O'Hara;

illustrated by Jess Bradley

Arlo & Pips: King of the Birds

by Elise Gravel

Baby Monkey, Private Eye

by Brian Selznick

and David Serlin

Baloney and Friends

by Greg Pizzoli

BlancaFlor:

The Hero With Secret Powers

by F. Isabel Campoy

Bunbun and Bonbon:

Fancy Friends

by Jess Keating

Donut Feed the Squirrels

by Mika Song

Dr. Snow Has Got to Go!

by Dan Gutman

Escape From the Roller Ghoster

(Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol)

by Andres Miedoso;

illustrated by Victor Rivas

Evelyn Del Ray is Moving Away

by Meg Medina;

illustrated by Sonia Sánchez

Face to Face With Sharks

by David Doubilet

and Jennifer Hayes

InvestiGators

by John Patrick Green

*I Survived the Shark Attacks
of 1916*

by Lauren Tarshis

*I Survived the Wellington
Avalanche, 1910*

by Lauren Tarshis

Jo Jo Makoons:

The Used-to-Be-Best-Friend

by Dawn Quigley;

illustrated by Tara Audibert

Max and the Midnights

by Lincoln Peirce

Grades 3-4 Summer Reading Book Suggestions, continued

Diana Toledano

Measuring Up

by Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu

Meet Yasmin

by Saadia Faruqi;
illustrated by Hatem Ali

Monsters Beware!

by Rafael Rosado
and Jorge Aguirre

Pea, Bee, & Jay: Stuck Together

by Brian “Smitty” Smith

Pick Your Own Quest:

Dragon vs. Unicorn
by Connor Hoover

Pizza and Taco: Who’s the Best?

by Stephen Shaskan

The Poet’s Dog

by Patricia MacLachlan

Polly Diamond and

the Magic Book
by Alice Kuipers and

Power Forward

by Hena Khan

Real Friends

by Shannon Hale and
LeUyen Pham

*Scaredy Bat and
the Missing Jellyfish*

by Marina J. Bowman

*Search for a Giant Squid
(Pick Your Path)*

by Amy Seto Forrester
and Andy Chou Musser

She Persisted: Maria Tallchief

by Christine Day

*West Meadows Detectives:
The Case of Maker Mischief*

by Liam O’Donnell;
illustrated by Aurélie Grand

Worm and Caterpillar are Friends

by Kaz Windness

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How to Discuss a Book With Your Child (from lexile.com)



Before your child reads a book, ask:

- Why did you select this book?
- What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
- What do you think the book is going to be about?
- Does this book remind you of anything you've already read or seen?
- What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
- What do you think is going to happen?

While your child is reading a book, try asking:

- Will you catch me up on the story? What's happened so far?
- What do you think will happen next?
- If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
- If the book were a TV show or movie, which actors would you cast in it?
- Where is the book set?
- If the main character in that story lived next door, would you be friends with him/her?
- What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
- Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

After your child has finished a book, ask questions like:

- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Who was your favorite character? Why?
- What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?
- Did the problem of the book's plot get solved?
- If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?

