

# DANBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Entering Grades 2

### Summer Reading



Dear Families,

Summer vacation is a great time to catch up on all our favorite books! Losing oneself in book gives students the chance to go on adventures and learn something new. In Danbury, we know that students must continue to read in order to maintain the skills they have learned throughout the year. Additionally, the time spent reading, will continue to bridge the work done in the past school year to the new school year.

Research from the National Summer Learning Association has found that the average student loses two months of reading growth, or 22% of the learning that took place during the school year. Summer reading loss has a cumulative effect as students continue on through the grades. However, **you** have the power to make a difference by making sure your child reads every day.

Families are encouraged to participate with their children by reading and discussing books with them. It's best when students read materials that are easy for them to read and understand by themselves. A *suggested* list of authors and book titles for students who have completed grades one and two is attached for those who need some ideas of where to start, but remember children may choose others with parental approval. Kids love books in series and it helps them become stronger readers. They also love reading nonfiction, or informational text, because it is fun to read and they learn about the world around them.

We encourage families to visit our Danbury Public Library which has many free programs, hundreds of books, and state of the art technology to inspire readers of all ages. In addition, book lists are available online at: <http://www.nutmegaward.org/elementary>

All students are asked to keep a record of the book titles they read and bring their lists to school by **Friday, September 6th**. Schools will be highlighting students' successes with special events, competitions, and/or celebrations.

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## Suggested Reading List

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#### Fiction

Allard- *Miss Nelson has a Field Day*  
Arnold- Fly Guy series  
Anderson- *The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School*  
Brown- *Arthur's Reading Race*  
Child- *I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato*  
Craemer- *Pellie Runs a Marathon*  
DiCamillo- Mercy Watson series, Golly and Bink series  
DeGroat & Rotner- *Dog's Don't Brush Their Teeth*  
Dorros- *Abuela*  
Ellery- *If I Were a Jungle Animal*  
Flor Ada- *I Love Saturdays y Domingos*  
Giff- *Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat*  
Holabird-*Angelina Ballerina series*  
James Howe- *Pinky & Rex series*  
Kelley- *School Lunch*  
Krensky- *Louise Super Star*  
Meddaugh- Martha Speaks series  
Osborne-Magic Tree House series  
Park- Junie B. Jones Series  
Schachner- Skippyjon Jones series  
Silverman- *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa Series*  
Thomson-*Keena Ford and the Field Trip Mix-up*  
Rylant- *Mr. Putter & Tabby Run the Race*  
Willems-Piggy and Elephant series, Pigeon series

#### Nonfiction

DK Readers Series  
National Geographic Kids Series  
Berne- *On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein*  
Brown- *Dinosaurs Alive and Well: A Guide to Good Health*  
Cook- *Hey Batta Batta Swing! The Wild Old Days of Baseball*  
Coy -*Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball*  
Dussling- *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*  
Ehlert- *Growing Vegetable Soup*  
Gibbons- *Sun Up, Sun Down, Alligators & Crocodiles, Fire, Fire*  
Rappaport- *Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller*  
Wallace- *Diving Dolphins*