

Manhattan Beach Unified School District
2015 Summer Pleasure Reading
Pleasure reading recommended by MBUSD Library Media Specialists
For Students Entering Grades 1 and 2

PICTURE BOOKS

Fraidyzoo, by Thyra Heder (2013)

Little T was frightened last time her family visited the zoo, but now she cannot remember why. Her creative family helps by imitating animals from A to Z until she recalls exactly what happened.

Any Questions? by Marie-Louise Gay (2014)

How do authors and illustrators do what they do? In this book the story of a shy giant and a purple monster comes together, revealing the creative process.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk, by Charles G. Shaw (1947)

It might look like spilt milk or a tree or even a sheep. This classic picture book might inspire a little cloud gazing on a summer afternoon.

Hana Hashimoto, Sixth Violin, by Chieri Uegaki (2014)

Inspired by her grandfather's music and her parents' support, Hana signs up for the talent show even though she is just a beginner on the violin. She plays in her own way and delivers a beautiful performance.

Take Away the A, by Michaël Escoffier (2014)

In this unusual alphabet book, the text and illustrations show how subtracting a single letter from a word can make an entirely different word.

Betty Bunny Wants a Goal, by Michael B. Kaplan (2014)

When she fails to score a single goal, Betty Bunny declares that "soccer is yucky" and stuffs her uniform in the trash. Though she eventually learns the importance of perseverance, the lesson has surprising results.

The Book with No Pictures, by B.J. Novak (2015)

Clever and silly, this one will have kids (and adults) begging to hear it again! Everything written on the page has to be spoken aloud. Sometimes the words are a preposterous song, and sometimes they are a list of goofy sounds like BLORK, BLUURF, and GLIBBITY GLOBBITY.

The Jacket, by Kirsten Hall (2014)

When the cover of a cherished book is soiled, the girl who loves the book makes a jacket for it. Includes simple instructions for making a book jacket, which might be a fun summer project.

NONFICTION

Recess at 20 Below, by Cindy Lou Aillaud (2005)

Beach children love this story about recess time that is so very different from recess as it is enjoyed here in Manhattan Beach.

Mr. Cornell's Dream Boxes, by Jeanette Winter (2014)

Joseph Cornell loved to draw and collect things, and with these drawings and collected treasures he made marvelous shadowboxes. He most liked to share his wonderlands with children, for he felt they best understood his work. Sure to inspire a summer art project involving found treasures, ordinary household objects, a little paint, and some imagination.

CHAPTER BOOKS

The Princess in Black, by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale (2014)

When monsters threaten the royal goats, Princess Magnolia simply transforms into her superhero identity—the Princess in Black—to save them and Duff, the goat boy. Will the Princess in Black be able to keep her identity secret from curious Duchess Wigtower?

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up, by Kate DiCamillo (2014)

Leroy (a character from DiCamillo's *Mercy Watson* series) needs a horse if he is to be a real cowboy. He acquires Maybelline, a horse who loves spaghetti and sweet talk. Things are going great, until Leroy's beloved Maybelline runs off during a storm.

CHAPTER BOOKS IN A SERIES

Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight, by Wendy Mass and Michael Brawer (2014)

It is the night Archie has been waiting for: he gets to ride along on his dad's shift as a taxi driver. What a surprise it is when Archie realizes just how far Dad's taxi goes!

Mr. Putter and Tabby Turn the Page, by Cynthia Rylant (2014)

Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, love reading their favorite books over and over, so Mr. Putter signs up for the "Read Aloud with Your Pet" program at the library. Tabby knows how to behave, but Mrs. Teaberry's dog Zeke...not so much. *Turn the Page* is the latest among many *Mr. Putter and Tabby* books.

Captain Awesome, by Stan Kirby (2012-2015)

Captain Awesome and his pal Nacho Cheese Man are always ready to protect the town of Sunnyview! This fun series is sure to appeal to readers as they advance to chapter books.

Dodsworth in New York, by Tim Egan (2009)

Starting with their trip to New York, Dodsworth and his companion, a mischievous duck, travel the world: *Dodsworth in London* (2010), *Dodsworth in Paris* (2010), *Dodsworth in Rome* (2012), and most recently, *Dodsworth in Tokyo* (2013).