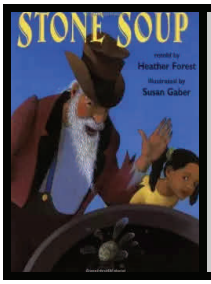
FRIENDS' CENTRAL SCHOOL

2015 Summer Reading Suggestions for Students

Entering Grade 2



In the fall, all Lower School classes will read the folktale *Stone Soup*, retold by Heather Forest, which illustrates the Quaker testimony COMMUNITY. Families may enjoy reading this book together over the summer!

These lists are just suggestions, mostly fiction. Many children love to read nonfiction books. Let their interests guide you. There are many beautiful, informative nonfiction picture books, including biographies, folktales, and poetry.

Great Novels and Poetry Books to Read to Children

Blume	*Fudge-a-Mania* (and others)
Burnett	*The Secret Garden*
Cleary	*Ramona Quimby, Age 8* (and others)
Clements	*Frindle* (and others)
Dahl	*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (and others)
DiCamillo	*The Tale of Despereaux* (Newbery winner)
Eager	*Half Magic*
Edwards	*The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles*
Gannett	*My Father's Dragon* series
Jenkins	*Toys Go Out* (and sequels)
Lewis	*Chronicles of Narnia* series
Lowry	*Gooney Bird Greene* (and sequels)
Martin	*The Doll People* (and sequels)
Napoli	*Prince of the Pond* (and sequels)
O'Connor	*The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester*
Prelutsky	*For Laughing Out Loud* (poetry)
Rockwell	*How to Eat Fried Worms*
Rylant	*Gooseberry Park*
Selden	*The Cricket in Times Square*
Selznick	*The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
Silverstein	*Where the Sidewalk Ends*
Steig	*Dominic*
Tolkien	*The Hobbit*
White	*Charlotte's Web*; *Trumpet of the Swan*

Short Chapter Books

To Read Independently or Aloud Together

Adler	*Bones and the Math Test Mystery; Young Cam Jansen* stories
Barrows	*Ivy and Bean* (series)
Barkley	*Critter Club* (series)
Bunting	*Frog and Friends*
Byars	*Golly Sisters* (series)
Cleary	*Two Times the Fun*
Cole	*Norma Jean, Jumping Bean*
Coven	*Heidi Heckelbeck* (series)
DiCamillo	*Mercy Watson* (series); *Bink & Gollie* (series)
DeRubertus	*Lulu's Lemonade*
Egan	*Dodsworth* (series)
Gantos	*Rotten Ralph Helps Out* (and others)
Grimes	*Dyamonde Daniel* (series)
Hale	*Princess in Black*
Hayes	*A Poor Excuse for a Dragon*
Kline	*Horrible Harry* (series)
Lobel	*Frog and Toad* (series)
Lord	*Shelter Pet Squad* (series)
Lubar	*Looniverse* (series)
Marshall	*George and Martha* series; *Fox* (series)
McDonald	*Judy Moody and Friends* (series)
O'Connor	*Nancy Clancy Super Sleuth*
O'Ryan	*Galaxy Zack* (series)
Osborne, M.	*Magic Tree House* (series)
Paris	*Greetings from Somewhere* (series)
Parish	*Amelia Bedelia* (series)
Pennypacker	*The Amazing World of Stuart*
Rylant	*Poppleton; Henry and Mudge; Mr. Putter and Tabby*
Schaefer	*Monkey and Elephant* (series)
Schoenberg	*The One and Only Stuey Lewis*
Schlitz	*The Night Fairy*
Scieszka	*The Stinky Cheese Man*
Sharmat	*Nate the Great; Olivia Sharp* (series)
Stilton	*Geronimo Stilton and Thea Stilton* (series)
Thaler	*Black Lagoon Adventures* (series)
Thomson	*Keena Ford* (series)
Quinn	*Kingdom of Wrenly* (series)
Usborne series	*Stories of Pirates*; *Stories of Dolls and Fairies*
Yee	*Mouse and Mole* (series)
Yolen	*Commander Toad in Space* (series)

Reading aloud to children fosters a love of books that will last a lifetime!