

**WEST ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS
SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2017**

**SUGGESTED READING LIST
GRADES K-2**

Title	Description
<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> by Drew Daywalt	Poor Duncan just wants to color. But when he opens his box of crayons, he finds only letters, all saying the same thing: His crayons have had enough! They quit! Beige Crayon is tired of playing second fiddle to Brown Crayon. Black wants to be used for more than just outlining. Blue needs a break from coloring all those bodies of water. And Orange and Yellow are no longer speaking—each believes he is the true color of the sun. What can Duncan possibly do to appease all of the crayons and get them back to doing what they do best? Kids will be imagining their own humorous conversations with crayons and coloring a blue streak after sharing laughs with Drew Daywalt and <i>New York Times</i> bestseller Oliver Jeffers.
<i>Good Night, Good Night, Construction Site</i> by Sherri Duskey Rinker	As the sun sets behind the big construction site, all the hardworking trucks get ready to say goodnight. One by one, Crane Truck, Cement Mixer, Dump Truck, Bulldozer, and Excavator finish their work and lie down to rest—so they'll be ready for another day of rough and tough construction play! With irresistible artwork by best-selling illustrator Tom Lichtenheld and sweet, rhyming text, this book will have truck lovers of all ages begging for more.
<i>Dragons Love Tacos</i> by Adam Rubin	Dragons love tacos. They love chicken tacos, beef tacos, great big tacos, and teeny tiny tacos. So if you want to lure a bunch of dragons to your party, you should definitely serve tacos. Buckets and buckets of tacos. Unfortunately, where there are tacos, there is also salsa. And if a dragon accidentally eats spicy salsa...oh, boy. You're in red-hot trouble. The award-winning team behind <i>Those Darn Squirrels!</i> has created an unforgettable, laugh-until-salsa-comes-out-of-your-nose tale of new friends and the perfect snack.
<i>I Want My Hat Back</i> by Jon Klassen	A <i>New York Times</i> Best Illustrated Children's Book of 2011! A picture-book delight by a rising talent tells a cumulative tale with a mischievous twist. The bear's hat is gone, and he wants it back. Patiently and politely, he asks the animals he comes across, one by one, whether they have seen it. Each animal says no, some more elaborately than others. But just as the bear begins to despond, a deer comes by and asks a simple question that sparks the bear's memory and renews his search with a vengeance. Told completely in dialogue, this delicious take on the classic repetitive tale plays out in sly illustrations laced with visual humor— and winks at the reader with a wry irreverence that will have kids of all ages thrilled to be in on the joke.
<i>Red-Eyed Tree Frog</i> by Joy Cowley	In a tropical rain forest in Central America, a red-eyed tree frog spends the night looking for food while avoiding potential predators. Award-winning photographer Nic Bishop's larger-than-life, gorgeous images document the hunt, which ends happily with the frog settling down in the leaves to spend his daylight hours sleeping! Joy Cowley's simple, readable text makes the frog's story fun, interesting, and accessible to young readers. This is a nature tale like you've never seen before!
<i>Actual Size</i> by Steve Jenkins	Just how big is a crocodile? What about a tiger, or the world's largest spider? Can you imagine a tongue that is two feet long or an eye that is bigger than your head? Sometimes facts and figures don't tell the whole story. In this visually stunning book, seeing is believing as Steve Jenkins illustrates

	<p>animals both large and small at ACTUAL SIZE.</p> <p>Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and parts of animals.</p>
<p><i>Chirchir Is Singing</i> by Kelly Cunnane</p>	<p>Chirchir just wants to make herself useful like all her other family members. But she drops Mama's water bucket, spills Kogo's tea, and sends Baba's potatoes tumbling down the hill. Isn't there something that Chirchir does best? Set in the rolling hills of rural Kenya, this is a wise and lyrical story about belonging from Kelly Cunnane, the author of the Ezra Jack Keats Award winner <i>For You Are a Kenyan Child</i>, accompanied by Jude Daly's beautiful folk art-style illustrations.</p>
<p><i>Lucy's Dance</i> by Deb Vanasse</p>	<p>A charming children's book about the return of traditional dancing to one Yup'ik village, <i>Lucy's Dance</i> tells the story of a little girl who is determined to help her grandfather demonstrate for the people of the town the beauty and complexity of old-style dancing. Threaded through the story are accounts of Yup'ik arts such as drumming, singing, and storytelling through dance, all brought to life with beautiful, full-color illustrations.</p>
<p><i>Suryia and Roscoe: The True Story of an Unlikely Friendship</i> by Bhagavan Antle, Barry Bland, and Thea Feldman</p>	<p>Who can imagine an orangutan being friends with a dog? Is it even possible? With Suryia and Roscoe it is! Dogs and orangutans rarely meet, and when they do, they are naturally shy around each other. But when Suryia the orangutan first meets Roscoe, a stray dog, they become best friends from the start. Set on a preserve for rare animals, The Institute of Greatly Endangered and Rare Species (T.I.G.E.R.S.) in South Carolina, here is a true story of a remarkable friendship between two unforgettable animals.</p>
<p><i>The Carrot Seed</i> by Ruth Krauss</p>	<p>Everyone tells a small boy that a carrot seed he has planted will never grow, but his patience is rewarded.</p>
<p><i>Leo the Late Bloomer</i> by Robert Kraus</p>	<p>Poor Leo, a young tiger, is having a really rough time – all of his friends can read, write, draw, eat neatly, and speak clearly; and Leo can't do any of those things very well. Worried and sad, Leo wonders if he'll ever catch up to his friends.</p>
<p><i>Where Does the Garbage Go?</i> by Paul Showers</p>	<p>...to the landfill to see how trash keeps piling up...to the incinerator to see how trash can be turned into energy...to the recycling center to see how a soda bottle can be turned into a flowerpot. Filled with graphs, charts, and diagrams, "Where Does the Garbage Go?" explains how we deal with the problem of too much trash and provides ideas for easy ways to be a part of the solution.</p>
<p><i>The Brand new Kid</i> by Katie Couric</p>	<p>After noticing Lazio's distraught mother, Ellie decided to befriend Lazio and discovers that she enjoys his company even though he does not look or speak like her other friends in the second grade.</p>
<p><i>Oliver Button is a Sissy</i> by Tomie DePaola</p>	<p>His classmates' taunts don't stop Oliver Button from doing what he likes best.</p>
<p><i>The Giving Tree</i> by Shel Silverstein</p>	<p>"If you're looking for a children's book that teaches generosity or unselfishness, most people will point you right to <i>The Giving Tree</i>, Shel Silverstein's lovely story of a tree that will do anything for the boy it loves—and for good reason. This classic is always a good place to start." Brightly.com</p>

<p><i>She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World</i> by Chelsea Clinton</p>	<p>Chelsea Clinton introduces tiny feminists, mini activists and little kids who are ready to take on the world to thirteen inspirational women who never took no for an answer, and who always, inevitably and without fail, <i>persisted</i>. This book features: Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller, Clara Lemlich, Nellie Bly, Virginia Apgar, Maria Tallchief, Claudette Colvin, Ruby Bridges, Margaret Chase Smith, Sally Ride, Florence Griffith Joyner, Oprah Winfrey, Sonia Sotomayor—and one special cameo. www.bn.com</p>
<p><i>What Do You Do With a Problem?</i> by Kobi Yamada</p>	<p>"What do you do with a problem? Especially one that follows you around and doesn't seem to be going away? Do you worry about it? Ignore it? Do you run and hide from it?</p> <p>This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it. The longer the problem is avoided, the bigger it seems to get. But when the child finally musters up the courage to face it, the problem turns out to be something quite different than it appeared.</p> <p>This is a story for anyone, at any age, who has ever had a problem that they wished would go away. It's a story to inspire you to look closely at that problem and to find out why it's here. Because you might discover something amazing about your problem... and yourself. www.Bn.com</p>
<p><i>What Do You Do With an Idea?</i> by Kobi Yamada</p>	<p>This is the story of one brilliant idea and the child who helps to bring it into the world. As the child's confidence grows, so does the idea itself. And then, one day, something amazing happens.</p> <p>This is a story for anyone, at any age, who's ever had an idea that seemed a little too big, too odd, too difficult. It's a story to inspire you to welcome that idea, to give it some space to grow, and to see what happens next. Because your idea isn't going anywhere. In fact, it's just getting started. www.Bn.com</p>

A great way to keep children engaged in reading is to introduce them to books that are part of a series. The following series are popular with students in grades K-2.

Name of Series	Author(s)
<i>Ameila Bedelia</i>	Peggy Parish
<i>Elephant and Piggie</i>	Mo Wilems
<i>Every Thing On It: Poems and Drawings</i>	Shel Silverstin
<i>Fancy Nancy</i>	Jane O'Connor & Robin Preiss Glasser
<i>Flat Stanley</i>	Jeff Brown & Macky Pamintuan
<i>Henry and Mudge</i>	Cynthia Rylant
<i>Kung Pow Chicken</i>	Cyndi Marko
<i>The Magic School Bus</i>	Joanna Cole & Bruce Degen
<i>The Magic Tree House</i>	Mary Pope Osborne & Sal Murdocca