

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School**  
**2020 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 1\***

**Early Reader Series/Transitional Chapter Books**



<i>Chick and Brain (series)</i>	Bell, Cece	Perfectly pitched to kids just learning to read and loaded with verbal and visual comedy, these offbeat graphic story by a master of the genre build to an exhilaratingly absurd surprise ending.
<i>Fly Guy (series)</i>	Arnold, Tedd	Hilarious stories about a boy and his pet fly. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Go, Otto, Go! (Otto series)</i>	Milgrim, David	Otto the robot builds a spaceship to take him home.
<i>Good Boy</i>	Ruzzier, Sergio	A boy and a dog embark on an out-of-this-world adventure.
<i>Good Rosie!</i>	DiCamillo, Kate	A warm, funny tale of a timid pup who needs a friend.
<i>Harold &amp; Hog Pretend For Real!</i> ( <i>Elephant &amp; Piggie Like Reading!</i> series)	Santat, Dan	This book is about a real pig and a real elephant that pretend to be Gerald and Piggie.
<i>King &amp; Kayla (series)</i>	Butler, Dori Hillestad	Hilarious mystery-solving adventures of Kayla and her dog, King told from King's point of view.
<i>Meet Yasmin (series)</i>	Faruqi, Sadia	Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems.
<i>National Geographic Readers (pre-reader series)</i>	National Geographic (various authors)	Pre-Reader books are good fit books for kids who are curious about nonfiction subjects and ready to read.

**Picture Books to Read Together or Independently**



<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i>	Martinez-Neal, Juana	When Alma Sofia Esperanza Jose Pura Candela asks her father why she has so many names, she hears the story of her name and learns about her grandparents.
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<i>Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border</i>	Perkins, Mitali	A family visits the border fence dividing California and Mexico to share gifts with their grandmother at La Posada.
<i>Bilal Cooks Daal</i>	Saeed, Aisha	Bilal and his father invite his friends to help make his favorite dish, daal, then all must wait patiently for it to be done.
<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i>	Barnes, Derrick	In a vibrant, joyful tribute to the barbershop experience, a young black boy relishes in the majesty of a fresh new cut.
<i>Field Trip to the Moon</i>	Hare, John	When a child is left behind on a class field trip to the moon, an unexpected adventure unfolds.
<i>I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness</i>	Kerascoët	A wordless picture book about a new girl, Vanessa, a bully and how one girl's decision to walk with Vanessa spurs others into positive action.
<i>Just in Case You Want to Fly</i>	Fogliano, Julie	What do you need for your next adventure? Explore this nurturing tale through colorful pictures and lyrical text. *Available in audio through Tales2Go and Audible.
<i>Mommy's Khimar</i>	Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah	A young, black Muslim girl puts on a head scarf and not only feels closer to her mother, she also imagines herself as a queen, the sun, a superhero, and more.
<i>When Aidan Became a Big Brother</i>	Lukoff, Kyle	Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.
<i>You Hold Me Up</i>	Smith, Monique Gray	This book encourages children to show love and support for each other and to consider each other's well-being in their everyday actions.

### Nonfiction/Biographies



<i>Bluest of Blues: Anna Atkins and the First Book of Photographs, The</i>	Robinson, Fiona	Anna Atkins' curiosity about science led her to experiment with the new art of photography, particularly cyanotypes.
<i>Boy Who Touched the Stars, The: El Nino Que Alcanzo Las Estrellas</i>	Hernandez, Jose M	This bilingual picture book recounts the story of Jose M. Hernandez, son of Mexican American migrant workers, who achieved his dream of becoming an astronaut in 2009 when he embarked on a fourteen-day mission aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

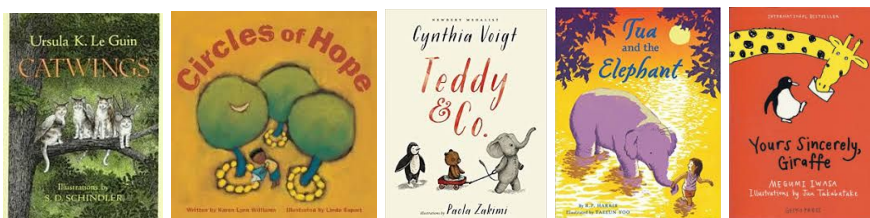
<i>Crayon Man: The Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons, The</i>	Biebow, Natascha	The story of how Crayola crayons came to be and Edwin Binney's plight to bring color to children all around the world is an engaging and informational story, one that will encourage children to invent with crayons after reading.
<i>Firefighter's Handbook</i>	McCarthy, Meghan	Do you want to become a firefighter? Learn about their rigorous training in this informative picture book.
<i>Secret Life of the Little Brown Bat, The</i> ( <i>Secret Life</i> series)	Pringle, Laurence	A narrative nonfiction picture book that chronicles the day-to-day activities of a little brown bat named Otis.
<i>Trip to the Top of the Volcano with Mouse, A</i>	Viva, Frank	A boy and a mouse trek to the top of a volcano, taking in soaring trees, lunar landscapes and snow capped peaks, then return to the ancient city at the bottom
<i>You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks</i>	Turk, Evan	Author and illustrator Evan Turk showcases the beauty and importance of the National Parks in this gorgeous picture book that takes readers on an amazing tour across the United States.

### Folk & Fairytales



<i>Chicken in the Kitchen</i>	Okorafor, Nnedi	A young girl named, Anyaugo awakens one night to find the shadow of a giant chicken passing her bedroom door.
<i>Chinese Emperor's New Clothes, The</i>	Compestine, Ying Chang	Emperor Ming Da is only nine years old and his three advisors take advantage of him. But Ming Da has a plan to outsmart them.
<i>Princesa and the Pea, La</i>	Elya, Susan Middleton	This lively, playful retelling of the classic fairy tale is set in Peru and incorporates Peruvian cultural elements.
<i>Shanyaak'utlaax / Salmon boy</i>	Marks, Johnny et. al	A boy offends the Salmon People, who sweep him into the water and into their world, where they name him Shanyaak'utlaax or Salmon Boy
<i>Wolf, the Duck, &amp; the Mouse, The</i>	Barnett, Mac	A mouse and duck discover that there are upsides to being swallowed by a wolf.

### Read-alouds



<i>Catwings</i>	Le Guin, Ursula K.	Four winged-cats leave search for a safe place to live. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Circles of Hope</i>	Williams, Karen Lynn	After many futile attempts to plant a tree in honor of his new baby sister, a young Haitian boy discovers the perfect solution.
<i>Teddy &amp; Co.</i>	Voigt, Cynthia	A group of lost toys live on an island, and their community must adapt as new toys come and go.
<i>Tua and the Elephant</i>	Harris, R.P.	In Chiang Mai, Thailand, nine-year-old Tua releases an abused elephant from its chains, but it will be a challenge to get the elephant to refuge without getting caught.
<i>Yours Sincerely, Giraffe</i>	Iwasa, Megumi	Giraffe, bored and looking for a friend, becomes pen pals with Penguin in this illustrated chapter book.

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