

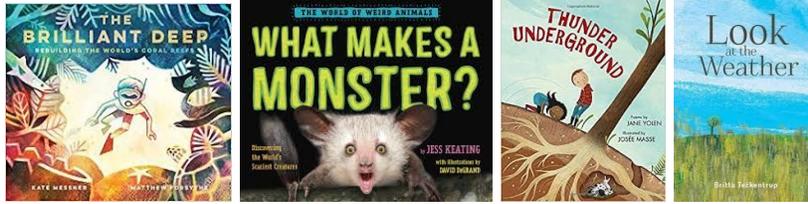
**St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School  
2018 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 2\***

**Early Readers and Chapter Books**



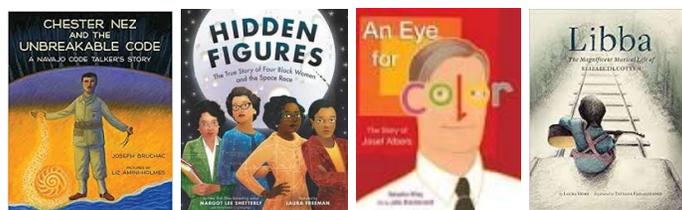
<i>Bunjitsu Bunny</i> (series)	Himmelman, John	Isabel, aka Bunjitsu Bunny, kicks harder, throws farther, and hits harder than anyone else at school in this martial-arts, short chapter book series.
<i>Buzz Beaker and the Outer Space Trip</i> ( <i>Buzz Beaker series</i> )	Meister, Cari	Buzz travels to outer space with his dog, Raggs, and wonders if it was just a dream.
<i>Confetti Kids</i> (series)	Yoo, Paula	Lily and her friends Padma, Pablo, Henry, and Mei have imaginative adventures throughout the city.
<i>Katie Woo</i> (series)	Manushkin, Fran	Series about a funny and curious Chinese-American girl who is relatable and good at getting into scrapes.
<i>Keena Ford</i> (series)	Thomson, Melisa	Keena has a tendency to get into trouble. But she really doesn't mean to.
<i>Mercy Watson</i> (series)	DiCamillo, Kate	In this series, Mercy, a pig, always happens on adventures looking for food and fun. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Princess in Black</i> (series)	Hale, Shannon	When trouble arises, Princess Magnolia assumes her secret identity and becomes the Princess in Black. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Spirit Trackers, The</i>	Waboose, Jan Bourdeau	After Uncle, an Anishinaabe tracker, tells his young nephews Tom and Will about the Windigo, the wandering night spirit, the boys are determined to become trackers like him.
<i>Stink Moody</i> (series)	McDonald, Megan	James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison *Available in audio through Audible.
<i>Zapato Power</i> (series)	Jules, Jacqueline	Freddie Ramos' special shoes give him super speed and changes his life. *Available in audio through Tales2Go

## Nonfiction



<i>Brilliant Deep: Rebuilding the World's Coral Reefs, The</i>	Messner, Kate	The true story of Ken Nedimyer, founder of the Coral Restoration Foundation and their efforts to rebuild coral reefs.
<i>Children Just Like Me: A New Celebration of Children Around The World</i>	DK Publishing	Photographs and text depict the homes, schools, family life, and culture of young people around the world.
<i>Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building</i>	Hale, Christy	Illustrations of children building are paired with concrete poetry and notable structures from around the world. A celebration of children's playtime with information about innovative architects.
<i>Extreme Animals (series)</i>	Jenkins, Steve	The Extreme Animals series spotlight the world's most "extreme" from the fastest to the smelliest creatures.
<i>Fabulous Frogs</i>	Jenkins, Martin	Frogs of all sizes and colors, bearing a variety of unique characteristics, hop through this beautiful book.
<i>Giant Squid</i>	Flemming, Candace	Plunging into the "depths of the sunless sea," readers are wrapped in the tentacles of text and illustration, gaining an appreciation for the ever-elusive giant squid.
<i>Lands of Long Ago (Spot the Mistake series)</i>	Wood, A.J. and Mike Jolley	Scenes from Neolithic Britain to the "Golden age of piracy" are laced with anachronisms for alert young historians to spot.
<i>Look at the Weather</i>	Teckentrup, Britta	Weather is incredible: it's whimsical, varied, ever-present, sometimes destructive and other times, beautiful. This immersive illustrated nonfiction book is an invitation for readers to ponder weather and approach it with a newfound sense of understanding, awe, and wonder.
<i>Thunder Underground</i>	Yolen, Jane	A picture book collection of poems that explores the vast and mysterious world underneath us.
<i>What Makes a Monster?: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures</i>	Keating, Jess	An informative introduction to nature's scariest creatures, exploring why some animals are considered 'monsters'.

## Biographies



*Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story*

Bruchac, Joseph

As a boy, Chester Nez was taught his native language and culture were useless, but was later called on to use his Navajo language to help create an unbreakable code during WWII.

*Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah*

Thompson, Laurie Ann

The true story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah, who bicycled across Ghana--nearly 400 miles--with only one leg. With that achievement he forever changed how his country treats people with disabilities, and he shows us all that one person is enough to change the world.

*Eye for Color, An: The Story of Josef Albers*

Wing, Natasha

Engaging biography of German artist Josef Albers, his artistic growth and how he changed the way we all see color.

*Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race*

Shetterly, Margot Lee

Picture book adaptation tells the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, four African-American women who lived through the Civil Rights Era, the Space Race, and the Cold War, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.

*I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*

Levy, Debbie

Discover the life of Supreme Court justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg in this picture-book biography about how one small yet powerful woman persisted against great odds.

*Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotten*

Veirs, Laura

Biography of folk-music icon Elizabeth Cotten, known for playing the guitar upside down and backwards, who came into her own much later in life.

*My Name is Georgia: A Portrait*

Winter, Jeanette

Presents, in brief text and illustrations, the life of the painter who drew much of her inspiration from nature.

*One Giant Leap: The Story of Neil Armstrong*

Brown, Don

Picture book biography that discusses the life and accomplishments of astronaut Neil Armstrong, from his childhood in Ohio to his famous moon landing.

*The Unforgettable Season: The Story of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams and the Record-setting Summer of '41*

Bildner, Phil

Baseball facts, statistics, and some biographical information fill this picture book account of the 1941 baseball season, in which Yankees player Joe DiMaggio and Red Sox player Ted Williams set hitting records.

*Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity*

Suzuki, Sarah

A visually striking biography about the the Japanese artist who is known for her use of dots.

## Books to Read Together/Read-alouds



<i>Bat Boy &amp; His Violin, The</i>	Curtis, Gavin	Reginald loves the violin, but when he agrees to be bat boy for the Negro League team his father manages, baseball and music bring father and son closer together.
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	White, E. B.	Classic story of a girl named Fern who loved a pig named Wilbur - and of Wilbur's dear friend Charlotte, a beautiful large grey spider who lived with Wilbur in the barn. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin</i>	Tonatiuh, Duncan	In this picture book, two cousins, one in Mexico and one in New York City, write to each other and learn that even though their daily lives differ, the boys are very similar at heart.
<i>Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music</i>	Engle, Margarita	Follows a girl in 1920s Cuba as she strives to become a drummer, despite being continually reminded that only boys play the drums. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>The Great Ball Game: A Muskogee Story</i>	Bruchac, Joseph	Folktale from the Muskogee, or Creek Nation, Bat, who has both wings and teeth, plays part in a game between the birds and the animals to decide which group is better.
<i>James and the Giant Peach</i>	Dahl, Roald	James escapes his two wicked aunts and embarks on a journey with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, The</i>	DiCamillo, Kate	Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams and histories. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.
<i>Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!, The</i>	Deedy, Carmen Agra	A noisy rooster does what roosters do despite the rules set by a bossy mayor in the town of La Paz. This whimsical, folktale-like story is also available in Spanish, El Gallo Que No Se Callaba!
<i>Thunder Rose</i>	Nolen, Jerdine	A tall tale picture book of Thunder Rose who performs all sorts of amazing feats including taming a stampeding herd of steers and turning aside a tornado.
<i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i>	Lin, Grace	Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor Chinese village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. *Available in audio through DC Public Library's Overdrive.

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