



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As this academic year comes to an end, Fort Lee Public Schools, in conjunction with the Fort Lee Public Library, strongly encourage all students to continue to read. Students who document their reading by enrolling in the library's Summer Reading Program will be recognized in September with a certificate of participation. This year, reading logs can even be completed online! The titles listed here are just a suggestion. Students can also read the books on the library's reading list or any other types of books they are interested in.

The Fort Lee Public Library's Summer Reading Program will begin on July 1<sup>st</sup>! Please visit the library for detailed information, reading logs and resources about Summer Reading.

Happy Summer Reading!

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## Summer Reading



Dear K-2 Readers,

Summer is right around the corner and there are books waiting for you to read! Listed inside is a short preview of books that are on the list of Notable Children's Books of 2015 and 2016. This list was written by the Association for Library Service to Children.

Read the titles and descriptions to see if any of these books peek your interest. If so, check them out of the Fort Lee Public Library. Don't forget to join the library's Summer Reading Program!

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# Check these books out!

## Kindergarten- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students

***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend.*** By Dan Santat. 2015 Caldecott Medal Book  
In four delightful chapters, Beekle, an imaginary friend, undergoes an emotional journey looking for his human.

***Ballet Cat: The Totally Secret Secret.*** By Bob Shea  
Ballet Cat loves ballet more than anything. What happens when her best friend Sparkles doesn't want to play ballet every day? Find out in an early reader that breezily dances along.

***Blizzard.*** By John Rocco.  
A young boy's experience in a blizzard and the adventure of going to the market are vividly portrayed through Norman Rockwell-like illustrations that give personality to the child and the weather.

***The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure.*** By Doreen Cronin. Illus. by Kevin Cornell.  
Tail, a scaredy-squirrel, seeks refuge and help from the Chicken Squad, four problem-solving chicks. This illustrated chapter book brings each chicken's zany personality to life.

***Dory Fantasmagory.*** By Abby Hanlon.  
In this charming take on family life, irrepressible Dory drives her siblings crazy with her wild imagination until she finally gets them to join in on the fun.

***Handle with Care: An Unusual Butterfly Journey.*** By L. Griffin Burns. Photos by Ellen Harasimowicz.  
In this handsome book with glorious photographs, children can follow the life cycle of a butterfly from a farm in Costa Rica to a live museum exhibit in the U.S.

***Have You Seen My Dragon?*** By Steve Light.  
Join a little boy on a journey through the city in search of his dragon. Against a black-and-white background, colorful icons of city life help him on his adventure.

***Last Stop on Market Street.*** By Matt de la Peña. Illus. C. Robinson. *Newberry Medal Book & Caldecott Honor Book*  
CJ's journey with his Nana is not just a simple bus ride; it is a multi-sensory experience through which he discovers that beautiful music, nature, and people surround him.

***My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not).*** By Peter Brown.  
Bobby thinks his teacher is the worst...that is until he accidentally meets her in the park. This hilarious book will tickle the funny bones of children (and their monstrous teachers).

***Nana in the City.*** By Lauren Castillo. 2015 *Caldecott Honor Book*  
The story of a young boy's visit to his grandmother, and the reassuring way she helps him to lose his fear and experience the loud, busy city in a new way.

***The Pigeon Needs a Bath!*** By Mo Willems.  
Pigeon returns--this time he needs a bath but has other things to do. When he is finally convinced, he won't get out of the tub. It's a pleasure to join pigeon in another of his wild adventures.

***Sam and Dave Dig a Hole.*** By Mac Barnett. Illus. J Klassen. 2015 *Caldecott Honor Book*  
Two boys, accompanied by their dog, set out to dig a hole. Readers will find an unexpected treasure and be challenged to ponder the meaning of "spectacular."

***Shh! We Have a Plan.*** By Chris Haughton.  
Four friends creep through the woods on a search for prey. Vibrant illustrations help tell the story of how even carefully laid plans can go awry.

***Tap Tap Boom Boom.*** By Elizabeth Bluemle. Illus. by G. Brian Karas.  
When a spring storm pops up in New York City, lots of people seek refuge in the subway station. Dogs, children and adults young and old enjoy a brief moment of community that ends with a surprise in the sky.

***Trombone Shorty.*** By Troy Andrews. Illus. by Bryan Collier. *Caldecott Honor Book*  
In this autobiography, Trombone Shorty reminisces about his early life in the jazz music scene of his beloved hometown of New Orleans.

***Waiting.*** By Kevin Henkes. *Caldecott & Geisel Honor Book*  
In this gentle story of five animal figurines waiting together by the window, readers and characters meet new friends, observe the unhurried passage of the seasons, and anticipate what may come next.

***Waiting Is Not Easy!*** By Mo Willems. 2015 *Geisel Honor Book*  
Piggie has a big surprise for Gerald, but does he have the patience to wait? As the day wears on, Piggie remains calm while Gerald experiences a roller coaster of emotions, anticipating his reward. Can he make it?

***Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold.*** By Joyce Sidman. Illus. by Rick Allen.  
A collection of 12 poems about northern tundra wildlife uses a variety of poetic structures and includes additional information on each creature. Vivid linoleum-cut illustrations.

***Work, An Occupational ABC.*** By Kellen Hatanaka.  
This visually appealing look at some unusual careers opens readers eyes to possibilities for their futures.

***You Are (Not) Small.*** By Anna Kang. Illus. by C. Weyant. 2015 *Geisel Medal Book*  
A heated debate quickly ensues when two furry creatures can't agree on who is big and who is small. Expressive illustrations and cleverly simple text come together to provide a humorous tale with an unexpected and satisfying conclusion.

Information obtained from [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)