

Informational Books

Michons, Bibbans, & Tibbons: Understanding Big Numbers Adler
 Shimmer & Sparkle: The Sparkling World of Sea Life Amosky
 Dinosaurs in Your Backyard Brewster
 Citizen Scientists: Be a Part of Scientific Discovery from
 Your Own Backyard Burns
 Bot Scientists Carson
 Extreme Animals: The Toughest Creatures on Earth Davies
 Haunted Histories: Creepy Castles, Dark Dungeons,
 and Powerful Places Everett
 Locomotive Foca
 The Wolves Are Back George
 Galaxies, Satellites! Gibbons
 The Reasons for Seasons Gibbons
 Bones: Skeletons and How They Work Jenkins
 Boston Tea Party Kroll
 The Incredible Scientist Montgomery
 Remember: The Journey to School Integration Morrison
 Polar Bears Newman
 We Are the Stars: The Story of Negro League Baseball Nelson
 How to Clean & Appreciate Page
 Volcano Rising Rusch
 Discovering Black America Tartant-Reid
 Insect Detective Vooke

Poetry

Animal Poems of the Iguazu Alarcon
 Sol a Sol: Original and Selected Bilingual Poems Carlson
 Outside Your Window Davies
 In the Wild Elliot
 Messing Around on the Monkey Bars: And Other
 School Poems for Two Voices Franco
 Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry
 with a Beat Giovanni
 The Great Migration: Journey to the North Greenfield
 Love to Langston Medina
 Top Dancing on the Roof: Sijo (Poems) Park
 The 20th Century Children's Poetry Treasury Pralutsky
 Guppy: A Year of Haiku for Boys Raczka
 The Hound Dog's Haiku: And Other Poems for Dog Lovers Rosen
 Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night Sidman
 Woin-Ton: A Cat Tale Told in Haiku Wardlaw

Directions*:

1. Select at least one informational text from this list¹.
2. Read the book.
3. Complete the worksheet and return to your new homeroom.
4. Take an AR test on the book when you return to school.



*Directions may vary by teacher or grade
 1. List compiled from Boston Public Library

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This Summer Book List will help you assure that your children are reading high quality literature. All the books on the list are available at your local library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

St Barnabas is working hard to help every student achieve at high levels, and literacy is a top priority in every school. We need your support in ensuring that your children meet these expectations. Your example and encouragement will go a long way toward helping us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Contemporary Fiction

Tío Lolo (series)..... Alvarez
The Strange Case of Gingham Togo (series)..... Angleberger
Because of Mr. Terupt..... Bayes
Room One: A Mystery of Two..... Clements
Hope That Car: A Novel..... Creech
The Lemonade War (series)..... Davies
Salsa Stories..... Delacoe
The Magician's Elephant..... DiCamillo
The Spiderwick Chronicles (series)..... DiTella
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in It..... Frazier
Jose Guigo Swallowed the Key..... Cantos
The Road to Paris..... Grimes
The Homework Machine..... Gutman
When Niles Flew on Magnolia Street..... Johnson
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series)..... Kinney
Inside Out and Back Again..... La
Alvin Ho (series)..... Look
Ruby Lu (series)..... Look
John Galt (And the Art of Krowling)
Jumblebug (series)..... McGee
Next to Mexico..... Mead
Switch..... Mails
Naylor..... Naylor
The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis..... O'Connor
Wonder..... Palacio
Big Nate (series)..... Peuce
39 Clues (series)..... Scholastic (many authors)
Smells Like Treasure..... Selfish
Youngblood Comes to Town..... Singh
A Series of Unfortunate Events (series)..... Snickel
No Girl Allowed (Dogs Okay)..... Truett
Peace, Locomotion..... Woodson

Historical Fiction

History Mysteries (series)..... American Girl
Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution..... Avi
Jefferson's Sons..... Bradley
Sonoko and the Thousand Paper Cranes..... Coetz
Enlight of Eburton..... Curtis
The Mighty Miss Malone..... Curtis
The Giant Plat of Sumatra: Or Frances Gorge..... Fleischman
Number the Stars..... Lowry

Scraps of Time (series)..... McKissack
Faith, Hope, and My June..... Naylor
Keeping Score..... Park
Trouble Don't Last..... Pearls
Sugar..... Rhoads
Riding Freedom..... Ryan
Dear America (series) (includes *My Name is America*
and Royal Diaries series)..... Scholastic (many authors)
Countdown..... Wiles
One Crazy Summer..... Williams-Saracia
Breaking Stalin's Nose..... Yelchin
The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island..... Yep

Fantasy/Science Fiction

Secrets of Droon (series)..... Abbott
Whales on Sinks!..... Anderson
Dragon Castle..... Bruchac
The Sisters Grimm (series)..... Buckley
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (series)..... Cowell
The Dream Stealer..... Fleischman
Tuesdays at the Castle..... George
Sardines in Outer Space (series)..... Guilbert
Boom!..... Haddon
Warrior (series)..... Hunter
A Wrinkle in Time..... L'Engle
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon..... Lin
Charlotte's Web (series)..... Manno
The Magic Thief (series)..... Pinneas
Harry Potter (series)..... Rowling
The Night Fairy..... Schitz
Alien Feet..... Simmons
The Books of Elsewhere (series)..... West
City of Ember/City of Ice..... Yep



Bibliography

Side by Side/Lado a Lado: The Story of Dolores Huerta
and César Chávez/La Historia de Dolores Huerta
y César Chávez..... Brown
Bernini's Bones: How Bernini Brown Discovered the
Most Famous Dinosaur in the World..... Fern
Jim: Sounds Like a Rainbow: A Story of the
Young Jimi Hendrix..... Golio
Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave..... Hill
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Haq and the
Creation of Hip-Hop..... Hill
Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table..... Martin
Dave: The Amazing Life of Betty Skeeton..... McCarthy
Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows
Embraced Autism and Changed the World..... Montgomery
Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World..... Rusch
Becoming Babe Ruth..... Tavares
Ballrooms over Broadway: The True Story of the
Puppeteer of Macy's Parade..... Sweet
Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx..... Winter

Folklore/Fairy Tales & Legends

Tales Our Abuelas Told: A Hispanic Folklore
Collection..... Campoy and Ada
Persephone..... Clayton
Glass Slipper, Gold Socks: A Worldwide Cinderella..... Fleischman
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales,
and True Tales..... Hamilton
The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World..... Hussain
The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven..... Jiang
The Blue Fairy Book (series)..... Lang
The Boy from the Dragon Palace..... MacDonald
Pig-Boy: A Twister Tale from Harlem..... McDermott
Series, Meanies, and Magic Rings: Three Tales from
the Arabian Nights..... Mitchell
More Bones: Scary Stories from Around the World..... Olson
The Beautiful Stories of Lifer: Six Greek Myths, Retold..... Ryan
Can You Guess My Name?: Traditional Tales
Around the World..... Sierra
Tops and Bottoms..... Stevens
A Pride of African Tales..... Washington