

Bunker Hill Elementary
Recommended Summer Reading List 2018
Incoming 4th Graders



- Colfer, Chris. *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairytale characters they grew up reading about. (Series)
- Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War*. Evan is not happy to learn that he and his younger sister Jessie will be in the same fourth grade class next fall, so their summer turns into a battle to see whose lemonade stand can earn one hundred dollars first. (Series)
- Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape. (Series)
- Greenwald, Tom. *Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading*. Charlie Joe Jackson may be the most reluctant reader ever born. He does whatever it takes to get out of reading, and so far, it's worked out really well. But one day in middle school he gets into trouble, and finds his impressive record is on the line. Will he push his luck and do whatever it takes to get out of reading, or will he finally bite the bullet and...gasp...read a book? (Series)
- Griffiths, Andy. *The 13-Story Treehouse*. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. (Series)
- Harper, Charise Mericle. *The Amazing Crafty Cat*. A new graphic novel trilogy for elementary-age readers about a little girl who can craft her way out of any situation. Each volume includes fun and simple instructions for do-it-yourself crafting activities. (Series)
- Jenkins, Steve. *Apex Predators: The World's Deadliest Hunters, Past and Present*. Infographic book featuring 17 extinct and 7 modern day apex predators – creatures too vicious and dangerous to be hunted by other animals.
- McCormick, Patricia. *Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero*. Inspirational true story of “Sergeant Reckless”, a brave little colt with a big appetite who despite all odds, becomes a highly decorated U.S. Marine. With beautiful bold illustrations, readers will be inspired by his bravery, and experience the unexplainable bond between man and animal. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- McDonough, Yona Zeldis. *The Bicycle Spy*. It's 1942, and Marcel dreams of riding in the Tour de France while he delivers bread from his parents' bakery. Unfortunately, the race is on hiatus due to WWII, and German soldiers occupy Marcel's town. Daydreams turn to nightmares when Marcel makes a fateful discovery, and the question becomes, does Marcel have the courage to go the distance in the most important race of his life? (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Muntean, Michaela. *Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs*. Stay is the story of ten dogs rejected by their owners as hopeless cases and adopted by Luciano Anastasini, a renowned circus performer and dog trainer, who saw hope in every single one of them and gave them new lives as proud, happy circus dogs. These charismatic and talented "puppies," and the journeys that led them to Luciano, are nothing short of incredible.

- O'Connor, Barbara. ***Wish***. Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways.
- Patterson, James. ***Jacky Ha-Ha***. Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter. (Series)
- Paquette, Ammi-Joan. ***Two Truths and a Lie: It's Alive!*** This collection of strange and amazing stories challenges readers to question their veracity. There are 3 stories in each chapter. Two are true and one is false. Can you figure out which story is fake? Research tips provided in the back of the book guide readers through the process of reaching their conclusions.
- Ponti, James. ***Framed!: A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery***. Florian is twelve years old and has just moved to Washington. He's learning his way around using TOAST, which stands for the *Theory of All Small Things*. It's a technique he invented to solve life's little mysteries such as: where to sit on the on the first day of school, or which Chinese restaurant has the best eggrolls. But when he teaches it to his new friend Margaret, they uncover a mystery that isn't little. In fact, it's HUGE, and it involves the National Gallery, the FBI, and a notorious crime syndicate known as EEL.
- Sachar, Louis. ***Fuzzy Mud***. Taking a shortcut through the off-limits woods to avoid a bully, Tamaya and Marshall encounter fuzzy-looking mud that unleashes a medical and environmental disaster.
- Savage, Melissa. ***Lemons***. When Lemonade Liberty Witt moves in with her grandfather, the last things she expects is to join the Bigfoot Detective Agency. Are they on track to discover sasquatch or something more?
- Selfors, Suzanne. ***Wedgie and Gizmo***. Meet two unlikely frenemies, Wedgie and Gizmo, who have been brought together through the blending of two families. Wedgie is the fun loving corgi who will do everything to protect his new family and Gizmo is the evil genius hamster who will do anything to take over the world. Quirky illustrations and laugh out-loud predicaments teach the true meaning of family and friendship. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Stabler, David. ***Kid Athletes: True Tales of Childhood from Sports Legends***. Quirk Books, 2015. Hilarious childhood biographies and full-color illustrations show how Tiger Woods, Gabby Douglas, Bruce Lee, Billie Jean King, and other budding sports champions faced kid-sized challenges growing up. (Series)
- Torres, Jennifer. ***Stef Soto, Taco Queen***. Stef Soto wants her new nickname, "Taco Queen", to go away, along with her papi's taco truck, the Tia Perla. When she rides to school in her Dad's food truck, she hates that the smell of cilantro and onions clings to her. She wishes her dad had an ordinary job with an ordinary car, but when new city regulations threaten her papi's business, Stef has to think about what matters most. (2018-2019 Texas Bluebonnet Award Master List)
- Weeks, Sarah. ***Save Me a Seat***. Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems--but when their lives intersect in the first week of fifth grade they are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.
- Yang, Gene Luen. ***Secret Coders***. New girl Hopper discovers some very strange goings-on at Stately Academy. Do she and her new friend Eni have what it takes to outwit the school's founder and solve the mysteries? *Graphic Novel* (Series)