Dear Parents:

As another school year comes to a close, our thoughts become centered on summer vacations, unwinding and spending more time enjoying family activities. The summer months also offer a great opportunity for children to engage in reading wonderful books that will enrich their academic experiences. While we recognize the importance of a relaxing vacation for students, we must also stress the significance of engaging them in the joys of reading.

Our school teacher librarians have updated this year’s list of recommended books. Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. In the fall, teachers will be asking students to participate in various activities to demonstrate their involvement in summer reading.

Extra copies of the reading lists can be obtained from the building principals and can also be found on our Website at portnet.org. Your school or public librarian can assist you in locating other excellent titles as well.

Have an enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing you and your child in the fall.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hynes, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Kindergarten & First Grade

Picture Books

Applegate, Katherine- Sometimes You Fly
Bates, Amy June- The Big Umbrella
Border, Terry- Peanut Butter & Cupcake; Happy Birthday, Cupcake; Big Brother Peanut Butter
Brosgol, Vera- Leave Me Alone!
Brown, Peter- The Curious Garden; My Teacher is a Monster! No, I Am Not
Daywalt, Drew- The Day the Crayons Came Home; The Legend of Rock, Paper, Scissors
Dismondy, Maria- Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun
Ferry, Beth - Ten Rules of the Birthday Wish
Funk, Josh- How to Code a Sandcastle
Heos, Bridget- Mustache Baby
Hesse, Karen- Night Job
Higgins, Ryan T.- We Don’t Eat Our Classmates!
John, Jory-The Bad Seed; The Good Egg; Giraffe Problems; Good Night Already!; I love you Already!
Keller, Laurie-Potato Pants!
Kotb, Hoda- You Are My Happy; I’ve Loved You Since Forever
Le, Mihn- Drawn Together
Loney, Andrea J- Double Bass Blues
Love, Jessica- Julián is a Mermaid
Martin. Emily Winfield- Oh, the Wonderful Things You Will Be
Minter, Daniel- Going Down Home With Daddy
Neal, Kate Jane- Words and Your Heart
Nelson, Kadir- Baby Bear; If You Plant a Seed
Pham, LeUyen- Bear Came Along
Rex, Michael- Eat Pete!
Reynolds, Aaron- Dude!; Nerdy Birdy; Nerdy Birdy Tweets

Early Readers

Adler, David- Don’t Throw it to Mo! (Series)
Arnold, Tedd- Fly Guy (Series), Noodleheads (Series)
Bell, Cece- Smell My Foot! (Chick and Brain Series)
Butler, Dori Hillestad- King and Kayla (Series)
Collier, Bryan- It’s Shoe Time!
Dean, Kim- Too Cool for School (Pete the Cat-I Can Read! Series)
DiCamillo, Kate- Mercy Watson Collection
Fenske, Jonathan- A Pig, A Fox, and a Box
Second & Third Grade

**Picture Books**

Beaty, Andrea - Ada Twist, Scientist; Iggy Peck, Architect; Rosie Revere, Engineer, Sofia Valdez Future Prez

Blackall, Sophie - Hello Lighthouse

Diaz, Junot - Islandborn

Engle, Margarita - Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl’s Courage Changed Music; Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln

Fan, Terry - The Night Gardener; Ocean Meets Sky

Hall, Michael - Red: A Crayon’s Story; Frankencrayon

Kensky, Jessica and Patrick Downes - Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Story

Klassen, J. - I Want My Hat Back; This is Not My Hat; We Found a Hat

Lacasa, Blanca - Bow-Wow-Meow

Lee, Spike - Giant Steps to Change The World

Lin, Grace - A Big Mooncake for Little Star

Luyken, Corinna - The Book of Mistakes

Maillard, Kevin Noble - Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

Martinez-Neal, Juana - Alma and How She Got Her Name

Micheaux, Vaunda - The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem’s Greatest Bookstore

Mora, Oge - Thank You, Omu!; Saturday

Peña, Matt de la - Last Stop On Market Street; Love

Phi, Bao - A Different Pond

Reynolds, Aaron - Creepy Carrots; Carnivores; Creepy Pair of Underwear

Reynolds, Peter - Going Places; The Word Collector; Say Something!; Be You!

Santat, Dan - Cookie Fiasco, Harold and Hog Pretend For Real

Tabor, Corey R - Fox the Tiger

Tetri, Emily - Tiger vs. Nightmare

Willems, Mo - Waiting Is Not Easy; I Lost My Tooth; Who is the Mystery Reader?

**Nonfiction**

Assorted Authors - My Itty-Bitty Bio (Series)

Barkley, Callie - The Critter Club (Series)

Butler, Dori Hillestad - The Haunted Library (Series)

Chabert, Jack - Eerie Elementary (Series)

Coven, Wanda - Heidi Heckelbeck (Series)

Elliott, Rebecca - The Most Magnificent Thing

Friedman, Laurie - Mallory on the Move (Series)

Harrison, Paula - Rescue Princesses (Series)

Hunt, Elizabeth Singer - Secret Agent Jack Stalwart (Series)

Greene, Stephanie - Care for Puppy; Care for Kitten; Care for Guinea Pig (Series)

Higgins, Ryan T - What About Worms?

Kang, Anna - We Are (Not) Friends

Keller, Laurie - We Are Growing!

Manushkin, Fran - Katie Woo (Series); Pedro (Series)

Milgrim David - The Adventures of Otto: See Pip Flap (Series)

O'Connor, Jane - Fancy Nancy Early Readers

Pham. Leuyen - The Itchy Book

Ruzzier, Sergio - Fox + Chick: The Party and Other Stories (Series)

Santat, Dan - Cookie Fiasco, Harold and Hog Pretend For Real

Tabor, Corey R - Fox the Tiger

Tetri, Emily - Tiger vs. Nightmare

Willems, Mo - Waiting Is Not Easy; I Lost My Tooth; Who is the Mystery Reader?

Wallace, Karen - Tale of the Tadpole (DK Eyewitness Readers-Level 1)

**Fiction**

**Picture Books**

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Tetri, Emily - Tiger vs. Nightmare

Willems, Mo - Waiting Is Not Easy; I Lost My Tooth; Who is the Mystery Reader?
Griffiths, Andy- 13-Story Treehouse (Series)
Kelly, David A.- Ballpark Mysteries (Series)
Kirby, Stan- Captain Awesome (Series)
Maddox, Jake- Jake Maddox (Series)
Osborne, Mary Pope- Magic Tree House (Series)
Stanton, Matt- Funny Kid (Series)
Stilton, Geronimo- Geronimo Stilton (Series); Thea Stilton (Series)
Vulliamy, Clara- Dotty Detective (series)
West, Tracey- Dragon Masters (Branches Series)

Nonfiction

Adler, David A.- A Picture Book of Harry Houdini
Applegate, Katherine- Ivan: the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla
Barnett, Mac- The Important Thing About Margaret Wise Brown
Blumenthal, Deborah- Fancy Party Gowns: The Story of Fashion Designer Ann Cole
Bolte, Mari- Fab Fashions (Sleepover Girls Crafts Series)
Breen, Steve- Violet the Pilot
Bryant, Jennifer- Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille
Burleigh, Robert- Homerun: The Story of Babe Ruth; Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea
Chin, Jason- Gravity; Redwoods; Coral Reefs; Grand Canyon
Churnin, Nancy- The William Hoy Story: How a Deaf Baseball Player Changed the Game
Eggers, Dave- Her Right Foot
Floca, Brian- Moonshot
Gaertner, Meg- Science Experiments in the Kitchen (Series); Make Your Own, Make It Go! (Series)
Henson, Heather- Lift Your Light a Little Higher: The Story of Stephen Bishop, Slave-Explorer
Jenkins, Steve- Look Again:Secrets of Animal Camouflage; Stinkiest!: 20 Smelly Animals
Jokulsson, Illugi- Real Madrid: the most successful club in the world
Lang, Heather- Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine
Levy, Debbie- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark
Markle, Sandra- What If You Had Animal Feet!? (What If You Had... series)
Pringle, Laurence- The Secret Life of the Little Brown Bat
Schwartz, Heather- Cool Engineering Activities for Girls
Slade, Suzanne- A Computer Called Katherine; Cool Physics Activities for Girls
Stanley, Diane-Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer
Stewart, Melissa- No Monkeys, No Chocolate
Sturm, James- Satchel Paige; Striking Out Jim Crow
Sylver, Adrienne- Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog
Thornhill, Jan- The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk
Wainwright, Max- 20 Games to Create with Scratch

Fourth & Fifth Grade

Picture Books for Older Readers

Ashley, Bryan- Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life
Copeland, Misty- Firebird
Gottesfeld, Jeff- The Tree in the Courtyard: Looking Through Anne Frank’s Window
Heiligman, Deborah- The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdos
Joyce, William and Joe Bluhm- The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore
Markell, Michelle- Brave Girl: Clara and Shirtwaist Makers’ Strike of 1909
Pinkney, Andrea Davis- Sit-in: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down
Powell, Patricia Hruby- Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker
Say, Allen- Silent Days, Silent Dreams
Sidman, Joyce- The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science
Thompson, Laurie Ann- Emmanuel’s Dream: the True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah
Woodson, Jacqueline- This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration
Young, Ed- The Cat From Hunger Mountain, Mighty Moby

Historical Fiction

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker- The War that Saved My Life; The War I Finally Won
Berg, Ann E.- Unbound: A Novel in Verse
Choldenko, Gennifer- Chasing Secrets
Curtis, Christopher Paul- The Mighty Miss Malone; Elijah of Buxton;
Pringle, Laurence- The Secret Life of the Little Brown Bat
Schwartz, Heather- Cool Engineering Activities for Girls
Slade, Suzanne- A Computer Called Katherine; Cool Physics Activities for Girls
Stanley, Diane- Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science: The First Computer Programmer
Stewart, Melissa- No Monkeys, No Chocolate
Sturm, James- Satchel Paige; Striking Out Jim Crow
Sylver, Adrienne- Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog
Thornhill, Jan- The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk
Wainwright, Max- 20 Games to Create with Scratch

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Applegate, Katherine- Endling, Crenshaw, Wishtree, The One and Only Ivan
Anderson, Sophie- The House With Chicken Legs
Balducci, David- Vega Jane (Series)
Barnhill, Kelly Regan- The Girl Who Drank the Moon
Brallier, Max- The Last Kids on Earth (Series)
Brown, Peter-Wild Robot; Wild Robot Escapes
Bosch, Pseudonymous- Bad Magic; If You’re Reading This, It’s Too Late (Series)
Brady, Dustin- Trapped in a Video Game (Series)
Choksh, Roshani- Aru Shah and the End of Time
Colfer, Chris- The Land of Stories (Series)
DasGupta, Sayantani- Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond (Series)
De la Cruz, Melissa- The Isle of the Lost: A Descendants novel
DiCamillo, Kate- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane; Flora & Ulysses
Gaiman, Neil- The Graveyard Book; Coraline
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library (series)
Gutman, Dan- Babe & Me; Jackie & Me (The Baseball Card Adventure Series)
Holm, Jennifer- The Fourteenth Goldfish, The Third Mushroom
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Lalani of the Distant Sea
Kessler, Liz- The Tail of Emily Windsnap (Series); Philippa Fisher (Series)
Lin, Grace- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon; When the Sea Turned to Silver
MacHale, D.J.- Voyagers (Series)
Mass, Wendy- Bob
McAnulty, Stacy- The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl
McMann, Lisa- Going Wild (Series)
Patterson, James- Treasure Hunter (Series); House of Robots;
Pennypacker, Sara- Pax
Rhoad, Rick-(Percy Jackson Series); (The Kane Chronicles Series)
Ryan, Pam Munoz- Echo
Snyder, Laurel- Orphan Island
Sutherland, Tui T.-Wings of Fire (Series)
Watson, Tom- Stick Dog (Series)

Realistic Fiction
Alexander, Kwame- The Crossover; Booked; Rebound
Applegate, Katherine- The One and Only Ivan; Crenshaw; The Wishtree
Barnett, Mac- The Terrible Two (Series)
Bowling, Dusty- Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus
Buyea, Rob- Because of Mr. Terupt; The Perfect Score
Clements, Andrew- The Friendship War
Connor, Leslie- All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook
Draper, Sharon- Out of My Mind; Blended
Foxlee, Karen - Lenny’s Book of Everything
Glaser, Karina Yan- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
Graff, Lisa- The Great Treehouse War
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly- Fish in a Tree; One for the Murphy’s; Shouting at the Rain
Johnson, Bryan R.- Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life
Kadohata, Cynthia- Checked
Khan, Hena- Amina’s Voice
Kelly, Erin Entrada- Hello Universe; You Go First
Kurtz, Jane- Planet Jupiter
Korman, Gordon- Super Gifted; Restart, The Un teachables, Level 13-a Slacker Novel
Lord, Cynthia- Rules; Handful of Stars; Half a Chance, Because of the Rabbit
Martin, Ann M.- Rain Reign
Medina, Meg- Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Messner, Kate- Breakout; Capture the Flag; The Seventh Wish
O’Connor, Barbara- Wish
Palacio, R.J.- Wonder
Pennypacker, Sara- Here in the Real World
Reynolds, Jason- As Brave as You; Ghost; Look Both Ways: a Tale Told in Ten Blocks
Ryan, Pam Munoz- Echo; Mananaland
Schmidt, Gary- Okay for Now; Pay Attention, Carter Jones
Sloan, Holly Goldberg - Counting by 7s; To Night Owl From Dogfish
Stead, Rebecca- Goodbye Stranger; The List of Things That Will Not Change
Tashjian, Janet- My Life as a Meme; (My Life as a...Series)
Wolk, Lauren- Beyond the Bright Sea, Wolf Hollow
Woodson, Jacqueline- Harbor Me
Yang, Kelly- Front Desk

Mysteries
Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss- Book Scavenger; The Unbreakable Code
Buckley, Michael- The Fairy Tale Detectives: Sisters Grimm
Colfer, Eoin- Artemis Fowl (Series)
Gibbs, Stuart- Spy School (Series); Fun Jungle (Series); Moonbase Alpha (Series)
Grabenstein, Chris- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library; Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics
Hiaasen, Carl- Squirm; Hoot; Flush; Scat; Chomp
Inglis, Karen- The Secret Lake
London, Matt- The 8th Continent (Series)
Marsh, Carole- Around the World in 80 Mysteries (Series); Real Kids, Real Places (Series)
McMullen, Beth- Spy School for Girls
Milford, Kate- Greenglass House; Ghosts of Greenglass House
Ponti, James- Framed! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery (series)
Stewart, Trenton Lee- The Mysterious Benedict Society (Series)
Yeh, Kat- The Way to Bea

Nonfiction
Barton, Chris- Dazzle Ships: WWI and the Art of Confusion
Brown, Don- Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of the Earth
Chambers, Veronica- Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up Against Tyranny and Injustice
Chin, Jason- Grand Canyon, Island; Coral Reefs; Redwoods
Coleman, Janet Wyman- Eight Dolphins of Katrina
Fleming, Candace - Giant Squid
Gerstein, Mordecai- The Man Who Walked Between the Towers
Hale, Nathan- Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales series
Hoese, Phillip- We Were There, Too!: Young People in U.S. History
Doeden, Matt- The World Cup: A Soccer’s Global Championship
Levy, Debbie- Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War
Malam, John- Titanic: Shipwrecks and Sunken Treasure
Markle, Sandra- The Case of the Vanishing Little Brown Bats: A Scientific Mystery
Moss, Marissa- Barbed Wire Baseball
Nelson, Kadir- We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball
Owen, Ruth- Your Cat’s Superhero Skills
Ringstad, Arnold- Weird But True Facts About U.S. History
Schulman, Janet- Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City
Shetterly, Margot Lee- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
Shoveller, Herb- Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together
Waxman, Laura Hamilton- Fabulous Fashion Inventions
Zweig, Eric- Soccer: All the Latest Facts From the Field (National Geographic Kids-Absolute Expert)

Biographies
Armstrong, Jennifer- Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: the Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance
Berne, Jennifer- On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein
Brown, Don- Hamilton & Burr: The Most Famous Duel
Clinton, Chelsea- She Persisted, 13 American Women Who Changed the World; She Persisted Around the World:13 Women Who Changed History
D’Agnese, Joseph- Blockhead: The Life of Fibonacci
Denise, Anika Aldamuy-Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré
Fleischman, Sid- Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini
Harrison, Vashti- Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History; Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World; Little Leaders: Exceptional Men in Black History
Herrera, Juan Felipe- Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes
Johnson, Jen Cullerton- Seeds of Change
Lawlor, Laurie- Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World
Lester, Julius- The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World

Graphic Novels
Bell, Cece- El Deafo
Blabey, Aaron- Bad Guys (Series)
Brit, Fanny- Jane, the Fox and Me
Chanani, Nidhi- Pashmina
Clanton, Ben- Narwhal and Jelly (Series)
Craft, Jerry- New Kid
Grunberg, Greg- Dream Jumper (Series)
Hales, Nathan- Hazardous Tales (Series)
Hale, Shannon- Rapunzel’s Revenge (Series) Real Friends; Best Friends
Hatke, Ben- Zita the Spacegirl (Series); Mighty Jack (Series)
Hirsch, Alex- Gravity Falls (Series)
Holm, Jennifer- Babymouse (Series); Swing it Sunny; Sunny Side Up
Jamieson, Victoria- Roller Girl; All’s Faire in Middle School
Kibuishi, Kazu- Amulet (Series); Explorer (Series)
Larson, Hope- A Wrinkle in Time: the Graphic Novel
Libenson, Terri- Positively Izzie; Invisible Emmie (Series)
Miller, Kayla- Click; Camp, Act (Series)
Palacio, R.J.- White Bird
Peirce, Lincoln- Max and the Midnights; Big Nate (Series)
Riordan, Rick- Percy Jackson and the Olympians (Series)
Runton, Andy- Owly (Series)
Sell, Chad- The Cardboard Kingdom
Simpson, Dana- Phoebe and Her Unicorn (Series)
Steinenson, Noelle and Shannon Waters- Lumberjanes (Series)
Telgemeier, Raina- Guts; Ghosts; Sisters; Drama; Smile; Baby-Sitters Club Graphix (Series);
TenNapel, Doug- Newts (Series)
Teti, Emily- Tiger vs. Nightmare
Varon, Sara- Robot Dreams; Bake Sale; New Shoes
Venditti, Robert- Percy Jackson & the Olympians Graphic Novels Book Series
Winick, Judd- Hilo (Series)

All Ages

Folklore (All Ages)
Brett, Jan- The Turnip; Mossy, The Mermaid
Bruchac, James- Rabbit’s Snow Dance: a Traditional Iroquois Story
Bruchac, Joseph- Keepers of the Earth
Byrd, Robert-Jason and the Argonauts
Campoy, F. Isabel and Alma Flor Ada.- Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale
Clayton, Sally Pomme- Persephone
Demi- The Empty Pot; One Grain of Rice
Diakité, Baba Wagué- The Hunter Man and the Crocodile
Elya, Susan M.- Little Roja Riding Hood
First Second- Fable Comics
Fleischman, Paul- Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella
Hamilton, Virginia- The Girl Who Spun Gold
Martin, Rafe- The Rough Face Girl
Napoli, Donna Jo- Tales from the Arabian Nights
Pinkney, Jerry- Aesop’s Fables; The Lion & the Mouse; The Three Billy Goats Gruff
Rylant, Cynthia- Beauty and the Beast
Riordan, Rick- Greek Gods and Goddesses
Salas, Laura Purdie- Flashy, Clashy- Oh-so Splashy: Poems about Color
Silverstein, Shel- Where the Sidewalk Ends; Falling Up
Steinglass, Elizabeth- Soccerverse: Poems About Soccer
Yolen, Jane & Andrew Fusek Peters- Here’s a Little Poem: A Very First Book of Poetry

Poetry
Alexander, Kwame - Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets, The Undefeated
Blackaby, Susan- Nest, Nook and Cranney
Brown Skila- Slicketey Quick: Poems about Sharks
Clements, Andrew- Dogku