Marple Newtown School District
2014   Elementary Schools
Required Summer Reading List

**Fiction Books are in Order of Increasing Difficulty**

Entering Grade 2:

**Fiction:**  
- *Froggy* series, by Jonathan London (any in series)
- *Cork and Fuzz*, by Dori Chaconas (any in series)
- *Pinky & Rex*, by James Howe (any in series)

**Non-Fiction:**  
- *Hibernation*, by Margaret Hall

**PA Core Challenge (optional):**  
- *The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf
- *Little Bear*, by Else Holmelund Minarik (any in the series)

Entering Grade 3:

**Fiction:**  
- *A to Z Mysteries*, by Ron Roy (any in series)
- *Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls*, by Lenore Look (any in series)
- *Pick of the Litter*, by Bill Wallace

**Non-Fiction:**  
- *All About*, by Jim Arnosky (any in the series)

**PA Core Challenge (optional):**  
- *Catwings*, by Ursula Le Guin
- *Charlotte’s Web*, by E.B. White
- *The Hundred Dresses*, by Eleanor Estes

Entering Grade 4:

**Fiction:**  
- *The World According to Humphrey*, by Betty G. Birney
- *My Life as a Book*, by Janet Tashjian
- *The Year of the Rat*, by Grace Lin

**Non-Fiction:**  
- *You Wouldn’t Want to be an American Pioneer*, by Jacqueline Morley (any in the series)

**PA Core Challenge (optional):**  
- *Abel’s Island*, by William Steig
- *The Borrowers*, by Mary Norton
- *Poppy*, by Avi
Entering Grade 5:

**Fiction:**  
*Because of Mr. Terupt*, by Rob Buyea
*The Gollywhopper Games*, by Jody Feldman
*The Name of This Book is Secret*, (any in series) by Pseudonymous Bosch

**Non-Fiction:**  
*Frozen Man*, by David Getz

**PA Core Challenge (optional):**  
*Black Beauty*, by Anna Sewell
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis
*Half Magic*, by Edward Eager