



**Lexington School District One (LSDO)
Summer Reading for Elementary School Students**

Summer reading offers students an opportunity to enjoy quality literature while growing their independent reading skills. By offering choice, we hope students will find ‘books they won’t be able to put down’ so they can authentically engage in summer reading and ultimately ‘fall in love’ with reading so they are better prepared to engage in academic reading.

This summer, every LSDO elementary school student should self-select and read *at least one* book. As a starting point, students might consider choosing one of the 2020-21 SC Picture Book or 2020-21 Children’s Book Award Nominees.

2020-21 SC Picture Book Award Nominees	
<p>Alma and How She Got Her Name Juana Martinez-Neal Born to Ride: A Story About Bicycle Face Larissa Theule Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins Michelle Meadows Can I Be Your Dog? Troy Cummings The Day You Begin Jacqueline Woodson Friends Stick Together Hannah E. Harrison Giraffe Problems Jory John Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race Margot Lee Shetterly Love, Z Jessie Sima The Magician’s Hat Malcolm Mitchell Misunderstood Shark Ame Dyckman</p>	<p>Mixed: A Colorful Story Arree Chung Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs Melissa Stewart Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré Anika Aldamuy Denise Remarkably You Pat Zietlow Miller The Remember Balloons Jessie Oliveros Rescue and Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes Shaking Things Up Susan Hood Sleepy, the Goodnight Buddy Drew Daywalt We Don’t Eat Our Classmates Ryan T. Higgins</p>
2020-21 SC Children’s Book Award Nominees	
<p>Amal Unbound Aisha Saeed Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire John August Betty Before X Ilyasah Shabazz</p>	<p>Just Like Jackie Lindsey Stoddard Let ‘Er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People’s Champion Vaunda Micheaux Nelson</p>

Blended Sharon M. Draper Caterpillar Summer Gillian McDunn Daring Dozen: The Twelve Who Walked on the Moon Suzanne Slade The Doughnut Fix Jessie Janowitz Echo's Sister Paul Mosier Finding Langston Lesa Cline-Ransome Hardscrabble Sandra Dallas Holes in the Sky Patricia Polacco	Lizzy and the Good Luck Girl Susan Lubner Max & the Midnights Lincoln Peirce Saving Winslow Sharon Creech Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster Jonathan Auxier They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems David Bowles The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA Brenda Woods Willa of the Wood Robert Beatty
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When students return to school in August, teachers will use students' summer reading experiences to begin building a community of readers who share and talk about books. Students will also be invited to participate in a schoolwide reading celebration.