We want Brookstone students to be avid, life-long lovers of reading, and we work hard during the school year to build a culture that celebrates reading, being read to, and talking about books. We could not do this without your support of reading at home throughout the year, and summer is the perfect time to grow the joy, the magic, and the love of reading!

Reading together and talking about books builds a sense of community, a bond that supports all of the work we do together. This summer, we invite our parents to join our reading community with the Lower School’s school-wide summer read. In *The Day You Begin*, the 2018-2019 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature and National Book Award winner, Jacqueline Woodson, has created a poignant, yet heartening book about finding courage to connect, even when you feel scared and alone. This is something each of us has experienced in our own lives.

"There are many reasons to feel different. Maybe it's how you look or talk, or where you’re from; maybe it's what you eat, or something just as random. It's not easy to take those first steps into a place where nobody really knows you yet, but somehow you do it.

Jacqueline Woodson’s lyrical prose and warm narration remind us that we all feel like outsiders sometimes - and how brave it is that we go forth anyway. And that sometimes, when we reach out and begin to share our stories, others will be happy to meet us halfway." --Amazon

Our Pre-K teachers have also chosen a few of their favorite books for you to read and enjoy with your children. We hope you will travel to new places and make new friends as you read and reread these stories. Children will have opportunities to hear these books again at the beginning of next year and to talk about them with their teachers and classmates. Of course, we hope these are just the beginning of your summer reading, so we’ve included links to more lists of great reads for you and your child to enjoy!

*The Napping House* by Audrey Wood-- In the napping house is a cozy bed piled high with a snoring granny, a dreaming child, a dozing dog, and more. All is at peace until the appearance of an unexpected visitor, and before you know it no one is sleeping!
**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle-- This classic story of a famished caterpillar who eats his way through a week of various foods is a prefect choice to read again and again.

**Elmer** by David Mckee-- Elmer the elephant is bright-colored patchwork all over. No wonder the other elephants laugh at him!

**The Rainbow Fish** by Marcus Pfister—A simple story about a beautiful fish who learns to make friends by sharing his most prized possessions.

**Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?** by Bill Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle-- A big happy frog, a plump purple cat, a handsome blue horse, and a soft yellow duck—all parade across the pages of this delightful book.

### Additional Resources for Children’s Literature

This list of Award Winning books is by no means exhaustive or complete, but merely suggestions that children may find enjoyable and of the appropriate level.

**Caldecott Award Winners and Honor Books:**

**Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books:**

**Coretta Scott King Award Winners:**

**Georgia Children’s Book Award:**

**Nonfiction Book Lists:**

**Online Books:**
Epic Books for Kids-- [https://www.getepic.com](https://www.getepic.com)

**Books for Girls:**

**Books for Boys:**
[https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/](https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/)

**James Patterson’s Read, Kiddo, Read:** [http://www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)
Children's Magazines:
COBBLESTONE
ODYSSEY
FACES
MUSE
CRICKET
RANGER RICK
BRAINSPACE
DIG INTO HISTORY
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
KID’S AMERICAN GIRL

Online Magazines for Kids:
https://www.sikids.com
http://teachingkidsnews.com/
http://www.timeforkids.com/
http://www.dogonews.com/
http://www.humanesociety.org/news/magazines/