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 our 3K-1st Grade common summer read. In *Rita and Ralph’s Rotten Days*, Cuban-born, Georgia author, Carmen Agra Deedy’s brilliant storytelling combined with Pete Oswald’s spirited illustrations make for a comforting tale of healing and true friendship.

*In two little houses,*  
*on two little hills,*  
*lived two best friends...*  

So begins the story of Rita and Ralph. Every day they meet to play beneath the apple tree. It’s always fun and games -- until one roundly rotten day when a new game means someone ends up crying. Who knew it could be so hard to say "I’m sorry?"

Just when it seems nothing will ever be right again, a surprising thing happens. The old friends try something new, that isn’t new at all. Something they’ve done a hundred times...

---from Amazon Review

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 perfect 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.

Caldcott Award Winners and Honor Books:
http://www.al.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldcottmedal/caldcottonhonor/caldcottmedal

Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books:
http://www.al.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberyhonor/newberymedal

Coretta Scott King Award Winners:

Georgia Children's Book Award:

Nonfiction Book Lists:
http://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/kids-non-fiction

Online Books:
Epic Books for Kids-- https://www.getepic.com
Unite For Literacy--https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/

Books for Girls:
http://www.randomhouse.com/rhpg/promos/greatbooks/booklist.html
http://school.familyeducation.com/reading/fiction/37735.html

Books for Boys:
https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/

James Patterson’s Read, Kiddo, Read:  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/