

Selwyn Favorite Books/Series

Hi Selwyn Families,

Are you looking for some great books for summer reading and to use for Red Ribbon Reading? The titles on the attached pages are currently some of the most popular ones being read at Selwyn. There are also additional suggestions at the end of the list. Although the list is broken down by “grade spans” families should use their discretion as reading levels of students vary. Look for these books at the public library, on SORA, EPIC, or your favorite bookstore.

Kindergarten and First Grade

Elephant and Piggie series by Mo Willems

“The Pigeon” series by Mo Willems

Mercy Watson series by Kate DiCamillo

King and Kayla series by Dori Butler

Sofia Martinez series by Jacqueline Jules

Humphrey’s Tiny Tales series by Betty Birney

Judy Moody and Friends by Megan McDonald

Second and Third Grade

Ball Park Mysteries series by David A. Kelly

Owl Diaries by Rebecca Elliott

Who Would Win series by Jerry Pallotta

Who Was, What Was, Where Is, etc. series by various authors

Clementine series by Sarah Pennypacker

Calendar Mysteries series by Ron Roy

Humphrey series by Betty Birney

Boxcar Children Mystery series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Jake Maddox Sports series (various titles)

Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald

Stink series by Megan McDonald

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger

Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer

Who Was, What Was, Where Is, etc. series by various authors

Last Kids on Earth series by Max Brallier

Spy School series by Stuart Gibb

Babysitters Club Graphic Novels by Ann M. Martin (and other supporting authors)

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library series by Chris Grabenstein

The Last Musketeer series by Stuart Gibbs

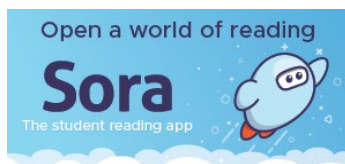
Encyclopedia Brown series by Donald J. Sobol

Books by author Andrew Clements (he has a wide variety of titles)

The website "Imagination Soup" (**www.imaginationssoup.net**) has a wide range of suggested titles by grade level and topic. It takes a little exploring and navigating but has lots of good suggestions and descriptions of various books for all ages.

SORA is a wonderful resource that allows Selwyn families to access literally thousands of FREE electronic and audiobooks. You can use SORA on a desktop, laptop, tablet, or cell phone. Audiobooks are an especially fun choice which allow you to listen while traveling. See Ms. Bailey's [Media Center page](#) on the Selwyn Elementary website for detailed instructions on everything SORA! (Please note the district has currently restricted adding access to libraries other than Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. However, there are still thousands of books, audiobooks, and magazines available in CMS's SORA collection.) Happy Reading!

Sora Instructions



- Click on Sora link on Student Portal
<https://www.cms.k12.nc.us/Pages/StudentPortal.aspx> OR download the Sora app OR access via this website www.soraapp.com

- Click Find My School and search for **Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools** and click This is my school
- Click green button to sign in and log in with NCEdCloud to get to Clever
- Add **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library** and **NC Kids Digital Library** for more titles (use Student ID # to sign in to each of these libraries; only need to sign in once)
- When searching for a book, make sure the box for Search all my libraries is checked
- In Preferences, limit Audience to Juvenile for elementary age

[How to navigate Sora \(4:31\)](#) (video for how to access and add libraries)

NC Kids Digital Library offers e-books, audiobooks, streaming videos, and Read-Alongs. This collection was specifically designed for youth ages pre-K through 4th grade and includes picture books, youth fiction, youth nonfiction, and more.