



Slam Dunk Reading Club Suggested Reading List

Beginning Readers

***Basketball Buddies* by Jean Marzollo**

Paul is tall and is learning to play basketball. The more he practices with his team the better he can play. What will happen when his team plays their first game with another team?

***Gus and Grandpa at Basketball* by Claudia Mills**

Gus practices basketball at Grandpa's house with an old basketball hoop hanging from the garage. Finally the day comes when Grandpa watches Gus shoot his first basket in a real basketball game.

***Allie's Basketball Dream* by Barbara E. Barber**

Repeatedly told that "basketball's a boy's game," a girl's confidence falters and then rebounds in this encouraging tale.

Picture Books

***Jimmy's Boa and the Bungee Jump Slam Dunk* by Trinka Hakes Noble**

The school dance class and basketball team consists of Miss Peachtree, Coach, Meg and her classmates, Jimmy and his boa and a herd of romping rabbits.

***Loose Tooth* by Anastasia Suen**

Peter wants to use his tooth money to buy a basketball.

Juvenile Fiction

***Arthur and the Pen-Pal Playoff* by Stephen Krensky**

Arthur writes to his pen-pal Justin about his basketball skills. Unexpectedly he meets Justin in person, on the opposing basketball team.

***Center Court Sting* by Matt Christopher**

Darren and Lou have so many differences that it splits the basketball team into two sides.

***The Million Dollar Shot* by Dan Gutman**

Eddie has to make a free throw shot to win a million dollars, but someone is out to make him miss.

Juvenile Fiction

***Airball: My Life in Briefs* by Lisa Harkrader**

Kirby has a chance to meet the famous basketball star, Brett 'McNett' by pretending to have basketball skills that he does not really have.

***I Smell Like Ham* by Betty Hicks**

Nick has trouble talking to girls and he misses his mother and is still adjusting to a new stepmother. He also has to convince the coach that he should be on the basketball team.

***The Trophy* by Dean Hughes**

Danny works hard on his basketball team but this is not enough to solve problems at home with a father who drinks too much.

***Travel Team* by Mike Lupica**

Danny Walker is cut from the basketball team for being too small. So, he starts a team of his own.

***Slam Dunk Saturday* by Jean Marzollo**

Billy is practicing for Slam-Dunk Saturday even though the best basketball player, and class bully, will be trying to make him miss his shot.

***Taking Sides* by Gary Soto**

Lincoln Mendoza moves from his old neighborhood and attends a new school and is on a different basketball team. What happens when he plays against his old teammates?

***Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time* by Lisa Yee**

Flunking English risks the ruin of Stanford's summer, his standing with his friends, his place on the basketball team and his relationship with his father and with Emily, the prettiest girl in class.

***Gus and Grandpa at Basketball* by Claudia Mills**

Grandpa helps his grandson overcome an emotional obstacle that many children will relate to—performance anxiety. Gus excels during practice, but he is unable to perform during games.

***Basketball Buddies* by Jean Marzollo and Dan Marzollo**

Paul, whose tallness makes him awkward and clumsy on the basketball court, receives help and support from his teammates and finds his game improving.

Juvenile Non-fiction

***The Basket Counts* by Arnold Adoff**

Poems about basketball.

***Hoop-La: Riddles About Basketball* by Rick Walton**

Have you ever had hoopatitis?