

# THE FABULOUS SUMMER READING LIST!!!

## SOME FAVORITE BOOKS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL LIBRARY Summer 2011

Listed below are some well-loved books that may interest you for summer reading. These are just a sample of the titles and authors available, and we have tried to avoid suggesting books with which everyone is already completely familiar. There are, of course, many, many more choices at public libraries and in bookstores. Start your own list. Happy reading!

Love,

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## Some Stupendous Picture Books

**Guess Again!** by Mac Barnett

**Tadpole Rex** by Kurt Cyrus

**Burnt Toast on Davenport Street** by Tim Egan

**Mr. Pusskins** by Sam Lloyd

No one can resist this grumpy puss.

**Bedtime for Bear** by Bonnie Becker

**Subway Sparrow** by Leyla Torres

A beautiful and multi-lingual New York story.

**Interrupting Chicken** by David Ezra Stein

**Clever Jack Takes the Cake** by Candace Fleming

**Herbert: the True Story of a Brave Sea Dog** by Robyn Belton

**A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Philip and Erin Stead

The kindergarteners loved this book even before it won the 2011 Caldecott Award.

**The Boss Baby** by Marla Frazee

**Monsters Eat Whiny Children** by Bruce Eric Kaplan

**Everything but the Horse** by Holly Hobbie

The cover of this book makes Gabe smile.

**Sergio Saves the Game** by Edel Rodriguez

Beloved by kindergarteners and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders alike.

**Chicken Big** by Keith Graves

**Farm** by Elisha Cooper

**Here Comes the Garbage Barge!** by Jonah Winter

You won't believe the illustrations; they're made of found objects!

**Mirror, Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse** by Marilyn Singer

**Wonder Bear** by Tao Nyeu

One of the most gorgeous wordless books we've ever seen.

**The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown

**Gumption!** by Elise Broach

## Some More Amazing Picture Books: by Author

Jerry Pinkney (**The Lion & the Mouse, John Henry** [ill.])

This amazing illustrator won the 2010 Caldecott award.

Steve Jenkins (**Down Down Down: The Journey to the Bottom of the Sea**)

Visually captivating non-fiction.

Emily Gravett (**Dogs, The Rabbit Problem**)

Antoinette Portis (**A Penguin Story, Not a Box**)

Yangsook Choi (**Behind the Mask, Peach Heaven**)

Mwenye Hadithi (**Greedy Zebra, Crafty Chameleon**)

Roger Hargreaves (**Mr. Nosey, Little Miss Scary**)

Tim Egan (**Pink Refrigerator, Metropolitan Cow**)

These books charmed Rebecca's dad Chris when he came to sub.

Oliver Jeffers (**Lost and Found, The Incredible Book Eating Boy**)

Patricia Polacco (**Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Dam Creek Dam Affair**)

Paul Zelinsky (Caldecott winner **Rapunzel, Dust Devil** [ill.])

Lynley Dodd (**Hairy Maclary and Slinky Malinki series**)

A very popular new addition to the library from New Zealand.

### *\*Special Feature: Irma Black Award for Outstanding Picture Books\**

This spring the first graders listened to, discussed, and reviewed the four semi-finalists for the 2011 award, and were proud to have their votes counted in the first-ever national tally. The nominees were:

How Rocket Learned to Read by Tad Hills (**national award winner**)

Dust Devil by Anne Isaacs, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

(**winner of the Saint Ann's vote**)

A Pig Parade is a Terrible Idea by Michael Ian Black

Children Make Terrible Pets by Peter Brown

Earlier in the year the third graders read and discussed the 2010 nominees:

Robot Zot! by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by David Shannon (**winner**)

Billy Twitters and his Blue Whale Problem by Mac Barnett,

illustrated by Adam Rex

A Penguin Story by Antoinette Portis

Sergio Saves the Game by Edel Rodriguez

## Some Excellent I-Can-Read Books

\***Elephant and Piggie series** by Mo Willems

\***Biscuit series** by Alyssa Satin Capuccilli

\***See Otto series** by David Milgrim

\***Read and Play: Noisy Animals and others** by Jim Pipe

This series of beginning reader non-fiction is always a huge hit.

**Hi, Fly Guy! and others** by Tedd Arnold

**Hippo and Rabbit in Three Short Tales** by Jeff Mack

**Pup and Hound series** by Susan Hood

**Rhyming Dust Bunnies and others** by Jan Thomas

So good even the grown-up third graders grab them!

**Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa series** by Erica Silverman

**Squirrelly Gray** by James Kochalka

**George and Martha series** by George Marshall

**Jack and the Box** by Art Spiegelman

**Benny and Penny series** by Geoffrey Hayes

**Amazing Gorillas!, Amazing Sharks! and others**

by Sarah L. Thomson and the Wildlife Conservation Society

**Annie and Snowball, Poppleton, and other series**

by Cynthia Rylant

**Commander Toad series** by Jane Yolen

**Houndsley and Catina series** by James Howe

\* indicates great books for beginning readers

## Some Super I-Can-Read Challenges

**Amelia Bedelia series** by Peggy and Herman Parish

**Mercy Watson series** by Kate DiCamillo

**Aggie and Ben series** by Lori Ries

**Dodsworth in New York series** by Tim Egan

**Zelda and Ivy series** by Laura McGee Kvasnosky

**Shampoozel and other Seriously Silly Stories** by Laurence Anholt

Zoe S. reads every one of these she can find!

**Upstairs Mouse, Downstairs Mole series** by Wong Herbert Yee

**Boo's Dinosaur** by Betsy Byars

A huge read-aloud hit with David and Elizabeth's class.

**Ling & Ting: Not Exactly the Same!** by Grace Lin

**Long Tail Kitty** by Lark Pien

This is one of Sean B.'s favorite books.

**Johnny Boo series** by James Kochalka

Olivia R. loves to share these with her brother Jonah.

**Scholastic True or False series** by Melvin & Gilda Berger

Kids in Jesse and Emily's class have been devouring these.

## Some Fantastic Shorter Chapter Books

**Clementine series** by Sara Pennypacker

Everyone enjoys Clementine's antics!

**Time Warp Trio series** by Jon Scieszka

**Sheep and Goat** by Marleen Westera

**Dinosaur Cove series** by Rex Stone

**Beast Quest series** by Adam Blade

Walker S. and Isabel Y. are both huge fans!

**Anna Hibiscus series** by Atinuke

Sarah and Jon's class enjoyed this happy look at life in Africa.

**Secret Agent Jack Stalwart series** by Elizabeth Singer Hunt

**Bad Kitty series** by Nick Bruel

Gabby D., Toby P., and Oscar L. are devotees of these!

**Ernie and Maud series** by Frances Watts

Superhero boy, sheep sidekick; what more need we say?

**Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel series** by Nikki Grimes

**Only One Year** by Andrea Cheng

Ella Brown loves this book, and Rebecca does too.

**Gooney Bird Greene series** by Lois Lowry

**Magic Tree House Research Guides** by Will & Mary P. Osborne

Nicholas H. recommends these for kids who like to learn about true things.

**The Littles series** by John Peterson

This classic series is very popular again.

**Araminta Spookie series** by Angie Sage

**Ottoline and the Yellow Cat and sequel** by Chris Riddell

**Lulu and the Brontosaurus** by Judith Viorst

**Akimbo and the Lions series** by Alexander McCall Smith

**Journal of a Cardboard Genius series** by Frank Asch

Victor K. wishes there were more than 3 of these!

## Some Wonderful Longer Chapter Books

**The House of a Million Pets** by Ann Hodgman

**The Dunderheads** by Paul Fleischman

**Masterpiece** by Elise Broach

**Iron Thunder, The Fighting Ground and others** by Avi  
Absorbing historical fiction.

**Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** by Grace Lin

**Snake and Lizard** by Joy Cowley

**The Boy who Climbed into the Moon** by David Almond  
Cairo L. gave us this excellent recommendation.

**Girl's Best Friend** by Leslie Margolis

Shayna K-Z. writes " I luv this book soooo much!"

**Into and Out of the Woods** by Lyn Gardner

**The Dancing Pancake** by Eileen Spinelli

**The Adventures of Nanny Piggins** by R. A. Spratt  
Langston S. *loved* this book!

**\*On the Blue Comet** by Rosemary Wells

**\*Love Among the Walnuts** by Jean Ferris

Odd, funny, and enjoyed greatly by Amy and Rebecca

**\*War Horse** by Michael Morpurgo

**\*Knightley Academy** by Violet Haberdasher

**\*First Light** by Rebecca Stead

**\*A Tale Dark and Grimm** by (Saint Ann's own) Adam Gidwitz

**\*A Crooked Kind of Perfect** by Linda Urban

**\*Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest and sequel**  
by Matt Haig

**\*The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School  
and sequel** by Candace Fleming

**\*Out of My Mind** by Sharon Draper

Emily D. cried when she finished this book because she didn't  
want it to end.

Books can be dangerous. The best ones should be labeled "This could change your life." ~Helen Exley

## Some Fabulous Chapter Book Series

**All-of-a-Kind Family series** by Sydney Taylor

This wonderful New York series is an annual 2<sup>nd</sup> grade favorite.

**The World According to Humphrey series** by Betty Birney

**Moxie Maxwell series** by Peggy Gifford

**Julia Gillian series** by Alison McGhee

**Calvin Coconut series** by Graham Salisbury

**Just Grace series** by Charise Harper

**The Sisters Grimm series** by Michael Buckley

**Phineas L. MacGuire series** by Frances O'Roark Dowell

**Animal Rescue Team series** by Sue Stauffacher

**Children of the Lamp series** by Philip Kerr

**43 Old Cemetery Road series** by Kate Klise

Mac C. and Lucy S. both loved this unusual series.

**Children of the Red King (Charlie Bone) series** by Jenny Nimmo

**Honus & Me and other Baseball Card Adventures** by Dan Gutman

**The Penderwicks series** by Jeanne Birdsall

**The Neddiad series** by Daniel Pinkwater

Highly recommended by Declan G. and Isadora K.

**The Anybodies and sequels** by N. E. Bode

**\*Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place series** by Maryrose Wood

**\*Fablehaven series** by Brandon Mull

Aaron B. and Viraj devoured this fantasy series.

**\*Chronicles of Prydain** by Lloyd Alexander

The 3rd graders adored **The Book of Three**, which we read in library story.

## Some Classics Not to Be Missed

**Ballet Shoes and others** by Noel Streatfeild

**The Twenty-One Balloons** by William Pene du Bois

**A Bear Called Paddington and sequels** by Michael Bond

**Betsy-Tacy series** by Maud Hart Lovelace

This lovely series, set in early 1900s Minnesota and based on the author's life, is one of Rebecca's all-time favorites.

**The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and sequels** by L. Frank Baum

**B is for Betsy and others** by Carolyn Haywood

**Understood Betsy** by Dorothy Canfield Fisher

**Superfudge and others** by Judy Blume

**The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame

**The Melendy Quartet** by Elizabeth Enright

**Harriet the Spy and sequels** by Louise Fitzhugh

**Five Children and It and others** by E. Nesbit

The ultimate writer of classic fantasy.

**A Little Princess** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

An excellent authorized sequel, **Wishing for Tomorrow** by Hilary McKay, was recently published.

**\*The Great Brain series** by John D. Fitzgerald

A smart and funny series set in 1890s Utah, about a boy who outsmarts both kids and adults.

**\*A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver** by E. L. Konigsberg

A medieval adventure based on the life of Eleanor of Aquitaine.

**\*Around the World in 80 Days and others** by Jules Verne

These amazing adventures are still fresh and exciting.

**\*A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeline L'Engle

This was a favorite of Avi (third grade teacher) and Rebecca Young (the nurse) when they were young.

**\*Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

The oldest books are still only just out to those who have not read them. ~Samuel Butler

## Some Marvelous Mysteries

**Encyclopedia Brown series** by Donald J. Sobol

**The Boxcar Children series** by Gertrude Warner

**The Buddy Files series** by Dora Hillestad Butler

**Trixie Belden series** by Julie Campbell

**The 39 Clues series** by various authors

**Jack Russell, Dog Detective series** by Darrel & Sally Odgers

**The Gecko & Sticky series** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**A to Z Mysteries and Capital Mysteries series** by Ron Roy

Tessa W. has read every single one of these!

**Mysteries in our National Parks series**

by Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson

**The Mystery on Alaska's Iditarod Trail and others** by Carole Marsh

These two series are set in exciting real locations around the United States.

**The Puzzling World of Winston Breen and sequel** by Eric Berlin

**\*When You Reach Me** by Rebecca Stead

2010 Newbery Award winner

**\*The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity** by Mac Barnett

**\*Sammy Keyes series** by Wendelin Van Draanen

**\*Enola Holmes series** by Nancy Springer

Did you know that Sherlock Holmes had a sister?

**\*The Hall Family Chronicles** by Jane Langton

This excellent series is by a well-known mystery writer for adults.

**\*The Trolley to Yesterday and others** by John Bellairs

**\*And Then There Were None and others** by Agatha Christie

## Need more ideas?

There are tons of great new books available!

### Some just out...

**Junonia** by K. Henkes

**Dodsworth in Rome** by Tim Egan

**The Emerald Atlas** by John Stephens

**Attack of the Vampire Weenies** by David Lubar

**Theodosia and the Last Pharaoh** by R. L. LaFevers

**Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!** by Mo Willems

**The Penderwicks at Point Mouette** by Jeanne Birdsall

**Babymouse: Mad Scientist** by Jennifer & Matthew Holm

**Super Amoeba** (*1<sup>st</sup> in a new series!*) by Jennifer & Matthew Holm

**Nixa the Death Bringer** (*Beast Quest #19*) by Adam Blade

**The Throne of Fire** (*sequel to The Red Pyramid*) by Rick Riordan

**A World Without Heroes** by Brandon Mull

(The first book in a new series from the author of **Fablehaven**)

### ...and some coming soon!

**Chi's Sweet Home #6** by Konami Kanata [June]

**Bad Kitty Meets the Baby** by Nick Bruel [June]

**No Room for Dessert** by Hallie Durand [June]

**Missing on Superstition Mountain** by Elise Broach [June]

1<sup>st</sup> book in a new series by an author who's now on this list 3 times!

**Olympians: Hera** by George O'Connor [July]

**Equinus the Spirit Horse** (*Beast Quest #20*) by Adam Blade [July]

**Frankie Pickle & the Mathematical Menace** by Eric Wight [July]

**Emmy and the Rats in the Belfry** by Lynne Jonell [July]

**Bake Sale** by Sara Varon (author of **Robot Dreams**) [August]

**Big Nate on a Roll** by Lincoln Peirce [August]

**Dogs in the Dead of Night** by Mary Pope Osborne [August]

(*Magic Tree House #46*)

**Fly Guy vs. Flyswatter** by Tedd Arnold [August]



## True and Terrific Tomes

**We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball**

written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson

**The Extraordinary Mark Twain (According to Susy)**

by Barbara Kerley

**Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring**

by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

**Brooklyn Bridge and Ballpark** by Lynn Curlee

**The Adventures of a Plastic Bottle** by Alison Inches

**The Most Fantastic Atlas of the Whole Wide World**

by the Brainwaves

**Moonshot: the Flight of Apollo 11** by Brian Floca

**Dr. Frankenstein's Human Body Book** by Richard Walker

**365 Ways to Live Green for Kids** by Sheri Amsel

**Pick Me Up** by David Roberts

**\*Knucklehead** by Jon Scieszka

This memoir had the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in stitches!

**\*Who Was First?, Freedom Walkers and anything else** by Russell Freedman

## Especially Great Animal Stories

**Frogs and others** by Nic Bishop

Amazing and captivating close-up photographs

**Little Pink Pup** by Johanna Kerby

**Dinosaurs!** by Lila Prap

**Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again**

by Juliana, Isabella, and Craig Hatkoff

**Actual Size** by Steve Jenkins

**Zarafa: The Giraffe who Walked to the King** by Judith St. George

**Tarra & Bella: The Elephant and Dog who Became Friends**

By Carol Buckley

**Finding Home and Animal Heroes** by Sandra Markle

**Two Bobbies** by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

**\*The House of a Million Pets** by Ann Hodgman

## A School (or Library) Like Mine

The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders spent the spring discussing and hearing stories about schools and libraries around the world and the challenges that kids face to go to them. Here are some of the books they read and talked about:

**Yasmin's Hammer** by Ann Malaspina

**Rain School** by James Rumford

**Listen to the Wind** by Greg Mortenson and Susan L. Roth

**Nasreen's Secret School, The Librarian of Basra, and Biblioburro**  
by Jeanette Winter

**The Story of Ruby Bridges** by Robert Coles

**Through My Eyes** by Ruby Bridges

**Tomas and the Library Lady** by Pat Mora

**Ron's Big Mission** by Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden

\***Counting on Grace** by Elizabeth Winthrop

\***The Secret School** by Avi

**A School Like Mine and A Life Like Mine**

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## Teachers Like Yours

Your teachers loved these books when they were young, and they still do!

Laurie (third grade) : The Big Book of Tashi by Anna Fienberg

Anne (music): Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren

Savannah (first grade): Orlando the Marmalade Cat by Kathleen Hale

Stephanie (art): The Kitchen Madonna by Rumer Godden

Georgia (third grade): any and all mysteries by John Bellairs

Rebecca Y. (nurse): The Wonder Clock by Howard Pyle

Michael (second grade): Dominic by William Steig

Melinda (second grade): Rootabaga Stories by Carl Sandburg

Emily (first grade): Momo by Michael Ende

I-Huei (third grade): The Dark is Rising series by Susan Cooper

Jesse (first grade): The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

Roberta: Millions of Cats by Wanda Gag

Gabe: The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton, The Railway Children by E. Nesbit

## Try These Great Graphic Novels

**Little Lulu series** by John Stanley

**Amulet series** by Kazu Kibuishi

**Frankie Pickle series** by Eric Wight

**Lunch Lady series** by Jarrett Krosoczka

**Stone Rabbit series** by Erik Craddock

**Asterix the Gaul series** by Rene Goscinny

**Chi's Sweet Home series** by Konami Kanata

**Dragonbreath series** by Ursula Vernon

**Ninja Baseball series** by Shunshin Maeda

**My Neighbor Totoro series** by Hayao Miyazaki

**Fashion Kitty series** by Cherise Mericle Harper

**Guinea Pig Pet Shop Private Eye series** by Colleen Venable

**Sardine in Outer Space series** by Emmanuel Guibert

**The Big Adventures of Majoko series** by Tomoma Mizuma

**Robot Dreams and Chicken and Cat** by Sara Varon

**\*Yotsuba&! series** by Kiyohiko Azuma

**\*The Secret Science Alliance & the Copycat Crook** by Eleanor Davis

**\*The Babysitters Club series** and **Smile** by Raina Telgemeier

**\*Mouse Guard series** by David Petersen

**\*Hereville** by Barry Deutsch

\*\*Want more reliable recommendations? We like this site:

<http://blog.schoollibraryjournal.com/goodcomicsforkids>

\*\*Not sure how you feel about graphic novels? Wondering why we don't just call them comic books any more? Visit this *Graphic Novels FAQ* from The Horn Book:

[http://www.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2006/mar06\\_brenner.asp](http://www.hbook.com/magazine/articles/2006/mar06_brenner.asp)

And last, but not least...

## **Books For More than Just Reading**

**The Secret Knowledge of Grownups: Books 1 and 2**

by David Wisniewski

**Dragonology, Egyptology, Wizardology, Pirateology**

**Encyclopedia Mythologica and others** by Robert Sabuda

Exquisite pop-ups by an amazing artist.

**Treasure Hunt Mazes** and others by Roger Moreau

**Best Ever Paper Airplanes** by Norman Schmidt

**The Jolly Postman** by Allan Ahlberg

**Look-Alikes series** by Joan Steiner

**Ed Emberley's Drawing Books**

**Ralph Masiello's Drawing Books**

**Show Me How** by Derek Fagerstrom et al.

**Guinness Book of World Records 2011**

**One Million Things series** by DK Publishing

**Star Wars Cookbooks I and II**

**Star Wars Visual Dictionaries** by David West Reynolds

**Lego Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary** by Simon Beecroft

**Big Nate Boredom Buster** by Lincoln Peirce

**The Wimpy Kid Do-It-Yourself Book** by Jeff Kinney

**You Choose Interactive History Adventures series**

**Stories to Solve series** by George Shannon

**Weird but True series** by National Geographic Kids

Kids in I-Huei and Ani's class will be glad to know that  
a 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of outrageous facts is due out in June!

**Have a great summer, and always remember...**

The stories of childhood leave an indelible impression, and their author always has a niche in the temple of memory from which the image is never cast out to be thrown on the rubbish heap of things that are outgrown and outlived. ~Howard Pyle

*"I'm gonna miss here..."*  
-Sudan Chang