

Summer Reading List 2009

For Students Entering Grades Third through Fourth

Parents,

I encourage you to include reading in your child's summer adventures. The reading list provided here is a suggested starting point. Many of the authors have numerous titles in addition to those listed. I have attempted to include titles that are readily available at most libraries and bookstores. There are many literary award winners worth considering as well: [Caldecott Medal](#) winners, [Newbery](#), and the [Children's Notable Book](#) lists. Also of interest are the [Boston Globe – Horn Book Award](#) winners. Students in third and fourth will take part in activities and reading in connection with the [North Carolina Children's Book Award](#). This list will be available in early summer.

The non-profit organization Reading is Fundamental (<http://www.rif.org/parents/>) is a great place for parents to gather information, activities and ideas to promote reading. Many public libraries offer summer reading programming – check at your local branch. Whenever possible attempt to have book discussions with your child about their literary experiences. Have a great summer of reading.

Happy Reading,

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Summer Reading Grades 3-4

Poppy (series) by Avi

Poppy, a deer mouse, urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ooax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

The Summer of the Swans by Betsy Byars

A teenage girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally retarded brother gets lost.

Soccer Scoop by Matt Christopher

When a cartoon appears in the school newspaper making fun of his tendency to talk a lot, Mac, the goalie for the Cougars soccer team, is determined to find out who is responsible.

Frindle & The Last Holiday Concert by Andrew Clements

In *The Last Holiday Concert* life is usually easy for popular sixth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students.

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

Aliens Ate My Homework & My Teacher is an Alien (series) by Bruce Coville

Rod, in *Aliens Ate My Homework*, is surprised when a miniature spaceship lands in his school science project and reveals five tiny aliens, who ask his help in apprehending an interstellar criminal.

Bloomability by Sharon Creech

When her aunt and uncle take her from New Mexico to Lugano, Switzerland, to attend an international school, thirteen-year-old Dinnie discovers her world expanding.

Fantastic Fox, The BFG & Matilda by Roald Dahl

Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger

The adventures of Captain Underpants : an epic novel by Dav Pilkey

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

My Father's Dragon (series) by Ruth Stiles Gannett

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.

Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos

To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Misty of Chincoteague (series) by Marguerite Henry

Two youngsters' determination to own a Chincoteague pony is greatly increased when the Phantom and her colt are among those rounded up for the yearly auction.

Public enemy number two: a Diamond brothers mystery (series) by Anthony Horowitz

Nick Diamond is framed for a jewelry robbery, and shares a cell with Johnny Powers, who is a notorious criminal, and it is up to Nick's older half-witted brother, Tim, to break them out of jail so he can diffuse a time bomb.

The Celery Stalks at Midnight by James Howe

Sequel to: *Bunnicula* by Deborah Howe and *Howliday Inn* by James Howe. Chester the cat is more than ever convinced that Bunnicula is a vampire when there is a harvest of white vegetables on the morning after the night that Bunnicula was probably wandering through the neighborhood.

Trial by Journal by Kate Klise

Twelve-year-old Lily finds herself on the jury of a murder trial while conducting her own undercover investigation of the case.

Wrinkle in Time (series) by Madeleine L'Engle

Three extraterrestrial beings take Meg and her friends to another world.

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

The Grand Escape by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

After years of being strictly house cats, Marco and Polo escape into the wonderful, but dangerous outside world and are sent on three challenging adventures by a group of cats known as the Club of Mysteries.

Molly McGinty has a Really Good Day by Gary Paulsen

When supremely organized seventh-grader, Molly McGinty, loses the notebook she relies on to keep her life in order she spends the day in chaos.

A-Z Mysteries (series) by Ron Roy

Marvin Redpost : class president (series) by Louis Sachar

Even though they have all come to school in holey clothes, Marvin and his third grade class manage to impress their surprise visitor--the President of the United States.

Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective (series) by Donald Sobol

Stuart Little & Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

In *Charlotte's Web* Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

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