



Second and Third Grade Summer Reading

Summer Reading!

As always, summer reading nurtures our love of story, and we know that stories inspire minds and cultivate hearts. Books lead us into places both familiar and new allowing us to explore new territory and engage with new ideas.

Required Reading: *Hoboken Chicken Emergency* by Daniel Pinkwater

Students enter the year developing a new class community. They also learn about the community of Hoboken as school begins. Students will explore the community of Hoboken through walking trips, and on an early trip they will visit different areas referred to in *The Hoboken Chicken Emergency*. This book can be read aloud by a parent or read by the student as they are able.

Beyond the required reading: Choose to read any three books you and your family decide are a good fit from the list below, each from a different category. Parents are encouraged to read and talk about the books with children, especially if the book is written above the child's independent reading level.

*An asterisk by an author's name indicates that there are other good books written by this author.

Favorite Authors and Series

Cleary, Beverly
Grimes, Nikki
Marshall, Edward
Miracle, Lauren
Rylant, Cynthia*
Sacher, Louis
Johnston, Mike
Hanlon, Abby
Warner, Sally

Ramona series
Dyamonde Daniels series
Fox series
The Life of Ty
Henry and Mudge,
Wayside School
Confessions of a Dork Lord
Dory Fantasmagory series
Ellray Jakes series

Starling Lyons, Kelly

Jada Jones series

Fantasy

Catling, Patrick

Elya, Susan Middleton

Griffith, Theanne & Reggie

Brown

Paterson, Katherine

White, Wade Albert

Elliott, Zeta

Dahl, Roald*

Gidwitz, Adam

Soundar, Chitra

The Chocolate Touch

Little Roja Riding Hood

The Magnificent Makers Series

The King's Equal

The Adventurer's Guide Series

Dayshaun's Gift

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

The Unicorn Rescue Society

Pattan's Pumpkin

Historical and Realistic Fiction

(various authors)

My America series

Bruchac, Joseph

Malcolm, Jahanna N.

Sorrel, Tracy

Egawa, Keith & Chenoa

(various authors)

Bass, Beverly & Cynthia Williams

Fenske, Jonathan

McKissack, Patricia

Girls Survive series Hermes, Patricia

Trail of Tears

Strange Museum

At the Mountain's Base

The Whale Child

Girls Survive series

Me and the Sky

Woodward and McTwee

Scraps of Time Series

Informational Books

Hirschmann, Kris

Pfeffer, Wendy

Stanley, Diane

Rosinsky, Natalie

Yaccarino, Dan

Stille, Darlene R.

Elsohn, Michael

Bartell, Jim

Floca, Brian

Pallotta, Jerry*

McAnulty, Stacy

Diaz, Natalia

Butterflies and Moths (or any butterfly book)

Sounds All Around

Roughing It on the Oregon Trail

Dirt: The Scoop on Soil

All the Way to America

Matter: See It, Touch It, Taste It, Smell It

What's the Matter in Mr. Whiskers' Room?

India (or any of the *Exploring Countries* book series)

Moonshot

Who Would Win?: Whale vs. Giant Squid

Our Universe: Earth!

A Ticket Around the World

Mystery

David Adler

Cam Jansen series

Jones, Earnestine Tito
Sharmat, Marjorie
Warner, Gertrude Chandler
Draper, Sharon
Chari, Sheela
Tarpley, Natasha
Brezenoff, Steve

Time Machine One Series
Nate the Great series
The Boxcar Children series
*The Buried Bones Mystery**
Vanished
The Harlem Charade
The Grand Canyon Burros that Broke

Poetry

Greenfield, Eloise
Philip, Neil
Prelutsky, Jack
Worth, Valerie
Silverstein, Shel
Alexander, Kwame, et al
Hughes, Langston & Ashley
Bryan
Bruchac, Joseph, et al
Singer, Marilyn & LeUyen Pham

Night on Neighborhood Street
Songs are Thoughts
New Kid on the Block, A Pizza the Size of the Sun
More Small Poems
Where the Sidewalk Ends, Light in the Attic
Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets
Sail Away
Thirteen Moons on Turtle's back:
A Native American Year of Moons
A Stick is an Excellent Thing:
Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play

Biography

(various authors)
Cline-Ransome, Lesa
McNamara, Margaret
Meltzer, Brad
Sotomayor, Sonia
Winter, Jeanette*
Tonatiuh, Duncan
Encarnacion, Monica
Napoli, Donna Jo
Maclear, Kyo

"Who Was _____" series
Before She Was Harriet
Eliza: The Story of Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton
"I Am _____" series
Turning Pages
The World is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect
Zaha Hadid
Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Méndez and Her
Family's Fight for Desegregation
The Boy Who Touched the Stars
/ El Niño Que Alcanzó las Estrellas
Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya
It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way

Social Justice

Berlak, Anne
Mabalon, Dawn B.
Smith, Charles R. & Floyd Cooper
Sangley, Sharon

Joelito's Big Dream
Journey for Justice: The Life of Larry Itliong
Brick by Brick
A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story

Rosove, Lori
Anzaldúa, Gloria
Higginbotham, Anastasia
Copeland, Misty
Hoffman, Mary
Pimentel, Annette Bay

Rosie's Family: An Adoption Story
Friends from the Other Side
Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness
Firebird
Amazing Grace
All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything

Recommendations from Second Grade Students

Arnold, Tedd
Lobel, Arnold
Adler, David
Osborne, Mary Pope
Meadows, Daisy
Gutman, Dan
Barrows, Annie
Elliot, Rebecca
McDonald, Megan
(various authors)

Fly Guy
Frog and Toad
Cam Jansen series
Magic Tree House series
The Fairy series
My Weirdest School series
Ivy & Bean series
Owl Diaries series
Stink and Judy Moody series
National Geographic Readers

Recommendations from Third Grade Students

Miller, Kayla
McDonald, Andrew
Lowe, Natasha
LeReau, Kara
Brallier, Max
Hale, Shannon
Pseudonymous Bosch
Strange, Lucy
Jamieson, Victoria
Chmakova, Svetlana

Click Series
Real Pigeons
Poppy Pendle
The Unintentional Adventures of the Bland Sisters
Last Kids on Earth series
Princess Academy
The Name of this Books is Secret
The Secret of Nightingale Wood
Roller Girl
Awkward