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!

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The lower school library has a website.
Learn about the library! Review last year’s fabulous summer reading list!
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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 3rd 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 2nd 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 (1st 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]

1st book in a new series by an author who’s now on this list 3 times!

Olympians: Hera by George O’Connor [July]
Equinuss 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 3rd 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 2nd 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
    from DK Publishing in association with UNICEF

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

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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
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 3rd 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