

Suggested Summer Reading List For Incoming Grade 3

Babylon Memorial Grade School 2010

Adler, David, A *Satchel Paige: Don't Look Back* (and other biographies)
Satchel Paige could throw a baseball like no one else. But when he began his career in the 1920s, even the best African American players were kept out of the major leagues. Paige rose to stardom in the Negro Baseball Leagues and he waited for his chance to play in the “big show.” Finally, at an age when most players retire, Paige proved that staying in the game pays off.

Barrows, Annie *Ivy & Bean Break the Fossil Record* (series)
Everyone in class seems set on breaking a world record and friends Ivy and Bean are no exception, deciding to become the youngest people ever to discover a dinosaur skeleton.

Blume, Judy *Friend or Fiend? With the Pain & the Great One* (sequels)
Jake “The Pain” and his sister, third-grader Abigail “The Great One” have more adventures, including visiting their cousins in New York and celebrating their cat Fluzzy’s birthday.

Brown, Marc *Arthur in New York* (series)
Arthur and his family—and D.W.’s favorite doll, Mary Moo-Cow—take a vacation to New York City.

Bunting, Eve *One Green Apple*
Farah is new to the U.S. and her class. She feels alone until she goes on a field trip and realizes things are alike everywhere.

Child, Lauren *Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now* (series)
Clarice Bean has a list of things to worry about. How does she handle them?

Choi *The Name Jar*
After Unhei moves from Korea to the United States, her new classmates help her decide what her name should be.

Clements, Andrew *Jake Drake, Bully Buster* (series)
When Jake was three years old at Miss Lulu's Danity Diaper Day Care Center, what did he know about bullies? Nothing. But he learned fast--too fast! Why? Because Jake is kind of smart, and he's not a tattletale, and he doesn't have a big brother to protect him..."

Danziger, Paula *Amber Brown Goes Fourth* (series)
Entering fourth grade, Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.

DiCamillo, Kate

Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig (series)

After Mercy Watson follows the delightful scent and delicious taste of the pansies, her thoughtful neighbors plant to beautify their yard. Animal Control Officer Francine Poulet is called out to handle the case, which brings unexpected results.

Dyer, Heather

Ibby's Magic Weekend

While visiting her two troublemaking cousins, Ibby learns about a magic box the boys found in the attic in their country home. She soon stumbles upon the strange tale of Uncle Godfrey, a professional magician who mysteriously vanished.

Frazer, Marla

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

Friends James and Eamon enjoy a wonderful week at the home of Eamon's grandparents during summer vacation.

Friedman, Laurie B.

Red White & True Blue Mallory (series)

On a class trip to Washington, D.C., Mallory keeps a journal in which she writes about sites she visits, her bothersome loose tooth, the lack of attention from her best friend, Mary Ann, and getting lost in a museum.

Fritz, Jean

The Great Adventures of Christopher Columbus (and others)

Readers take a trip back in time to learn about the culture and civilization of 15th century Europe and Spain, and the discovery of America by Columbus.

Gibbons, Gail

Hurricanes (other non-fiction titles)

Informative text and drawings present an overview of how hurricanes are formed, their categories, the destruction they can cause, and how they are forecasted.

Guest, Elissa

Iris and Walter and the Field Trip (series)

When best friends Iris and Walter go on a field trip to an aquarium, Walter gets lost. Worried Iris helps Miss Cherry look for him.

Harper, Charise Mericle

Just Grace Walks the Dog (series)

Grace hopes to prove to her parents that she can be dependable and responsible enough to have a real dog, not just the cardboard dog she has been pulling around.

Helman, Andrea

Hide and Seek: Nature's Best Vanishing Acts

This beautifully photographed book takes the reader to ecosystems around the world to show how animals camouflage themselves for protection in each unique habitat.

Hermes, Patricia

Emma Dilemma and the Camping Nanny (series)

Nine-year-old Emma O'Fallon finds herself in increasing difficulties at home and at school as her determined efforts to break up the growing attachment between Irish nanny Annie and her boyfriend Bo cause chaos on a family camping trip. Emma's relationship with her best friend Luisa seems to be going from bad to worst.

Hort, Lenny *Did Dinosaurs Eat Pizza? Mysteries Science Hasn't Solved*
Presents some of the mysteries surrounding dinosaurs, including such questions as what sounds they made, how they laid their eggs, how they cared for their young, whether they were cold-blooded or warm-blooded, and why they died out.

Jenkins, Steve *Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember*

Incredible cut paper illustrations highlight eighteen creatures whose weapons of teeth, claws, spines, and venom make them dangerous to humans, while the captivating text explains what you should never do if you encounter one of these animals.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott *Martin Bridge Ready for Takeoff! (series)*

Martin means well, but his ideas don't always turn out as expected. In three stand-alone chapters, Martin deals with issues at home and school.

Lansky, Bruce *Rolling in the Aisles: A Collection of Laugh-Out-Loud-Poems*

Bruce Lansky asked nearly six thousand schoolchildren and their teachers to help select their favorite poems for inclusion in this book.

LeGuin, Ursula, K. *Catwings (sequels)*

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

McCarthy, Meghan *Aliens are Coming! The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast*

An account of the practical joke that fooled American radio listeners and made Orson Welles famous.

McDonald, Megan *Judy Moody and Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt (series)*

This island vacation is all about action as Judy Moody and Stink race other teams of vacationing "pirates" to collect gold doubloons in the hunt for Blackbeard's pirate treasure.

O'Malley, Kevin *Captain Raptor and the Space Pirates*

Captain Raptor and the crew of the Megatooth are called back into action to save the planet Jurassica from rogue space pirates.

Prelutsky, Jack *The Swamps of Sleethe: Poems from Beyond the Solar System*

A collection of poems about the grandeur and mysteries of worlds beyond our solar system, enhanced with anagrams and full color illustrations.

Rusch, Elizabeth *The Planet Hunter: The Story Behind What Happened to Pluto*
Mike Brown, an astronomer, was determined to discover a new planet. Instead, he made discoveries that ultimately led to the declassification of Pluto as a planet.

Rylant, Cynthia

Henry and Mudge and the Big Sleepover (series)

Henry and his dog Mudge are invited to a sleepover in Patrick's attic, where they watch monster movies, eat pizza, and enjoy a contest to determine whose dog is the best popcorn catcher.

Schotter, Roni

The Boy Who Loved Words

Selig, who loves words and copies them on pieces of paper that he carries with him, goes on a trip to discover his purpose.

Scillian, Devin

P is for Passport (and others)

A passport and rhyming text celebrate the author's adventures discovering differences as well as similarities, from "A" for the variety of animals that populate the planet to "Z" for the time zones that mark the days around the world.

Serafini, Frank

Looking Closely Through the Forest (series)

Through the magic of close-up photography, the author first asks the reader to identify an object found in the forest in a super-close-up picture, with the next page revealing the entire picture, allowing readers to check their problem-solving skills.

St. George, Judith

Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln

After the death of his mother, a young Abraham Lincoln's stepmother took over the role of his education and gave him the encouragement he needed to see his many dreams become fulfilled, including that of becoming one of the most celebrated presidents of all time.

Vande Velde, Vivian

Three Good Deeds

Caught stealing some goose eggs from a witch, Howard is cursed and turned into a goose himself. He can only become human again by performing three good deeds.

Winter, Jonah

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!

Learn about Sandy Koufax, a powerful left-handed pitcher for the NY Dodgers, a practicing Jew who would not play baseball on high holy days, and a mystery man who quit baseball after the best season of his career.

