

# 2008: "Catch the Reading Bug"



East Rochester School District

## Grade 3

### SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

Below is a list of books suggested for children entering the third grade. This list reflects a range of reading abilities for children of this age, and a variety of interests.

**Adler, David A.** *Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery*

When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric uncover a mystery while selling fudge door-to-door to raise money for the local library, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime.

**Anderson, William.** *River Boy: The Story of Mark Twain*

In this picture book biography we learn how Samuel Clemens grew from a mischievous boy into a wonderful storyteller.

**Arnosky, Jim.** *Crinkleroot's Guide to Walking in Wild Places*

Crinkleroot the forest dweller provides tips for walking in wild places and avoiding such hazards as ticks, poisonous plants, and wild animals.

**Borden, Louise.** *A. Lincoln and Me*

A young boy studies about Abraham Lincoln and learns that though Lincoln was awkward as a young man, he had a big heart and was able to accomplish much in his lifetime.

**Bjork, Christina.** *Linnea in Monet's Garden*

Christina Bjork and Lena Anderson help us share Linnea's visit to impressionist painter Monet's home, and also help us understand his paintings.

**Bruchac, Joseph and Bruchac, James.** *How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*

When Bear and Brown Squirrel have a disagreement about whether Bear can stop the sun from rising, Brown Squirrel ends up with claw marks on his back and becomes a Chipmunk, the striped one.

**Bugni, Alice.** *Moose Racks, Bear Tracks, and Other Alaska Kidsnacks*

This recipe book features fun foods with Alaska-based names, such as Bear tracks, Denali peaks, and Kayaks.

**DiCamillo, Kate.** *Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride*

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

**Hatloff, Isabella, Hatloff, Craig, and Kahumbu, Dr. Paula.** *Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship*

In this photographic essay we meet Owen the baby hippo and Mzee the 130 year-old giant tortoise who become friends after a tsunami in the Indian Ocean in December, 2004.

**Houston, Gloria.** *My Great-Aunt Arizona*

In this biography an Appalachian girl, Arizona Houston Hughes, grows up to become a teacher who influences generations of school children.

**Katz, Susan.** *Mrs. Brown on Exhibit and Other Museum Poems*

Teacher Mrs. Brown loves museums and so does her class. In this picture book, poems accompany humorous pictures visiting unusual exhibits in many different museums.

**Ketteman, Lelen.** *Armadilly Chili*

In this Texas-style adaptation of a traditional folktale, a tarantula, bluebird, and horned toad refuse to help an armadillo prepare a batch of chili, but nevertheless expect to eat it when it's ready.

**Lowry, Lois.** *Gooney Bird Greene*

A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second-graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.

**Mitton, Jacqueline.** *Zoo in the Sky*

This National Geographic book contains stories and colorful pictures of several animal constellations.

**Nixon, Joan Lowery.** *If You Say So, Claude*

Shirley and Claude move across Texas in their covered wagon looking for a peaceful place to settle down.

**Prelutsky, Jack.** *In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden*

In this beautifully illustrated book, Jack Prelutsky presents 28 animal poems from habitats all over the world.

**Ross, Kathy.** *Crafts to Make in the Summer*

This book contains 29 easy-to-make craft projects with summertime themes.

**Rylant, Cynthia.** *The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Puzzling Possum*

Bunny and Jack investigate the disappearance of a trombone from Mr. Riley's music store.

**Selden, George.** *Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse*

In this prequel to *The Cricket in Times Square* we meet two young animals who become friends, Harry Kitten and Tucker Mouse.

**Tripp, Valerie.** *Hallie's Horrible Handwriting*

Hallie likes everything about school except handwriting, but her new teacher and a project with butterflies helps her like that, too.

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