

## TRUE LIFE ADVENTURES

- Sally Hobart Alexander. *Mom Can't See Me*. A nine year-old girl from Pittsburgh, describes how her mom leads an active and rich life despite being blind.
- Joan Bonsignore. *Stick out Your Tongue: Fantastic Facts, Features and Functions of Animal and Human Tongues*. Provides interesting facts about the unusual features of human and animal tongues.
- Laurie David. *The Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming*. A collection of facts and information about global warming and its consequences, with suggestions on maintaining a healthy environment in the home, at school and in the community.
- Jane Goodall. *The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours*. Dr. Jane Goodall provides an account of her life studying chimpanzees at the Gombe National Park in Tanzania and shares what she has learned from her observations.
- Sue Macy and Jane Gottesman. *Play Like a Girl: A Celebration of Women in Sports*. Photographs and text portray the joy and dedication of women participating in a variety of sports.
- Kirby Larson. *Two Bobbies: a True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival*. Bobby the Dog and Bob Cat, bond together to survive the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- Richard Michelson. *Happy Feet: The Savoy Ballroom Lindy Hoppers and Me*. A young boy, who loves to dance, share his birth date with the opening of Savoy Ballroom in Harlem. Sue Stauffacher.
- Marc Tyler Nobleman. *Boys of Steel: the Creators of Superman*. Relates the story of Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster's creation of Superman.
- Sue Stauffacher. *Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson*. Explores the life and achievements of Althea Gibson, the first African-American to win the Wimbledon Cup.

- Ruth Freeman Swain. *How Sweet It Is (and Was): The History of Candy*. Greedy sweet-eaters will be sated by this lighthearted look at candy through the ages.

## FANTASY AND FOLKLORE

- Bruce Coville. *The Weeping Werewolf (Moongobble and Me Series)*. Edward accompanies Moongobble into the Forest of Night to prove he is a magician of merit and obtaining the tears of a werewolf.
- Paul Fleischman. *Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella*. A retelling of the Cinderella story based on a variety of folk traditions, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, and other countries and regions.
- Adele Griffin. *The Witch Twins*. Troubled about being separated at school and preoccupied with sabotaging their father's marriage, ten-year-old witches, Claire and Luna, have little time to think of tricky things to do.
- Florence Parry Heide. *The Shrinking of Treehorn*. No one notices Treehorn's special talent; he can become smaller by the moment.
- Johanna Hurwitz. *PeeWee's Tale*. A young guinea pig learns to survive in the natural world with the help of a "park-wise" squirrel.
- Emily Jenkins. *Toys Go Out*. Three friends have wonderful adventures and learn more about themselves in this tale.
- Dick King-Smith. *The Twin Giants*. Amiable twin giants Lottavim and Normus grow up on a mountaintop and have adventures as they search for wives.
- Ann Martin and Laura Goodwin. *The Doll People*. A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives.
- Susan Meddaugh. *Lulu's Hat*. Lulu, adopted into a True Magic Family, knows she can never be a real magician, but when she discovers an old hat in the bottom of Uncle Jerry the Great's trunk, performs amazing feats.
- Wiley Miller. *The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Basil*. Basil meets an eccentric professor with a flying boat and finds a floating city filled with inventions and ideas.
- Karen Ray. *The T.F. Letters*. Alex starts to lose her baby teeth, begins a correspondence with the Tooth Fairy, and tries to accept the fact that her family is moving.
- Louis Sachar. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*. Humorous episodes from the thirteenth floor of Wayside School.
- Jon Scieszka. *Knights of the Kitchen Table. (Time Warp Trio Series)* One minute they're looking at pictures of knights in the book, a birthday gift from Joe's magician uncle; the next minute they're battling fire-breathing dragons. Will Joe, Fred, and Sam escape death?
- Geronimo Stilton. *My name is Geronimo Stilton*. Newspaper editor, Geronimo, unknowingly hires Pinky Pick, a mouse, as his assistant. Clever typefaces and graphics enhance the enjoyment of reading this series.

### Readings on the web

#### **KidsLit: Books and more for kids and teens**

<http://kidslit.menashalibrary.org/>

- Updated and informative children's literature blog written by Tasha Saecker, director of the Menasha Public Library.

#### **Kids Read:**

[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

- Reviews of new titles, interviews with the coolest authors, trivia games, and other special features on great books.



## Winchester Thurston School

# SUMMER READING Requirements and Recommendations



For students entering

**GRADE 3**

**2009- 2010**

[www.winchesterthurston.org](http://www.winchesterthurston.org)

## Required Reading for Third Graders

***This book must be read before school starts on August 27, 2009:***

***Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patrician MacLachlan**

## Further Fun Reading for Third Graders

### THE HERE AND NOW

- Fred Bowen. *Winners Take All*. When Kyle fakes a catch, his baseball team goes on to win the league championship, but Kyle doesn't feel good about winning by cheating.
- Patrick Skene Catling. *The Chocolate Touch*. A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.
- Andrew Clements. *Frindle*. Nick is a bright boy at school, who likes to make trouble, creatively.
- Annie Barrows. *Ivy and Bean*. Two unlikely pals, spunky Bean and bookish Ivy, make friends when a trick backfires.
- Dyanne DiSalvo. *The Sloppy Copy*. When Brian fails to hand in his homework, a sloppy copy, he tells his teacher the involved story of his disastrous weekend.
- Peggy Gifford. *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*. With summer coming to an end, about-to-be-fourth grader Moxy Maxwell does a hundred different things to avoid reading her assigned summer reading book.
- Margaret Peterson Haddix. *The Girl with 500 Middle Names*. Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when

she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place.

- S. E. Hinton. *The Puppy Sister*. A young boy is astonished when his new puppy transforms into a human girl who says, "I love you, brother."
- Lenore Look. *Ruby Lu, Brave and True*. Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, and learns to drive.
- Patricia & Fredrick McKissack. *Miami Makes the Play*. Miami's enjoyment of summer baseball camp is threatened by his nemesis, Destinee Tate, but for once he finds himself on her side.
- Claudia Mills. *7 x 9 = Trouble!* Third-grader Wilson struggles with his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline.
- Sara Pennypacker. *Clementine*. Third grader Clementine feels lucky that spectacular ideas spring up in her brain.
- Cynthia Voigt. *Angus and Sadie*. Angus and Sadie, sibling pups that are of mostly border collie heritage, are adopted by a young couple and taken to live on a Maine farm, where they begin to learn sheep herding and come to appreciate their differences.
- Valerie Wilson Wesley. *How to Face Up to the Class Bully*. Willimena determines to do something to put mean Irene, the class bully, in her place after she pushed Willimena to the ground.

### THE WAY WE WERE

- Dianna Hutts Aston. *The Moon Over Star*. On her family's farm in the town of Star, Mae eagerly follows the progress of the 1969 Apollo 11 flight.
- Robert J. Blake. *Togo*. In 1925, Togo, a Siberian husky leads a team that rushes to bring diphtheria antitoxin from Anchorage to Nome, Alaska.
- Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. *Ruthie's Gift*. Just before World War I, Ruthie, who lives with her parents and six brothers on a farm in Indiana, wishes for a sister and tries to behave like the lady her mother wants her to be.

- Joseph Bruchac. *Dog People: Native Dog Stories*. Stories about the Abenaki people and the dogs who were their faithful friends.
- Candace Fleming. *Boxes for Katje*. After a young Dutch girl writes to her new American friend in thanks for the care package sent after World War II, she begins to receive increasingly larger boxes.
- Andrew Glass. *Bewildered for Three Days: As to Why Daniel Boone Never Wore His Coonskin Cap*. With the help of what he learned from a Native American boy and an accommodating mother raccoon, young Daniel Boone escapes danger when a bear steals his coonskin cap.
- Kirkpatrick Hill. *The Year of Miss Agnes*. Ten-year-old Fred tells of life in Alaska during 1948 when Miss Agnes arrived as the new teacher.
- Patricia Hermes. *The Wild Year: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary*. Josh begins to settle in Oregon and hopes to go to school.
- Eric A. Kimmel. *A Picture for Marc*. Loosely based on the childhood of Marc Chagall. Marc, an imaginative Russian boy, discovers his talent for drawing.
- Emily Arnold McCully. *The Ballot Box Battle*. In 1880, young Cordelia goes to the polls of Tenafly, New Jersey with the elderly suffragist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton.
- Marissa Moss. *Rachel's Journal: The Story of a Pioneer Girl*. Rachel chronicles her adventures traveling by covered wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1850.
- Michael Tunnell. *Mailing May*. Based on the true story of young May who, in 1913, was sent parcel post by train to her grandmother's town when her parents could not afford an expensive train ticket.
- Jonah Winter. *Steel Town*. Steel Town will be instantly recognized from the mills belching smoke to the Hot Metal Bridge across which the molten iron travels, and to the ornate churches and humble homes of the workers.

### POETRY

- Arnold Adoff. *Chocolate Dreams: Poems*. Original poems on a favorite subject by a chocolate lover.
- Nicola Bayle. *The Necessary Cat*. A collection of poems, stories, facts and illustrations about all kinds of cats.
- Douglas Florian *Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars: Space Poems and Paintings*.
- Nikki Grimes. *Meet Danitra Brown*. Zuri Jackson introduces us to her best friend.
- Lee Bennett Hopkins. *Good Books, Good Times!* A collection of diverse poems about books and reading.
- Edward Lear. *The Pelican Chorus and Other Nonsense*. Three of Lear's best nonsense tales with light-hearted, lavish illustrations.
- J. Patrick Lewis. *Riddle-icious*. Rhyming riddles to solve with the help of clues and illustrations.
- Betsy Pararskevas. *Gracie Graves and the Kids from Room 402*. Humorous poems describe each of the fourteen boys and fourteen girls in Ms. Gravie Graves' class.
- Jack Prelutsky. *Scranimals*. Scranimal Island is where you will find the rhinoceros, the broccoions, the pandaffodil, and more.
- Jack Prelutsky. *My Dog May be a Genius*. Celebrates the joys of childhood and the wackier side of life.
- *Poetry Speaks to Children*. Presents a collection of 95 children's poems written by 73 poets including Edgar Allan Poe, Emily Dickinson, Roald Dahl, Lewis Carroll, and many more; and includes an audio CD.
- Alice Schertle and Norman Green. *Advice for a Frog*. Poems and paintings that pay touching tribute to some of nature's most remarkable animals.
- James Stevenson. *Popcorn*. A sprinkling of short poems.
- Ernest Lawrence Thayer. *Casey at the Bat*. The beloved baseball verse with humorous illustrations by Patricia Polacco.