

1st Grade Summer Reading Assignment

After selecting one of the books on the assigned summer reading list, students can illustrate their favorite part of the story on a small piece of poster board.



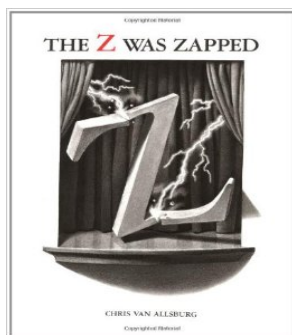
Encourage your child to describe and discuss their image with you. This taps into their oral language skills as well as their comprehension of the chosen text. Completed posters will be shared during our **Summer Reading Showcase on Thursday, September 13th, 2018** and then displayed in the **hallway outside of first grade** for all to see!

***Please note:** Some of the assigned selections will require help from parents. Help build your child's excitement for this project by letting students choose a book that interests them. If the book is too difficult for independent reading, enjoy the opportunity to read with your child ☐

AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

Entering 1st Grade— Each student entering 1st Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Alphabet Books and the Children Who Read Them



The Z is Zapped, by Chris Van Allsburg

A dramatic black- and- white presentation of the alphabet in which the three-time Caldecott medalist depicts a mysterious transformation of each letter.

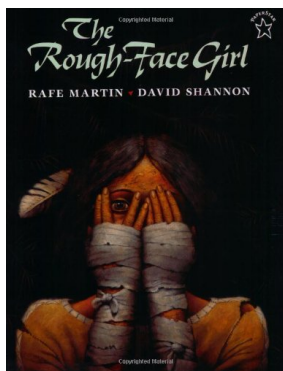
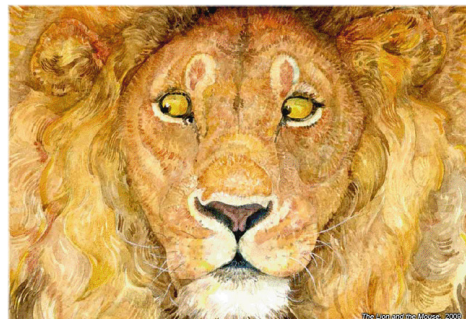
http://www.amazon.com/Was-Zapped-Play-Twenty-Six-Acts/dp/0395446120/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430356413&sr=1-1&keywords=The+Z+is+zapped

Life Lessons

The Lion and the Mouse, by Jerry Pinkney (*wordless picture book)

In award-winning artist Jerry Pinkney's wordless adaptation of one of Aesop's most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted. After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap. With vivid depictions of the landscape of the African Serengeti and expressively drawn characters, Pinkney makes this a truly special retelling, and his stunning pictures speak volumes.

<http://www.amazon.com/The-Lion-Mouse-Jerry-Pinkney/dp/0316013560>



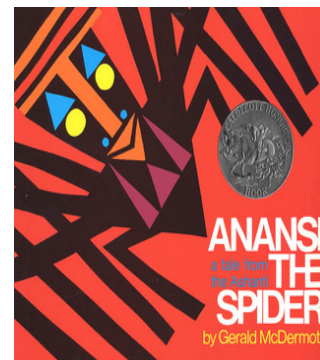
The Rough Faced Girl, by Rafe Martin

From Algonquin Indian folklore comes one of the most haunting, powerful versions of the Cinderella tale ever told. In a village by the shores of Lake Ontario lived an invisible being. All the young women wanted to marry him because he was rich, powerful, and supposedly very handsome. But to marry the invisible being the women had to prove to his sister that they had *seen* him. And none had been able to get past the sister's stern, all-knowing gaze. Then came the Rough-Face girl, scarred from working by the fire. Could she succeed where her beautiful, cruel sisters had failed?

http://www.amazon.com/The-Rough-Face-Girl-Rafe-Martin/dp/0698116267/ref=pd_sim_b_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=0KVG5D91BJ0E8S88ZKCP

Anansi the Spider by Gerald McDermott Anansi the Spider is one of the great folk heroes of the world. He is a rogue, a mischief maker, and a wise, lovable creature who triumphs over larger foes. In this traditional Ashanti tale, Anansi sets out on a long, difficult journey. Threatened by Fish and Falcon, he is saved from terrible fates by his sons. But which of his sons should Anansi reward? Calling upon Nyame, the God of All Things, Anansi solves his predicament in a touching and highly resourceful fashion. In adapting this popular folktale, Gerald McDermott merges the old with the new, combining bold, rich color with traditional African design motifs and authentic Ashanti language rhythms.

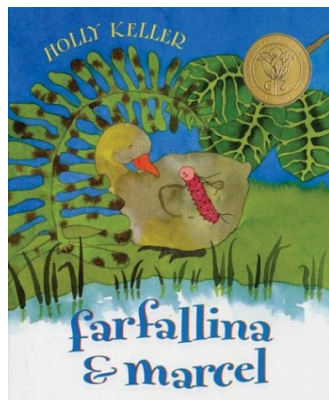
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Building Bridges with Unlikely Friends



Farfallina & Marcel, By Holly Keller

Once there was a caterpillar named Farfallina, whose best friend was a gosling named Marcel. They did everything together -- until one day, everything started to change. This beautiful and touching story shows that even as life takes different turns, friendship endures.

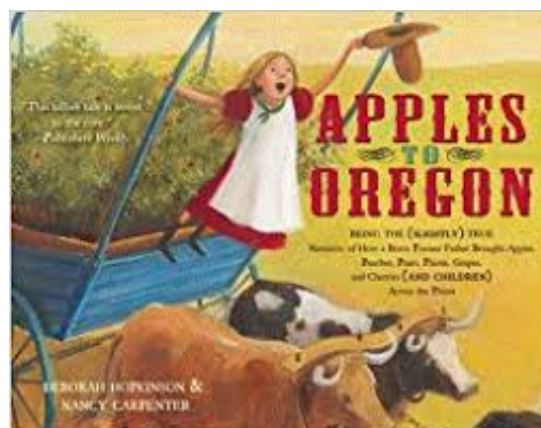
<http://www.amazon.com/Farfallina-Marcel-Holly-Keller/dp/0064438724>

Long Journey to Freedom

Apples to Oregon, by Deborah Hopkinson.

When Papa decides to pull up roots and move from Iowa to Oregon, he can't bear to leave his precious apple trees behind. Or his peaches, plums, grapes, cherries, and pears. Oh, and he takes his family along too. But the trail is cruel -- first there's a river to cross that's wider than Texas...and then there are hailstones as big as plums...and there's even a drought, sure to crisp the cherries. Those poor pippins! Luckily Delicious (the nonedible apple of Daddy's eye) is strong -- as young 'uns raised on apples *are* -- and won't let anything stop her father's darling saps from tasting the sweet Oregon soil.

<https://www.amazon.com/Apples-Oregon-Slightly-Narrative-Cherries/dp/141696746X>

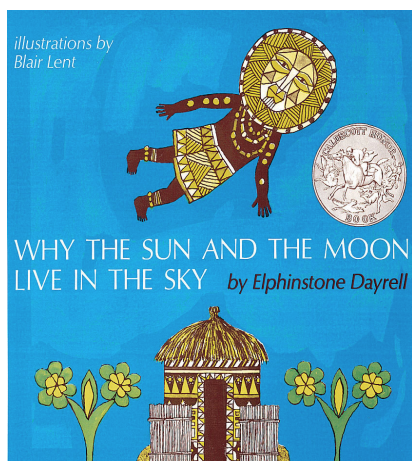


Hand Me Down Tales from Around the World

Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky, by Elphinstone Dayrell

Sun and his wife, the moon, lived on Earth and built a large house so that the water people could visit. But so many poured in that they were forced to move to the sky.

http://www.amazon.com/Why-Sun-Moon-Live-Sky/dp/0395539633/ref=pd_sim_b_2?ie=UTF8&refRID=1AS8NDT80FC3VVFYK0C



AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

Entering 3rd Grade— Each student entering 3rd Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

Perseverance



Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull

Before Wilma Rudolph was five years old, polio had paralyzed her left leg. Everyone said she would never walk again. But Wilma refused to believe it. Not only would she walk again, she vowed, she'd run. And she did run--all the way to the Olympics, where she became the first American woman to earn three gold medals in a single Olympiad. This dramatic and inspiring true story is illustrated in bold watercolor and acrylic paintings by Caldecott Medal-winning artist David Diaz.

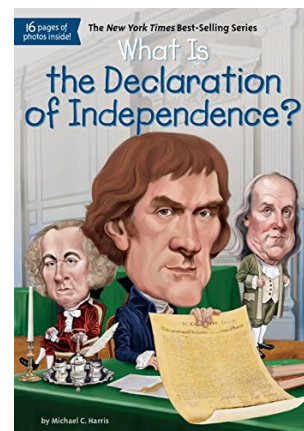
http://www.amazon.com/Wilma-Unlimited-Rudolph-Became-Fastest/dp/0152020985/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1430426486&sr=8-1&keywords=Wilma+Unlimited

Long Journey to Freedom: American Contributions

What is the Declaration of Independence? (What was... Series), by Michael C. Harris

On a hot summer day near Philadelphia in 1776, Thomas Jefferson sat at his desk and wrote furiously until early the next morning. He was drafting the Declaration of Independence, a document that would sever this country's ties with Britain and announce a new nation—The United States of America. Colonists were willing to risk their lives for freedom, and the Declaration of Independence made that official. Discover the true story of one of the most radical and uplifting documents in history and follow the action that fueled the Revolutionary War.

http://www.amazon.com/What-Is-Declaration-Independence-Was/dp/044848692X/ref=zg_bs_2955_3



Creative, Inventive and Notable People



Amelia And Eleanor Go For a Ride, by Pam Munoz Ryan

An inspiring true story of Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt -- and a thrilling night when they made history together! On a brisk and cloudless evening in April 1933, Amelia Earhart and Eleanor Roosevelt did the unprecedented: They stole away from a White House dinner, commandeered an Eastern Air Transport plane and took off on a glorious adventure -- while still dressed in their glamorous evening gowns! This large-format lavishly produced picture book celebrates the courage and pioneering spirit of two friends who defied convention in the name of fulfillment, conviction, and fun. Breathtaking black and white drawings -- which create the look of a vintage movie -- make this a visual tour de force for young adventurers, historians and anyone else who dares to dream.

<http://www.amazon.com/Amelia-And-Eleanor-For-Ride/dp/059096075X>

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Entering 3rd Grade Continued

Fantastic Adventures with Dragons, Gods and Goddesses

Mummies in the Morning (Magic Tree House Series, No. 3), by Mary Pope Osborne

Jack and Annie are ready for their next fantasy adventure in the bestselling middle-grade series—the Magic Tree House!

Jack and Annie don't need another mummy.

But that's what they get when the Magic Tree House whisks them back to ancient Egypt. There they meet a long-dead queen who needs their help. Will Jack and Annie be able to solve the puzzle, or will they end up as mummies themselves?

<http://www.amazon.com/Mummies-Morning-Magic-Tree-House/dp/0679824243>

