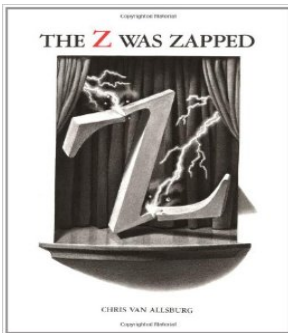


# AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

**Entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**— Each student entering 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

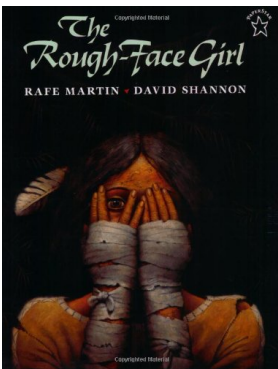
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## *Life Lessons*

### **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>



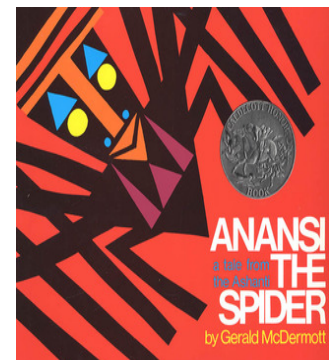
### **The Rough Faced Girl, by Rafe Martin**

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](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.

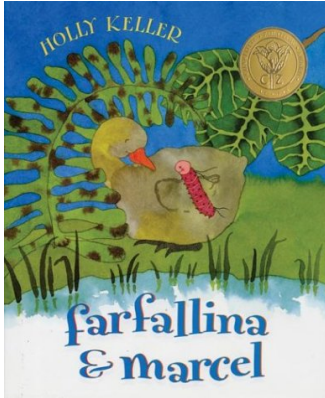
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**Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**— Each student entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade must choose **one** of the following books to read. Each list is organized by grade level Enduring Understandings.

## *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.

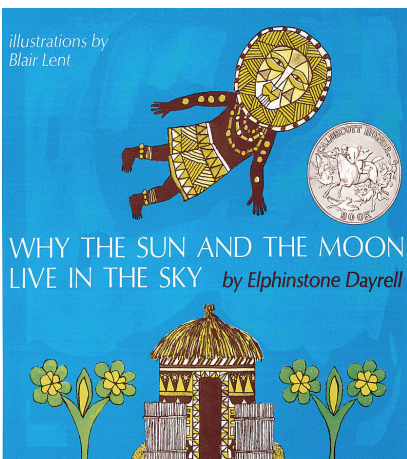
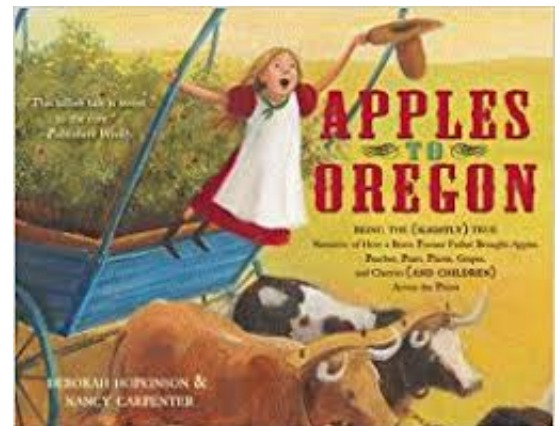
<http://www.amazon.com/Farfallina-Marcel-Holly-Keller/dp/0064438724>

## *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**

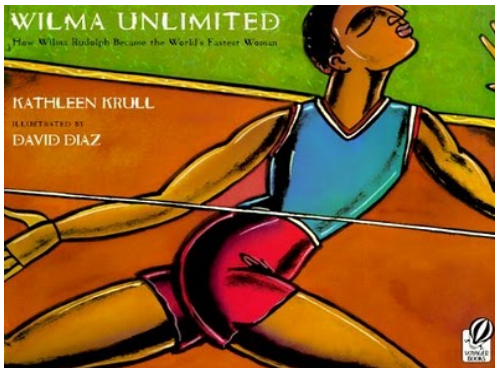
Sun and his wife, the moon, lived on Earth and built a large house so that the water people could visit. But so many poured in that they were forced to move to the sky.

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# AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

**Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**— Each student entering 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

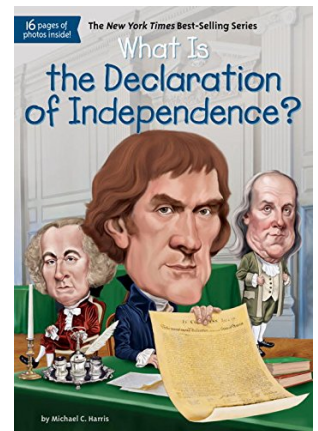
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## *Long Journey to Freedom: American Contributions*

### **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.

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## *Creative, Inventive and Notable People*



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

An inspiring true story of Amelia Earheart and Eleanor Roosevelt -- and a thrilling night when they made history together! On a brisk and cloudless evening in April 1933, Amelia Earheart 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>

# AIM Lower School Required Summer Reading

## Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Continued

### *Fantastic Adventures with Dragons, Gods and Goddesses*

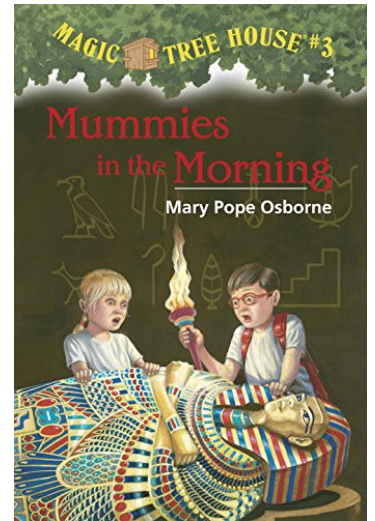
#### **Mummies in the Morning (Magic Tree House Series, No. 3), by Mary Pope Osborne**

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>



# Summer Reading Project Selections

*\*Select one activity for your assigned summer reading book.*

- **Write a new ending for your story.** This new ending should be at least one page long.
- **Write a continuation of your story.** What happens in the new 'next' chapter? This should be at least one page in length.
- **Write a song** that tells about your story. You may sing your song with or without music. This song can be pop, country, rap-- the choice is yours! Be prepared to perform this for the class or have someone video your performance and bring the DVD for us to enjoy!
- **Make a 3-minute video recording** with a reenactment of one of your favorite events from the story. You may use friends and family members as actors and actresses. Please copy the video onto a DVD, or schedule a time for your parent to bring the camcorder and necessary cables for viewing.
- **Write a comic book** that tells about your favorite part of the book. The comic strip should have a minimum of six scenes or sections. Include comic style illustrations in either black and white or color. Include dialogue bubbles, too.
- **Create a life-size portrait** of one of the characters from your book. The portrait should include a written piece that tells about the character. The piece should also include information about events, or conflicts in the book that involve the character.
- **Make a shadow box or diorama** displaying your favorite scene.
- **Write a character diary**, writing at least five journal entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write down events that happen during the story and reflect on how they affected the character and why.
- **Write a poem** about one of the characters. Be sure it is at least 8 lines long.
- **Create a timeline** of the major events of your book. Use drawings or magazine cutouts to show the events along the timeline. Label each event.
- **Design a t-shirt** that promotes your book.
- **Design a poster to advertise your book.** Be creative! Include details, elaborate and use color! Try to make it 3-D or movable.