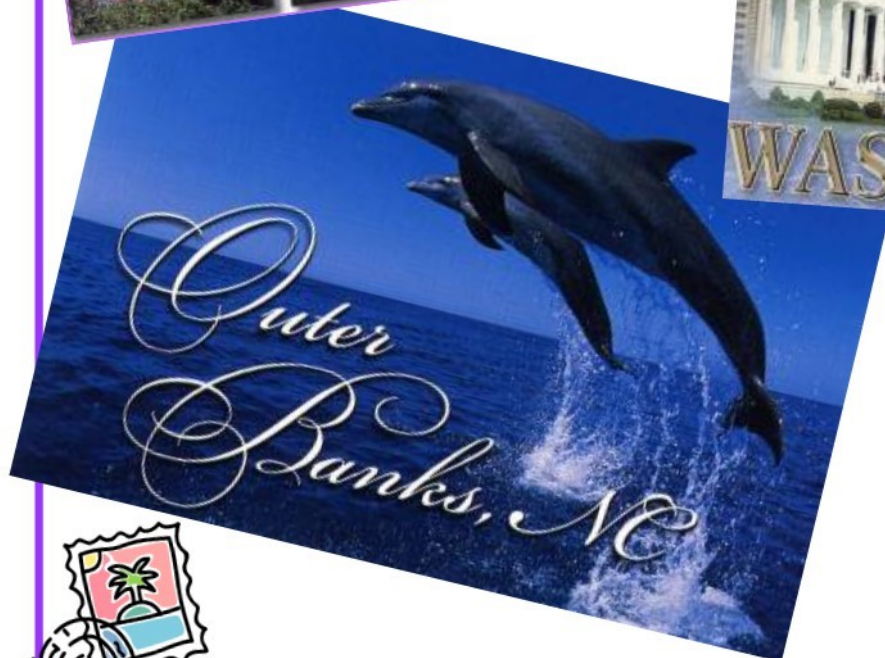


Grades
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The Pingry School Lower School Library Summer Reading List 2019



Postcards to the Library



June 2019

A Message to Pingry Families,

Fostering a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

The Lower School Library Summer Reading Lists have been developed to encourage reading and to guide our students with their book choices during the summer. Reading for pleasure helps to build reading skills and instills a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

We recommend that students read a variety of books from their reading list. Many different books, from challenging to easier choices, are listed. While specific book titles are suggested, students may choose any book by the authors listed. Titles are annotated to help in the selection process.

Children are not expected to read all the books on the list; these suggestions are intended to provide many possible choices.

We hope every child will find something on the list to spark their interest in reading.

The following information and resources can be found in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program** – Students send picture postcards to the Library and share information about the books they are reading. See directions for participation on the next page.
- **Reading Log** – Set a reading goal, and record all the books read during the summer.

Browse the [Lower School Library Website](#) for subscription databases and other online resources for research and related activities. (These resources require a username and password for login.)

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo

Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,

I am having fun this summer.

I go to soccer camp during the day, go swimming with my friends, and read every night before dinner.

I read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. It was a great book and I loved it!

Your friend,
Taylor Jones



**Mrs. D'Innocenzo
The Pingry School Library
50 Country Day Drive
Short Hills, NJ 07078**

How to Participate in Postcards to the Library:

- Send picture postcards to the Library at the above address.
- Send one postcard for every book you read.
- A picture postcard can be sent from anywhere – even from your own hometown or from Grandma's house.
- Include the book title, author's name, and your first and last name.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and how you are enjoying your summer vacation.
- Each postcard is entered in a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Ten postcards will be picked at random, with prizes of Barnes & Noble gift cards awarded at the assembly.
- All postcards will be displayed in the hallway at Back-to-School Night and later placed in an album available in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Reading!

The Pingry Lower School Library 2019 Summer Reading List



Chapter Books for Students Entering Grade 2

All About Ellie: The Critter Club (*Series*) by Callie Barkley. 2016.

When she wins the lead role in a school play, second-grader Ellie neglects her friends in the Critter Club and their new animal shelter. Enjoy the rest of the series.

Amelia Bedelia Dances Off (*Series*) by Peggy Parish. 2015.

When Amelia's aunt gives her dance lessons as an early birthday present, she agrees to give it a try and soon makes new friends and enjoys many different kinds of dancing.

Barkus by Patricia MacLachlan. 2017.

Barkus is a large and very smart dog who comes to live with seven-year-old Nicky when Nicky's Uncle Everton goes traveling — and soon he is a family and school favorite.

Bea Garcia: The Curse of Einstein's Pencil (*Series*) by Deborah Zemke. 2017.

Bea Garcia wants to impress her brainy new friend by excelling at the geography contest, but her talents lie elsewhere. She learns that the best way to make friends is by being herself.

Bink and Gollie: Best Friends Forever (*Series*) by Kate DiCamillo. 2013.

When Gollie suspects she has royal blood in her veins and begins to act like a snob, Bink must find a way to deal with her friend's new behavior in order to keep their friendship.

Cam Jansen and the Knock, Knock Mystery (*Series*) by David Adler. 2015.

Eric's Grandma Minnie and Grandpa Max keep hearing someone knock at their door, night and day, but find no one there. Cam tries to solve the mystery using her amazing memory.

The Case from Outer Space (*Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series*) by James Preller. 2017.

Joey and Danika find a note in a book — and all the clues point to a visitor from outer space! Jigsaw Jones, kid detective, is back on the case. Read the series for more mystery fun.

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (*Series*) by Doreen Cronin. 2014.

Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar, the chicks of the Chicken Squad, must figure out what Tail the squirrel is so afraid of. Also read: **#2 The Case of the Weird Blue Chicken** (2014), **#3 Into the Wild, Yet Another Misadventure** (2014), **#4 Dark Shadows, Yes Another Misadventure** (2017), **#5 Gimme Shelter, Misadventures and Misinformation** (2017), and **#6 Bear Country: Bearly a Misadventure** (2018).

Cody and the Heart of a Champion by Tricia Springstubb. 2018.

Cody's life is full of changes, and her friends are acting in unexpected ways. Her family and friends help her navigate new things — like joining the soccer team — and adjust to the changes around her.

Dory Fantasmagory and the Real True Friend (*Series*) by Abby Hanlon. 2016.

Dory is the youngest child with a big imagination. At school, she makes a new friend but her brother and sister are sure Rosabelle is imaginary, just like all of Dory's other friends.

EllRay Jakes Stands Tall! (*Series*) by Sally Warner. 2016.

Eight-year-old EllRay Jakes, the shortest kid in class and still chosen last at recess, hones his basketball skills with Mr. Havens and earns the respect of his third-grade classmates.

The Ember Stone #1 (*The Last Firehawk Series*) by Katrina Charman. 2017.

Perodia is threatened by Thorn, a powerful vulture, who is using magic. But when a young owl named Tag and his best friend squirrel rescue a golden egg from Thorn's Tiger bats they may have found the key. Also read: **The Crystal Caverns** (2017) and **Whispering Oak** (2018).

Eva's Treetop Festival (*Owl Diaries Series*) by Rebecca Elliott. 2015.

Eva Wingdale gets in over her head when she offers to organize a spring festival at school. Even with her best friend Lucy's help, there is NO way she will get everything done in time.

Halfway to Perfect (*Dyamonde Daniels Series*) by Nikki Grimes. 2018.

Dyamonde notices a change in Damaris's eating habits and tries to find a way to show her that she is perfect just the way she is and should not let what other people say affect her.

Heidi Heckelbeck Goes to Camp (*Series*) by Wanda Coven. 2014.

Heidi is excited about spending two weeks with Lucy at camp, but Lucy's friends from last year ignore her and she feels unwelcome, leading Heidi to cast a friendship spell on them.

Horrible Harry and the Hallway Bully (*Horrible Harry Series*) by Susie Kline. 2014.

Selected to join the school safety patrol squad, third-grader Mary quickly turns into a bully and classmate Doug suspects she may be tampering with the book raffle.

Judy Moody and the Bucket List (*Series*) by Megan McDonald. 2016.

Discovering Grandma's mysterious "bucket list" of things that she wants to do in her lifetime, Judy Moody tries to create her own list, from learning to do a cartwheel to visiting Antarctica.

Leroy Ninker Saddles Up (*Tales From Deckawoo Drive Series, Book 1*) by Kate DiCamillo. 2014.

Leroy Ninker has a hat, a lasso, and boots, but no horse. Then he meets Maybelline and it is love at first sight, until Leroy forgets the third rule of caring for her. Also read:

Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost (2015), **Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln?** (2016).

Lola Levine and the Vacation Dream (*Series*) by Monica Brown. 2017.

Lola Levine is ecstatic to learn that her family will visit her favorite aunt in Peru, where she and Ben discover wonderful adventures in Lima while trying to stay out of trouble.

The Lost Stone: #1 The Kingdom of Wrenly (*Series*) by Jordan Quinn. 2014.

Eight-year-old Lucas, Prince of Wrenly, is eager to explore and Clara, daughter of the queen's seamstress, knows the kingdom well, so they team up to find a lost jewel and visit all of the land's main attractions as they search. Fantasy series Books 1-12.

The Midnight Ride of Flat Revere: Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures (*Series*) by Jeff Brown. 2016.

While on vacation in Boston, a tour guide invites Flat Stanley to reenact Paul Revere's famous midnight ride.

Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew: Butterfly Blues #40 (*Series*) by Carolyn Keene. 2015.

Nancy, Bess, and George must find and return a valuable Blue Morpho butterfly that is missing from the new butterfly museum. Enjoy the whole mystery series.

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot (*Series*) by Dav Pilkey. 2014.

Ricky Ricotta, a small mouse, is bullied at school, but when he rescues a powerful robot from its evil creator, he acquires a friend and protector — and saves the city from Dr. Stinky.

Ruby Lu, Star of the Show by Lenore Look. 2011.

The best thing about third grade is “everything!” according to Ruby and her cousin Flying Duck. But then Ruby’s dad loses his job, and many things need to change, with some help from Ruby.

Search for the Lightning Dragon #7 (*Dragon Masters Series*) by Tracey West. 2017.

The Dragon Masters have two tasks: track down the newly hatched Lightning Dragon, and find his destined Dragon Master, a boy named Carlos, and convince him to trust them — but somebody else has dark plans for this particular powerful and wild dragon.

Stink and the Attack of the Slime Mold (*Series*) by Megan McDonald. 2016.

Stink may love science but he is upset about slime mold living and growing in his room. At Science Club, he learns that these organisms are smart enough to find their way out of mazes and grow on food.

Tales of Deckawoo Drive: Eugenia Lincoln and the Unexpected Package #4 (*Series*) by Kate DiCamillo.

2017. Eugenia Lincoln is a practical person, with no time for geegaws or frivolity. So what will she do when a surprise package containing an accordion is delivered to her no-nonsense house?

Violet Mackerel's Possible Friend (*Series*) by Anna Branford. 2014.

After moving to a new neighborhood, a girl who is both a worrier and a problem solver meets a possible very good friend next door.

Warriors in Winter (*Magic Tree House Series*) by Mary Pope Osborne. 2019.

The magic tree house whisks Annie and Jack back to an ancient Roman camp. Their mission — be warriors and meet the emperor Marcus Aurelius. Also read Nonfiction Companion: **Warriors**.
Read the whole series for magical adventures to many different places and times.

Zigzag Kids: Flying Feet (*Series*) by Patricia Reilly Giff. 2011.

Charlie thinks up lots of inventions that don’t always work, but his new idea might get rid of a mountain of trash, and save “Come as a Character Day,” too.

Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows, Book 1 (*Series*) by Asia Citro. 2017.

Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to her backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it’s up to Zoey and Sassafras to figure out what’s wrong.



Fiction — Students Entering Grade 3

A to Z Mysteries (Series) by Ron Roy.

Best friends Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose solve mysteries from **The Absent Author** to **The Zombie Zone**.

The Alien Next Door by A. I. Newton. 2019.

Harris realizes that his neighbor Zeke is not just the new kid on the block — he's a new kid on Earth. Enjoy four sci-fi adventures in one book: New Kid, Aliens for Dinner?!, Alien Scout, and Trick or Cheat?

Alvin Ho, Allergic to the Great Wall, The Forbidden Palace and Other Tourist Attractions (Series) by Lenore Look. 2015. Alvin, an Asian American second grader who's afraid of everything, is taking his fears to a whole new level or should we say, continent, when he goes on a family trip to China.

Amber Brown Horses Around (Series) by Paula Danziger. 2014.

Amber is excited to be spending the summer with her friends at camp, but things get complicated when she learns that her worst enemy, Hannah, is one of her bunkmates.

The BFG by Roald Dahl. 1993.

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan to save the world from nine other mean giants.

Bad Kitty Takes the Test by Nick Bruel. 2017.

Kitty's cat license has been revoked and she must take a test to get it back. If she fails, she will no longer be able to be a cat. Kitty learns all about being a cat and a little about herself.

Battle of the Bots (Key Hunters Series) by Eric Luper. 2018.

Cleo and Evan outwit the evil Locke, but now they must battle a computer network that controls the brain of very human on earth — except for Cleo and Evan. Now it's up to them to defeat the Network, save the human population, and keep hunting for the magic keys.

The Boxcar Children Mysteries (Series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner. 1977.

Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar.

Brand New School, Brave New Ruby (Ruby and the Booker Boys Series) by Derrick Barnes. 2008.

Eight-year-old Ruby Booker is headed to a new school where her older brothers rule; however, Ruby has big plans to change that.

Bummer in the Summer! (My Weird School Special) by Dan Gutman. 2019.

School's almost out for the summer, and A.J. is dreaming of all the fun things he will do. But his dream turns into a nightmare when three spirits appear, to show him summers past, present, and future. Will A.J. learn to leave his bad ways behind? Or will this summer be a total bummer?

Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven (Series) by Graham Salisbury. 2010.

Fourth-grader Calvin creates a unique way to express his desire for a dog after his teacher asks him to write a persuasive argument about something he really wants.

CAMP (*Graphic Novel*) by Kayla Miller. 2019.

Best friends Olive and Willow go to summer camp together, where they share a cabin. But their experiences are very different — Olive likes camp and makes new friends quickly, while Willow feels anxious and homesick.

Can You Survive an Earthquake? Interactive Survival Adventure (*Series*) by Rachel Hanal. 2013.

You're in the middle of an unpredictable natural disaster, an earthquake. No place is safe as the ground shudders, shakes, and splits. How will you survive? Readers choose how the story ends in different adventures about survival during a crisis. Enjoy more adventures in the **Can You Survive?** series.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. 1980, c1952. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Catling. 1979.

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Clementine and the Family Meeting (*Series*) by Sara Pennypacker. 2012.

Third-grader Clementine tries to adjust to the news that her perfect family of four is adding a new brother or sister.

Cody Harmon King of Pets (*Franklin School Friends Series*) by Claudia Mills. 2016.

Cody Harmon doesn't love reading, math, spelling, or really any of the subjects that are taught in third grade. But he lives on a farm and he loves animals so when the school holds a pet-show fund-raiser, it should be his time to shine.

D-Day: Battle on the Beach (*Ranger in Time Series*) by Kate Messner. 2018.

Ranger, a time-traveling golden retriever with search-and-rescue training, heads to Normandy on the morning of the D-Day invasion where he meets Leo, a Jewish boy who is hiding with a local farmer, and Walt, a young American soldier fighting to free France from the Nazis.

Detective Gordon: A Complicated Case (*Series*) by Ulf Nilsson. 2016.

While Detective Gordon lays thinking in his bed, his assistant, Buffy, tries to solve the case of who is saying nasty things in the forest, with the hope of becoming the chief of police.

Dog Diaries by James Patterson. 2018.

The first story told by Rafe's dog, Junior. Even though Rafe breaks some rules himself, he has to take Junior to obedience school for training — or Mrs. Stricker will send Junior back to the pound.

Dog Man (*Graphic Novel Series*) by Dav Pilkey. 2016.

Part canine, part human, Dog Man is a crime-fighting sensation. He fights crime, sniffs out wrong-doing, and battles his doglike tendencies.

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Soccer Scheme (*Series*) by Donald Sobol. 2012.

Encyclopedia Brown, boy detective extraordinaire, solves a new case about a nail-biting soccer game. Solutions provided at the end of each chapter.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo. 2013. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

From Russia with Lunch. (*Chet Gecko Mystery Series*) by Bruce Hale. 2008.

Lizard detective Chet Gecko and his crime-solving partner Natalie Attired discover that everything seems upside down at Emerson Hicky Elementary School — and it might be caused by the diabolical invention of the newest staff member, Russian scientist Dr. Tanya Lightov.

Hamster Princess: Harriet the Invincible (*Series*) by Ursula Vernon. 2015.

Harriet is not your average princess. She is a hamster and prefers sword-fighting and fractions to sighing and fainting. Read **Whiskerella** (2018) and **Little Red Rodent Hood** (2018) for Harriet's latest adventures.

Henry and Beezus (*Henry Huggins Series*) by Beverly Cleary. 1980.

Henry Huggins, his dog Ribsy, and his friend, a girl named Beezus, try plan after plan to earn enough money for Henry to buy the shiny red bicycle he has his eye on.

Hero Dog (*Hilde Cracks the Case Series*) by Hilde Lysiak. 2017.

Nine-year-old Hilde Lysiak wants to be a reporter with her own newspaper. She is investigating break-ins and missing baked goods with the help of Zeus, a little dog. Also read: **UFO Spotted** (2018).

The Hunt for the Secret Papyrus: Geronimo Stilton (*Graphic Novel Series*) by Geronimo Stilton. 2016.

When the Black Papyrus goes missing from New Mouse City's Egyptian "Mouseum," Geronimo Stilton investigates, with the help of a secret agent. Also read **Thea Stilton**, **Spacemice**, and **Cavemice Series**.

Hunter Moran Digs Deep (*Series*) by Patricia Reilly Giff. 2015.

Hunter Moran hunts for a buried treasure, tearing up the town and getting into some tight spots. A companion to **Hunter Moran Saves the Universe** and **Hunter Moran Hangs Out**.

I Survived the Eruption of Mt. St. Helens 1980 (*I Survived Series*) by Lauren Tarshis. 2016.

On May 18, 1980, eleven-year-old Jessie Marlowe and her best friends, Eddie and Sam, are in a forest near Mount St. Helens when the months of wondering whether the volcano will erupt are finally answered. Read any book in the series.

Ivy and Bean: One Big Happy Family #11 (*Series*) by Annie Barrows. 2018.

When her classmate Vanessa insists that all single children are spoiled, Ivy wonders whether she can become "unspoiled" — maybe giving away all her clothes will help? Or she could find herself a sister....

Jelly Bean: The Shelter Pet Squad (*Series*) by Cynthia Lord. 2014.

Suzannah has always wanted a pet of her own, but she lives in an apartment where there are absolutely no pets allowed. What she *can* do is volunteer at a local pet shelter. Sequels: **Merlin** (2015) and **Paloma** (2016).

Juana and Lucas by Juana Medina. 2016. *Pura Belpre Award*.

Juana loves drawing, reading, her home in Colombia, and especially her dog Lucas. But she does not love learning English, with all its different rules. Then her grandfather shares a big surprise that makes learning English a great idea!

Judy Moody and the Right Royal Tea Party (*Series*) by Megan McDonald. 2018.

Judy learns that some of her ancestors lived in England, and might be related to the Queen. But her nemesis Jessica Finch finds more surprise relatives that Judy wishes she could hide in a dungeon.

Just Grace (*Series*) by Charice Harper. 2007.

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Lulu and the Hedgehog in the Rain (*Series*). Hilary McKay. 2014.

Lulu rescues a hedgehog caught in a storm, but she knows it needs to roam free and not live as a pet. She and her cousin start a neighborhood Hedgehog Club to keep the little animals safe.

Matilda by Roald Dahl. 1988.

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and bring back her nice teacher, Miss Honey.

Max's Story: A Dog's Purpose Puppy Tale (*Series*) by W. Bruce Cameron. 2018.

As a New Yorker, Max knows how to take charge, even though he is the smallest dog at the park. He realizes his purpose is to help C.J. make her way in the big city. And C.J. helps Max make friends. Also read **Molly's Story** and other A Dog's Purpose stories.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary. 1965.

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. Read other titles by this author.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater. 1966. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it there are twelve.

Museum Mayhem #39 (*Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series*) by Carolyn Keene. 2014.

When a statue is broken during her class's overnight trip to the museum, Nancy, Bess, and George try to get to the bottom of the mystery and find those responsible.

The Mysterious Moonstone (*The Key Hunters Series*) by Eric Luper. 2016.

Cleo and Evan have a secret about books so dangerous they are locked up tight. A friend has vanished inside the pages of one of them. It's up to them to find the key to set her free.

Night of the Ninth Dragon #55 (*Magic Tree House Series*) by Mary Pope Osborne. 2016.

When a mysterious note invites them to Camelot, Jack and Annie travel in the magic tree house to the magical kingdom where they must find a lost dragon.

Nim's Island by Wendy Orr. 1999.

Nim loves her island home and the animals she shares it with while her scientist father is away doing research, but trouble is on the way and a new e-mail friend could be the only one who can help.

On the Road with Mallory (*Series*) by Laurie Friedman. 2016.

Mallory's family is headed to the Grand Canyon. Mallory is looking forward to the road trip until she finds out that her snobby cousin Kate will be coming along. Is it a recipe for disaster?

Ramona the Brave (*Series*) by Beverly Cleary. 2006.

Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with her mother's returning to work, monsters under her bed, and an unsympathetic first-grade teacher.

Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters (*The Questioners Series*) by Andrea Beaty. 2018.

Rosie and her friends help Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters with an ingenious invention — can they get it to work? Ada Twist, Iggy Peck, and Rosie keep trying as they engineer their creation. In #2: **Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants** (2019), the friends rescue Uncle Ned from his helium-fueled misadventure.

Sam Wu Is Not Afraid of Ghosts (*Series*) by Kevin Tsang. 2018.

Sam Wu is a bit embarrassed about the incident at the Space Museum, so he is determined to show all his friends that he is not afraid of anything — not even a haunted house. Read the series, and discover that Sam is *not* afraid of the dark, sharks, or spiders, either.

Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome (Series) by Sarai Gonzalez. 2018.

Sarai loves to bake, dance, and run her own cupcake business. When her grandparents find out they have to move out of the house in New Jersey where her extended family lives, Sarai is determined to save the day. She's got hope, ambition, and ingenuity, with her sisters and cousins to help.

The Ship of Secrets: Tenth Adventure in the Kingdom of Fantasy (Series) by Geronimo Stilton. 2017.

On his way to the Ball, Geronimo is whisked away to the Kingdom of Fantasy, and he must save the Princess of the Vanilla Fairies from an evil wizard who is using the pirate ship, Ship of Secrets, to increase his power and take over the kingdom.

Sideways Stories from the Wayside School (Series) by Louis Sachar. 1978.

Humorous episodes from the thirtieth-floor classroom of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

Spring According to Humphrey (Series) by Betty Birney. 2016.

Humphrey the class hamster and the kids in Classroom 26 at Longfellow School think spring is impossibly late this year. Planning the school's Family Fun Night keeps everyone busy as they look for signs of spring. Read about Humphrey's friend, Og the class frog, in **Life According to Og** (2018).

Stella Diaz Has Something to Say by Angela Dominguez. 2018.

Stella loves her pet fish, and spending time with her family and her best friend Jenny. But Jenny is in a different class this year, and although Stella wants to make a new friend, she feels embarrassed when she sometimes speaks Spanish instead of English, and nervous about public speaking.

Stick Dog (Graphic Novel Series) by Tom Watson. Harper, 2013.

Stick Dog and his four friends — Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo, and Karen — will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park! Also read the **Stick Cat** series.

The Stories Julian Tells by Anne Cameron. 2006, c.1981.

Seven-year-old Julian gets into trouble with his younger brother. Julian is a fibber and great at telling stories. He can make his younger brother, Huey, believe just about anything.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (Series) by Judy Blume. c.1971.

Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem.

Superfudge. 1980. Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother, Fudge.

Also read **Fudge-a-mania** and **Double Fudge**.

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown. 2016.

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a wild, remote island, and she cannot remember where she came from or why she is there. She must try to survive by learning from the strange inhabitants here. Also read **The Wild Robot Escapes** (2018).

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes. 2013. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and has learned many important lessons.

Third Grade Teachers' Picks

- Read any books by author Bill Peet: great vocabulary and messages for readers
- Beverly Cleary books: read any **Ramona** series books or **Henry and Ribsy**



Fiction for Parents and Children to Share
(Advanced readers may read them on their own.)

The BFG by Roald Dahl. 1998, 1992.

Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie makes plans with him to save the world from mean giants.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. 1964.

With his winning Golden Ticket, Charlie Bucket gets a rare tour of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and a large supply of chocolate. Read any title by this author.

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White. 1980, c1952. *Newbery Honor Book*.

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

A Cricket in Times Square by George Selden. 1960. *Newbery Honor Book*.

The adventures of Chester, a country cricket, who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat.

Flora and Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo. 2013. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

After Flora rescues a squirrel named Ulysses from an unfortunate encounter with a vacuum cleaner, they team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Little House in the Big Woods (Series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder. 1953.

A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier. Read the series.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo. 2006.

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, finding new owners.

One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. 2012. *Newbery Medal Winner*.

Captive gorilla Ivan has lived for years in a rundown circus-themed mall. When Ruby, a baby elephant, is brought to the mall, Ivan is determined to help her find a better life.

Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech. 2018.

Louie has not had success caring for small pets, so when his father brings home a weak, sickly baby donkey, Louie is determined to save him. Taking care of Winslow helps Louie feel close to his brother, far away in the army, as the bond between Winslow and Louie grows stronger than anyone imagined.

Teddy & Co. by Cynthia Voigt. 2016.

Teddy, a great thinker, and a group of lost toys live on an island, but their peaceful world gets shaken up when new toys arrive. Will the newcomers fit in or change them forever?

The Willoughbys by Lois Lowry. 2008.

The four Willoughby children set out to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents go on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of a nanny.



Picture Books

Battle Bunny by Jon Scieszka. 2014.

On his birthday, Alex hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny and turns it into a battle between a super-villain and his enemies in the forest who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party.

Because of Thursday by Patricia Polacco. 2016.

Annie Fetlock — born on Thursday, met the love of her life on Thursday, and when a special cat comes into her life on Thursday, she knows he has found the right home.

The Bell Rang by James Ransome. 2019.

Every morning starts the same way for an enslaved family forced to work on a plantation: the bell rings, Daddy gathers wood, Mama cooks, the parents and their son go to work in the fields, while their daughter minds the younger children. Until one morning, the bell rang and her brother was gone — escaped and heading for freedom. They pray that Ben made it, and that some day they may follow.

Ellen's Broom by Kelly Starling Lyons. 2012. *Coretta Scott King Honor Book*.

Ellen brings the broom her parents used in their wedding ceremony and accompanies them to the courthouse when the law changes and they are allowed to officially marry.

Finding Lincoln by Ann Malaspina. 2009.

Louis needs to write an essay for school about young Abraham Lincoln. But it's 1951 in Alabama, and African Americans cannot use the public library. Then one courageous librarian lets him in after hours and helps him find the book that he needs.

Finding Winnie, The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear by Lindsay Mattick. 2015.

Caldecott Winner. In 1914, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He named her Winnie, after his hometown of Winnipeg, and he took the bear with him to England. This is the remarkable true story that inspired Winnie-the-Pooh.

Firebird: Ballerina Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl How to Dance Like the Firebird by Misty Copeland. 2014. Misty Copeland tells the story of a young girl who lacks confidence and questions her own ability. Misty encourages her to have faith in herself and shows her that through hard work and dedication, she too can become Firebird. *Coretta Scott King Award*.

Frank and Lucky Get Schooled by Lynne Rae Perkins. 2016.

A boy and his dog learn about each other, go to school to learn more, then explore the world around them as they study science, geography and even foreign languages together.

Freedom in Congo Square by Carole Boston Weatherford. 2016. *Coretta Scott King Award*.

Chronicles slaves' duties each day, from chopping logs on Mondays to baking bread on Wednesdays to plucking hens on Saturday, and builds to the freedom of Sundays and the special experience of an afternoon spent in Congo Square.

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall. 2018. *Caldecott Medal Winner*.

On the highest rock of a tiny island stands a lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper tends to the light, the logbook, and all his chores, then is joined by his wife, then a new baby. Together they make their life in the lighthouse, keeping the ships safe.

Ideas All Around by Philip Christian Stead. 2016.

In search of writing ideas, an author takes a walk with his dog around the neighborhood where he finds that ideas really are all around, you just have to know what to do with them.

John, Paul, George & Ben by Lane Smith. 2006.

A humorous, informative look at the early lives of five founding fathers of the United States: George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.

Let the Children March by Monica Clark-Robinson. 2018. *Coretta Scott King Honor Award*.

In May 1963, African American families in Birmingham, Alabama, gathered to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speak of a more just society. Thousands of people came together to plan, organize, mobilize, and rally to change the unjust Jim Crow laws. This story shows the courage of many teens and children who marched to support justice and equal rights.

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Difference by Katie Milway. 2008.

Kojo, a young boy in Ghana, finds a way out of poverty and helps others do the same after he is given a small loan and buys a hen.

Play Ball, Jackie by Stephen Krensky. 2011.

Ten-year-old Matty is excited to see Jackie Robinson and the Brooklyn Dodgers take on the Boston Braves in 1947, but many fans are not happy to see Jackie playing in the major league.

Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan. 2014.

Two boys explain the occasionally mysterious “rules” they learned over the summer, like never eat the last olive at a party, never ruin a perfect plan, and never give your keys to a stranger.

The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller. 1998.

The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while.
Fun facts!

This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson. 2013.

A rope passed down through the generations frames an African American family’s story as they journey north during the time of the Great Migration.

Trudy’s Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm by Sue Macy. 2017. On the morning of August 6, 1926, Gertrude Ederle stood on the beach at Cape Gris-Nez, France, and faced the churning waves of the English Channel. Twenty-one miles across the perilous waterway. Ederle broke records and became the first woman to swim across the Channel.

Wolf in the Snow by Matthew Cordell. 2017. *Caldecott Medal Winner*.

A warm, wordless story set in a wintry snow storm, as a little girl rescues a baby wolf and sees them both safely home.



Nonfiction



Balto and the Great Race by Elizabeth Kimmel. 1999.

Brave dog Balto delivered medicine in a raging snowstorm to save Nome, Alaska, from an epidemic.

Baseball: Fact Tracker Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne. 2017.

When Jack and Annie came back from their adventure in Magic Tree House #29, they had lots of questions. When was baseball invented? What are the rules? Who was Jackie Robinson? Who are some other baseball greats? Find out the answers and facts about baseball. Read any Fact Tracker.

Buried Sunlight: How Fossil Fuels Have Changed the Earth by Molly Bang. 2016.

What are fossil fuels, and how did they come to exist? Explains how coal, oil, and gas are really “buried sunlight,” trapped beneath the surface of our planet for millions of years. Fossil fuels are changing the carbon balance of our planet’s air and water. What does this mean?

Dinosaurs (Basher Basics Series) by Dan Green. 2012.

Introduces dinosaurs and related topics, covering tyrannosaurus rex, gigantosaurus, compsognathus, fossils, and more. Read any book in this fun science series!

Flood Warning (Let’s Read and Find Out Series) by Katharine Kenah. 2016.

Read and find out about different types of floods, how they start, and how to stay safe.

Fly Guy Presents... (Series) by Tedd Arnold.

Fly Guy and Buzz explore the inner workings of a castle, follow the trail to many insect species, and investigate the space program and astronauts at the Space Museum, in different books in the series.

Glow: Animals with Their Own Night Lights by W. H. Beck. 2016.

Close encounters with curious creatures that make their own light. Learn about animals that glow, explore what makes them “light up,” their habitats, their adaptations, and how they communicate.

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin. 2017. *Caldecott Honor Book*.

Follow a father and daughter as they hike through the Grand Canyon, discovering life both present and past as they explore the cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and over a mile deep.

Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers. 2017.

The author focuses on the Statue of Liberty’s right foot, with its heel lifted off the ground and caught in midstride. Yes, the statue is going somewhere! She weighs 450,000 pounds, and she’s on the move! Where is she going?

Hundred Billion Trillion Stars by Seth Fishman. 2017.

Our world is full of constantly changing numbers, from a hundred billion trillion stars in space to thirty-seven billion rabbits on Earth. Can you imagine that many of anything?

If I Were a Kid at the International Space Station by Josh Gregory. 2018.

Learn all about space exploration and find out what astronauts do aboard the International Space Station, and how they travel back and forth from Earth. Read any title in the series.

If Sharks Disappeared by Lily Williams. 2017.

Many shark species are in danger of extinction, and that can cause big problems in the oceans and on land. What would happen if sharks disappeared completely?

An Inconvenient Alphabet: Ben Franklin & Noah Webster's Spelling Revolution by Beth Anderson. 2018. Anyone learning to read and write English notices inconsistencies in spelling and sound. Ben Franklin and Noah Webster agreed, so in the 1780s they worked to make spelling simpler and more consistent. The pictures make the story fun and lively, with "word problems" everyone can relate to.

Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard by Annette Cate. 2014.

Encourages kids to get outdoors with a sketchbook and really look around. Talkative cartoon birds tell how to identify various birds by color, shape, behavior, birdcall, and other traits.

Math for All Seasons by Greg Tang. 2002.

Kids learn different strategies for solving math puzzles, making math fun and creative.

National Geographic Kids: Robots by Melissa Stewart. 2014.

Introduces robots and the science behind them, including a historic timeline of robot development, jobs robots perform, and robots of the future. Read the series.

New Jersey (*True Books: My United States*) by Nelson Yomtov. 2018.

History, government, geography, culture of our state, with an illustrated map showing famous places.

The Soda Bottle School: A True Story about Recycling, Teamwork, & One Crazy Idea by Laura Kutner.

2014. Why not use soda bottles, scattered everywhere, to form the core of the walls of their school? The story of children in Guatemala who reused soda bottles to expand their school and help their town.

That's a Possibility: A Book About What Might Happen by Bruce Goldstone. 2013.

With colorful photographs and dynamic examples, readers learn about what is possible, probable, or impossible. Explains important math concepts in a fun way.

Things That Float and Things That Don't (eBook) by David Adler. 2013.

It's surprising which objects float and which don't. An apple floats, but a ball of aluminum foil does not. But if that same ball of foil is shaped into a boat, it floats! Why? And how can a huge steel ship float?

This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World by Matt Lamothe.

2017. One day in the lives of seven kids around the world — in Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda, and Russia. Provides a window into different traditions and experiences, as well as what we have in common.

Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story of Africa by Jeanette Winter. 2008.

Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard.

Whale Trails Before and Now by Lesa Cline-Ransome. 2016.

A young girl helps her father, the boat captain on a whale-watching trip, and relates how her ancestors hunted whales in the same waters. Learn the history of whaling, whale-watching, and the differences between then and now.

What Was the Titanic? by Joan Holub. 2018.

On April 15, 1912, the Titanic, the largest passenger steamship of its time was thought "unsinkable," but it sank after crashing into an iceberg. Find out why the great ship went down and how it was discovered seventy-five years later. **Read any title in the *What Is... and What Was... Series*.**



Folktales and Fairy Tales

Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella by Paul Fleischman. 2007.

A retelling of the “Cinderella” story based on a variety of folk traditions, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, Appalachia, and other countries and regions.

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe. 1987.

Mufaro’s beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife. African folktale.

Rumpelstiltskin’s Daughter by Diane Stanley. 1977.

Rumpelstiltskin’s daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom.

A Story, a Story: An African Tale by Gail E. Haley. 1970.

Anansi, the spider man, wins stories from the Sky God. African folktale.

The Talking Eggs by Robert San Souci. 1989.

Blanche obeys the witch and gains riches while her greedy sister loses.



Poetry

Beastly Verse by Joohee Yoon. 2015.

Sixteen memorable poems with a richly worded world of tigers, hummingbirds, owls, elephants, pelicans, yaks, snails, and even telephones! Verse, rhyme, and beautiful images.

Bow Tie Pasta Acrostic Poems by Brian Cleary. 2016.

A collection of poems that shows how acrostics are created and how even the wackiest words can be turned into a poem.

Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle. 2017.

Musician, botanist, baseball player, pilot — the Latinos featured in this poetry collection come from many different countries and from many different backgrounds. Celebrate their accomplishments and contributions to a history and community that thrives today.

Carnival of the Animals by Jack Prelutsky. 2010.

Art, music, and poetry are pulled together into one colorful picture book. Read any title by this poet.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming: And Other Nonsense For Mischievous Kids and Immature Adults

by Chris Harris. 2017. A collection of crazy rhyming and non-rhyming poems that will make you think and laugh.

Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook by Shel Silverstein. 2005.

Features Runny and other woodland characters who speak a topsy-turvy language all their own.

Also read: **Runny Babbit Returns**, Harper, 2017

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein. 1974.

A classic poetry collection, which is both outrageously funny and profound, with original drawings.

You Read to Me, I'll Read to You by Mary Ann Hoberman. 2004.

This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed for children and adults to read together. Great to practice reading aloud. Read any title in the series.



Biographies

Ada Lovelace, Poet of Science, The First Computer Programmer by Diane Stanley. 2016.

A hundred years before the digital age, Ada Lovelace envisioned the computer-driven world we know today. And in showing how the machine would be coded, she wrote the first computer program.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba. 2012.

When fourteen-year-old William Kamkwamba's Malawi village was hit by a drought, everyone's crops began to fail. Without enough money for food, let alone for school, William spent his days in the library . . . and figured out how to bring electricity to his village.

Carter Reads the Newspaper by Deborah Hopkinson. 2018.

Carter G. Woodson began as an inquisitive reader of current events, who read the newspaper aloud to his family and friends. He grew up to earn a PhD in history from Harvard University and became the creator of Black History Month.

Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim. 2012.

Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington dreamed of learning to read and write. After emancipation, Booker began a journey, taking his first of many steps towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true.

Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code by Laurie Wallmark. 2017.

The story of a trailblazing woman. Grace Hopper coined the term "computer bug" and taught computers to "speak English." Throughout her life, Hopper succeeded in doing what no one had ever done before. A role model for science- and math-minded girls and boys.

The Little Plant Doctor: A Story about George Washington Carver by Jean Marzollo. 2011.

Tells how the famous African American scientist always nurtured and studied plants, but the law did not allow black children to go to school. Finally, at age 12, Carver tells his beloved tree the exciting news that he is leaving to go to school.

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai. 2017.

As a child in Pakistan, Malala wished for a magic pencil. She would use it to make everyone happy. But as she grew older, she saw that there were more important things to wish for. She saw a world that needed fixing. Malala, the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, tells the story of her life in a picture book for younger readers.

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat by Javaka Steptoe. 2016. *Caldecott* Award, Coretta Scott King Award. Basquiat's childhood gives a powerful message that art doesn't have to be neat or clean — and definitely not inside the lines — to be beautiful. Javaka Steptoe's illustrations evoke Basquiat's original artwork.

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant. 2016.

Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He wanted to live like everyone else and wanted to be able to read. But there were no books for him. So he invented his own alphabet — a whole new system for writing that could be read by touch.

Starstruck: The Cosmic Journey of Neil deGrasse Tyson by Kathleen Krull. 2018.

Young Neil deGrasse Tyson was starstruck the first time he visited the Hayden Planetarium in New York City — igniting a sense of wonder and scientific exploration that took him on expeditions around the world, and all the way back home to become the director of the Hayden Planetarium and an astrophysicist who inspires Americans' sense of awe and wonder.

Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Everything by Maira Kalman. 2014.

Thomas Jefferson is best known for writing the Declaration of Independence, but there's so much more to discover. He was interested in everything!

Time For Kids Biographies Series. (*Read any title in the series.*)

Chronicles of the lives of famous Americans such as Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Clara Barton, John F. Kennedy, Rosa Parks, Alexander Graham Bell, Jesse Owens and more.

Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor. 2018.

In her picture book autobiography, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor shares the love of books that inspired her to overcome challenges and work towards her dreams for the future.

WHOOSH! Lonnie Johnson's SUPER-SOAKING Stream of Inventions by Chris Barton. 2016.

Lonnie Johnson, a NASA engineer, is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water gun, one of the top twenty toys of all time — and it was invented by accident!

Who Was... and Who Is... Biography Series.

An exciting, illustrated biography series that is perfect for children who are beyond easy-to-read books about famous people, but not quite ready for thick, long biographies.

The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid by Jeanette Winter. 2017.

Zaha Hadid grew up in Baghdad, Iraq, and dreamed of designing her own cities. After studying architecture in London, she started designing buildings. But as a Muslim woman, Hadid faced many obstacles. She worked hard for many years, and achieved her goals — and now you can see the buildings Hadid designed all over the world.

You Never Heard of Willie Mays? by Jonah Winter. Schwartz & Wade, 2013.

A profile of baseball star Willie Mays, tracing his Birmingham childhood, achievements in the Negro Leagues, and fame as a center fielder for the Giants. Read the **You Never Heard of...** series.



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