

2008-2009 Suggested Reading List By Third Grade

The Phantom Tollbooth

By: Norton Juster

Reading Level: 5.4

Genre: Fantasy

Milo travels through a magical tollbooth and begins a journey to the kingdom of wisdom where he and a watch dog named Tock try to end the feud between numbers and words.

Eragon

By Christopher Paolini

Reading Level: 5.8

Genre: Fantasy

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year old boy of unknown family called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into a tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, people with dragons, elves, and monsters.

Two Minute Drill

By Mike Lupica

Reading Level: 5.1

Genre: Sports Fiction

Brainy Scoot, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and a star quarterback Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.

Samantha: An American Girl

By: Susan Adler

Genre: Historical Fiction

In 1904, nine-year old Samantha an orphan living with her wealthy grandmother and her servant friend Nellie have a midnight adventure. When they try to find out what has happened to the seamstress who suddenly left her job.

Out from Boneville

By Jeff Smith

Reading Level: 6.3

Arter bering run out of Boneville. The three cousins, Fone Bone, Phoney Bone, and Smiley Bone0 are separated and lost in a vast uncharted desert.

Falling Up

By Shel Silverstein

Reading Level: 3.6

Genre: Poetry

Poor screaming Millie is just one of the unforgettable characters in this wondrous new book of poems and drawings by the creator of Where the Sidewalk Ends and A Light in the Attic. So come wander through the nose garden, ride the Little Hoarse, eat in the strange restaurant and let the imagination of Shel Silverstein open your eyes and tickle your mind.

Matilda

By Roald Dahl

Reading Level: 6

Matilda is a genius. Unfortunately, her parents treat her like a dolt. Her crooked car-salesman father and loud, bingo –obsessed mother think Matilda’s only talent is as a scapegoat for everything that goes wrong in their miserable lives. But it’s not long before their sweet and sensitive child decides to fight back. Faced with practical jokes of sheer brilliance, her parents don’t stand a chance.

Fairy Realm: The Charm Bracelet

By Emily Rodda

Reading Level: 4.4

Genre: Fantasy

The story is about Jessie’s vist to her grandmother, a queen in a great golden place, which is in great danger.

Ella Enchanted

By Gail Carson Levine

Reading Level: 4.2

Genre: Fantasy

In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her. Ella is a girl with a most unusual gift and her story has charmed readers and critics alike.

Shoeless Joe and Me

By Dan Gutman

Reading Level: 4.1

Genre: Sports Fiction

Joe Stoshack travels back in time to 1919 where he meets Shoeless Joe and tries to fix the world series when Shoeless Joe is wrongly implicated.

The Inventions of Hugo Cabret

By Brian Selznick

Reading Level: 6.0

Orphan, clock keeper, thief Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity. He ends up becoming friends with a train shopkeeper who has secrets of his own to hide. Caldecott Award Winner 2008. The book is a combination of words and pictures.

Dear Austin

By Elvira Woodruff

Reading Level: 5.3

Genre: Historical Fiction

In this companion novel to Dear Levi, told in letters, 11 year old Levi helps a young African American in deadly flight from freedom along the Underground Railroad.

Nate the Great

By Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Reading Level: 2

Genre: Mystery

Neighborhood detective, Nate the Great, investigates the disappearance of his friend's Annie's favorite painting.

Talking to Dragons

By Patricia Wrede

Reading Level: 5.1

Genre: Fantasy

Queen Cimorene sends her 16 year old son, Daystar, into the Enchanted Forest with the only weapon that can combat an evil wizard's magic in a n effort to restore the balance of power in the kingdom.

Charlie Bone: Castle of Mirrors

By Jenny Nimmo

Reading Level: 3.6

Genre: Mystery

Charlie Bone is able to look into picture and see and hear what was happening. This power has taken him on new adventures and places. Now his power takes on a new dimension at the Bloor's Academy.

My Teacher for President

By Kay Winters

A second grader writes a television station with reasons why his teacher would make a good president but only if she can continue teaching till the end of the year.

Animorphs: The Encounter

By K.A. Applegate

Reading Level: 5

Genre: Fantasy

The animorphs know that they must not stay in a morph for more then two hours, but Tobias does and now he is a hawk with a boy's mind.

A Tale of Two Sitters

By Joanne Barkan

Interest grade level: 4-8

When David enlists Joe's aid in babysitting, Wishbone escapes from his noisy home and imagines himself as Charles Darnay. Charles Darnay is a young Frenchman who despite great danger, returns to France during the Revolution to help a friend.

Poppy

By Avi
Reading Level: 4.8

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

My Teacher is an Alien

By Bruce Coville
Genre: Science Fiction and Mystery

In the Sixth grade someone's substitute teacher is weird. They find out their teacher is actually an alien who is taking specimens back to his planet.

The Homework Machine

By Dan Gutman
Reading Level: 5.4

A fifth grader Brenton is a geek, So when he tells his 3 friends that he's created a homework machine his friend tease him. When they find out he can actually make it work they use it too. But soon there teacher is suspicious of the perfect scorea dn the kids wonder too. Could the machine get the kids in trouble with the teacher or worse will they go to jail?

Princess Academy

By Shannon Dale
Reading Level: 6.2
Genre: Fantasy

The thought of being a princess never occurred to the girls living on Mount Eskel. Most plan to work in the quarry like the generatiосn before them. When it is announced that they prince will choose a bride from their village, 14- year old Miri, who thinks she is being kept form working in the quarry because of her small statue. Believes that this is her opportunity to prove her worth to her father. All eligible females are sent off to attend a special academy where they face many challenges and hardships as they are forced to adapt to the cultured life of a lowlander. They are isolated by the strict Tutor Olana and a heavy snow storm. Competition believes forcing the girls to learn more about themselves specifically Miri who learns of a special talent she has.

May Bird

By Jodi Lynn

Reading Level: 6.8

Genre: Fantasy

May is safe from school. She hides into the trees and may is a warrior princess. May and her cat fall into the lake and crawl out into a certainly different world and it doesn't feel like a fuzzy kitten.

Dragon Slippers

By Jessica Day George

Reading Level: 5.7

Genre: Fantasy

The orphan Creel is taken in by poor relatives, including silly aunt who hatches a plan to get the girl captured by a dragon so that a knight will rescue her. The knight will then marry her, thus lifting the rest of the family out of poverty. However the dragon wants no part of this arrangement and is order to avoid the trouble of fighting a knight, agrees to let Creel select one item from the shoe seller. She picks shoes with a history of dragons. But when they fall into the wrong hands, Creel is the only one who can get them back but what if she can't get them back?