

### Third Grade Summer Reading List

A to Z Mysteries – Ron Roy

Detective and mystery stories. (series)

Baseball Saved Us – Ken Mochizuki

For Japanese Americans, imprisoned behind barbed-wire in internment camps, baseball is an escape from boredom.

Black-Eyed Susan – Jennifer Armstrong

Ten-year-old Susie and her father love living on the South Dakota prairie with its vast, uninterrupted views of land and sky, but Susie's mother greatly misses their old life in Ohio.

Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss – Kathleen Krull

A picture book account of the life of the writer known for writing children's books such as Green Eggs and Ham and The Cat in the Hat.

The Bracelet – Yoshiko Uchida

Emi, a Japanese American in the second grade, is sent with her family to an internment camp during World War II, but the loss of the bracelet her best friend has given her proves that she does not need a physical reminder of that friendship.

Case of Hermie the Missing Hamster – James Preller

Jigsaw and Mila investigate the disappearance of Wingunt's hamster.

Earthquakes – Daniel Rogers

Describes the characteristics and effects of earthquakes including how this natural disaster is measured.

Follow the Money – Loreen Leedy

Follows a quarter on its journey through a day from the mint to a variety of places and pockets back to the bank.

Half Magic – Edward Eager

When four children find a magic charm that grants half of any wish, they make double wishes, leading to strange encounters with King Arthur, the Sahara Desert, and more.

I've Seen the Promised Land: Life of Martin Luther King Jr. – Walter Dean Myers

Provides a short introduction to the life of the famous Civil Rights activist.

Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez – Kathleen Krull

A biography of the labor leader and his fight for change for migrant workers in our community.

Honest Pretzels: And 64 Other Amazing Recipes for Cooks Ages 8 and Up – Mollie Katzen

Provides step-by-step instructions for a variety of recipes, arranged in such categories as "Breakfast Specials," "Soups, Sandwiches & Salads for Lunch or Dinner," and "Desserts and a Few Baked Things."

Mr. Popper's Penguins – Richard Atwater

More than 60 years have not dated this wonderfully absurd tale--it still makes kids (and parents) laugh out loud. Poor Mr. Popper isn't exactly unhappy; he just wishes he had seen something of the world before meeting Mrs. Popper and settling down. Most of all, he wishes he had seen the Poles, and spends his spare time between house-painting jobs reading all about polar explorations. Admiral Drake, in response to Mr. Popper's fan letter, sends him a penguin; life at 432 Proudfoot Avenue is never the same again. From one penguin living in the icebox, the Popper family grows to include 12 penguins, all of whom must be fed. Thus is born "Popper's Performing Penguins, First Time on Any Stage, Direct from the South Pole." Their

adventures while on tour are hilarious, with numerous slapstick moments as the penguins disrupt other acts and invade hotels.

Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays – Peg Kehret

Animal lovers will enjoy these eight short stories about shelter dogs going on to do great things. Among the dogs featured are Tracker, who was adopted by an animal trainer and has starred in TV commercials and movies; Ivan, who was trained by a hearing-impaired woman and ended up saving the lives of both the woman and her daughter when the fire alarm sounded; and amazing Bridgett, who can predict an epileptic seizure up to 20 minutes before it actually happens. A black-and-white photo of the dog and its owner begins each story, and a short section on a related topic (such as fire prevention) ends the segment.

Sideways Stories From Wayside School – Louis Sachar

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

So You Want to Be an Inventor – Judith St. George

Discusses inventions, big and small, that have made a difference in our world.

Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner

Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

Super Storms – Seymour Simon

Discusses major storms such as thunderstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes

Tale of Desperaux – Kate di Camillo

The adventures of Desperaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

Third Grade Pet – Judy Cox

Fearing for the safety of the third grade's class pet, Cheese the rat, Rosemary takes him home in her backpack and creates chaos in the household.

Toys Go Out – Emily Jenkins

In the backpack, where it is very dark -- The serious problem of Plastic-ness -- The terrifying bigness of the washing machine -- The possible shark -- How Lumphy got on the big high bed, and lost something rather good looking -- It is difficult to find the right birthday present.

Van Gogh Café – Cynthia Rylant

Miracles are always in the making at the Van Gogh Cafe in Flowers, Kans.: the small restaurant, housed in a renovated theater, has "magic enough to last forever in its walls." Readers will share the wonder of 10-year-old Clara and her father Marc, the cafe's owner, as they witness a series of serendipitous occurrences involving stranded sea gulls, aged film stars, magic muffins, lost pets and mysterious travelers.

Vote! – Eileen Christelow

It's hard to imagine a more accessible introduction to voting. The words are straightforward, the art whimsical and creative, and two darling dogs provide color commentary on the action. The frame story is a mayoral election in which the mother of a young, African American named Angela Johnson is one of the candidates. The book follows the action from political rallies, fund-raisers, and debates through the election, ending with a successful recount. Along the way, all the pertinent questions are asked and answered: What is voting?