

Cohen Hillel Academy Library
Suggested Summer Reading for (going into) 3rd grade
June 2008

Happy vacation! And while you're enjoying the summer, don't forget to include some reading everyday. Here are some suggestions from your teachers, librarian and friends.

Any title or author preceded by an (S) received an "excellent" rating from fellow students.

FAVORITE AUTHORS:

All the authors listed are known for their great books, but not every book by every author will be just right for you. Use your own judgment, and ask your parents, librarian and friends for help in making good choices.

Blume, Judy -- everyday kids growing up with friends, parents and little brothers!

(S) **Cleary, Beverly** -- get to know Ramona, Henry and all the other wonderful Cleary characters!

Fritz, Jean -- meet Ben Franklin, Paul Revere, King George and others in these history-based stories.

(S) **Hurwitz, Johanna** -- make friends with Ali Baba Bernstein, Aldo Applesauce, and many others.

(S) **King-Smith, Dick** -- talking pigs and other animals have adventures.

Polacco, Patricia -- all kinds of excellent stories with excellent illustrations.

(S) **Rylant, Cynthia** -- Henry and Mudge, Poppleton and Cherry Sue are just a few of the characters you'll meet reading this author.

Silverstein, Shel -- read some stories and a lot of poetry. Try some of each, and don't forget *The Giving Tree*.

SERIES BOOKS -- DON'T STOP WITH THE FIRST ONE!

(S) **Adler, David** -- *Cam Jansen* and *The Fourth Floor Twins* solve mystery after mystery!

(S) **Brown, Jeff** -- *Flat Stanley* is exactly that -- flat, except when he's invisible.

(S) **Brown, Marc** -- "**Arthur Chapter Books**" are the next step after the picture books. Same great stories of Arthur and his friends.

"American Girl" collection -- meet Kirsten, Addy, Molly, Felicity and Samantha, and discover how they lived and grew up.

Cole, Joanna -- ride the *Magic School Bus* to all sorts of exciting places!

Conford, Ellen -- *Jenny Archer* likes to get involved in everything!

Annebel the Actress just wants to be (guess what?) an actress!

(S) **Dady, Debbie** -- the **Bailey School Kids** have some very, VERY strange teachers.

Danziger, Paula -- *Amber Brown* and friends have their ups and downs.

Gannet, Ruth Stiles -- meet *Elmer the Dragon* and other creatures.

Norton, Mary -- *The Borrowers* (do they really exist?)

(S) **Roy, Ron**. "**A to Z Mysteries**" series, 26 clever mysteries to solve, beginning with *The Absent Author*

_____. "**A New True Book**" series (Children's Press, Scholastic) -- short, readable, nonfiction books on a large variety of subjects including sports, geography, animals, ecology, etc.

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INDIVIDUAL TITLES

(3rd grade cont.)

- Atwater. *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
Blume. *The One in the Middle is a Green Kangaroo.*
Cohen. *Molly's Pilgrim / Make a Wish, Molly*
Coville. *Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher*
Dahl. *Esio Trot*
Estes. *The Hundred Dresses*
Fleischman. *McBroom Tells a Lie*
Fox. *Maurice's Room*
Gershman. *The Bedtime Sh'ma: A Good Night Book* (Sydney Taylor Book Award, 2008)
Gerstein. *The White Ram: A Story of Abraham and Isaac* (Sydney Taylor Book Award 2007)
Howe. *Bunnicular*
Hyde. *Mendel's Accordion* (AJL Notable Books for Younger Readers 2008)
Jacobs. *A Box of Candles* (Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content 2006)
Kline. *Mary Marony and the Chocolate Surprise*
Krensky. *Hanukkah at Valley Forge* (Sydney Taylor Book Award 2007)
Lenski. *Strawberry Girl*
Leverich. *Best Enemies / Best Enemies Forever / Best Enemies Again*
Lindgren. *Pippi Longstocking*
Lowry. *Anastasia Krupnik*
McDonough. *Hammerin' Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg* (AJL Notable Books for Younger Readers 2007)
Mills. *7 X 9 = Trouble!* (ALA Notable Children's Books 2003)
Moss. *Mighty Jackie, The Strike-out Queen* (sports)
Olswanger. *Shlemiel Crooks.* (Sydney Taylor Honor Award 2006)
Paye. *Body, Legs: A Story From Liberia* (ALA Notable Children's Books 2003)
Pearce. *The Little Gentleman* (ALA Notable Children's Books 2005)
Pickney. *Noah's Ark* (2003 Caldecott Honor book)
Pretlutsky. *Awful Ogre's Awful Day* (SLJ Best Books 2001) (poetry)
Scranimals (SLJ Best Books 2002)
St. George. *So You Want to be President?* (2001 Caldecott Award)
Sasso. *God Inbetween / God's Paintbrush / For Heaven's Sake*
Schroeder. *Six Million Paperclips* (Notable Children's Books of Jewish Content 2004)
Sharmat. *Mysteriously Yours, Maggie Marmelstein.*
Silverman. *Sholom's Treasure: How Sholom Alechem Became a Writer* (Sydney Taylor Book Award 2006)
Smith. *Chocolate Fever*
Snyder. *Ike and Mama and the Block Wedding / Ike and Mama and the Once-a-Year Suit*
Tabac. *Kibitzers and Fools: Tales my Zayde Told Me* (Sydney Taylor Honor Book 2006)
Thomas. *Get Well, Good Knight* (ALA Notable Children's Books 2003)
White. *Charlotte's Web / Stuart Little*
Williams. *The Velveteen Rabbit* (classic)

Try some **MAGAZINES** for variety...

Kids Discover, Sports Illustrated for Kids and Cricket are just a few.

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