

C.C.Mellor Memorial Library

Recommended Reading List

Grades 1 and 2

* Books located in the step up and Easy readers sections are marked with an asterisk.

*Adler, David A. ***Young Cam Jansen and the pizza shop mystery*** Viking, 2000. When Cam, her friend Eric, and her father stop for pizza while they are at the mall, Cam must rely on her photographic memory to locate her missing jacket.

Brett, Jan. ***On Noah's Ark***. Putnam, 2003. Told from the perspective of Noah's grandchild, Brett's striking rendition follows the animals two-by-two as they climb into the ark and make it their home for forty days and forty nights.

Christopher, Matt. ***The Dog that Pitched a No-Hitter***. Little, Brown, 1993. When Mike's pitching goes wild, Harry, the amazing Airedale with ESP finds a hilarious solution to the problem.

Creech, Sharon. ***A Fine, Fine School***. HarperCollins, 2001. When a principal loves his school so much that he wants the children to attend classes every day of the year, it's up to his students to show him free time is a good thing, too.

Cronin, Doreen. ***Diary of a Worm***. HarperCollins, 2003. A young worm discovers, day by day, that there are some very good and some not so good things about being a worm in this great big world.

Gerstein, Mordicai. ***The Man Who Walked Between the Towers***. Roaring Brook Press, 2003. Philippe Petit's tightrope walk between the World Trade Center Towers in 1974 is described. Caldecott Medal

Holabird, Katharine. ***Angelina Ice Skates***. Pleasant Co., 2001. Angelina and some other mice are preparing for a New Year's Eve ice skating show, but the hockey players keep getting in the way until Angelina gets them involved.

*Howe, James. ***Pinky and Rex and the Just-Right Pet***. Simon & Schuster, 2001. Seven-year-old Pinky, a confirmed dog lover, has a change of heart after his family's new pet kitten pounces on his foot in the middle of the night.

Jenkins, Steve. ***What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated interactive guessing book. Caldecott Honor book.

Kimmel, Eric A. ***Anansi and the Magic Stick***. Holiday House, 2001. Part trickster tale, part sorcerer's apprentice story, this cheerful picture book about Anansi the Spider is loosely based on the West African story "The Magic Hoe."

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. ***Zelda and Ivy the Boy Next Door***. Candlewick Press, 1999. In three brief stories, two fox sisters meet the boy next door, play pirates and camp out in the yard in sleeping bags.

*Labatti, Mary. ***Sam Gets Lost***. Kids Can Press, 2004. Sam's fun trip downtown turns scary after he hops out of the car and gets lost in the city.

- Lester, Helen. ***Hooway for Wodney Wat***. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. All his classmates make fun of Rodney because he can't pronounce his name, but it is Rodney's speech impediment that drives away the class bully.
- *Lobel, Arnold. ***Frog and Toad Are Friends***. First published 1970. Be entertained by the classic, short, delightful tales about best friends Frog and Toad. Series
- *Marshall, James. ***Fox on the Job***. Dial, 1988. Fox tries several different jobs to earn money.
- McCloskey, Robert. ***Blueberries for Sal***. First published 1948. On a summer day in Maine, a little girl and a bear cub wander away from their blueberry-picking mothers and mistake the other mother for their own.
- McKissack, Patricia. ***The Honest-To-Goodness Truth***. Atheneum, 2000. After promising never to lie, Libby learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth.
- McMillan, Bruce. ***Jelly Beans for Sale***. Scholastic, 1996. This colorful book explains jellybean manufacturing as well as showing how different combinations of coins are used to buy varying amounts of jellybeans.
- *Miller, Sara Swan. ***Three Stories You Can Read to Your Cat***. Houghton Mifflin, 1997. A cat hears three stories about a dull, rainy day, a yummy bug, and a good day of destruction in the house.
- *Nixon, Joan Lowery. ***Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms***. SeaStar Books, 2002. The fine-feathered heroes Gus and Gertie return for another slapstick easy-to-read mystery as they arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of
- Ormerod, Jan. ***If You're Happy and You Know It***. Star Bright Books, 2003. A little girl and various animals sing their own versions of this popular rhyme.
- *Osborne, Mary Pope. ***High Tide in Hawaii***. Random House, 2003. In this easy chapter book Jack and Annie travel in their Magic Tree House back to a Hawaiian island of long ago where they make friends, learn how to surf, and encounter a tsunami. Magic Tree House Series
- Parish, Herman. ***Amelia Bedelia. Bookworm***. Greenwillow Publishing, 2003. The literal minded housekeeper causes chaos at her local library when she stops by to help the librarian.
- Park, Barbara. ***Junie B., First Grader: Toothless Wonder***. Junie B. Jones learns some interesting things about the tooth fairy when she becomes the first students in Room One to lose a tooth. Junie B. Jones Series
- Rappaport, Doreen. ***Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*** Hyperion, 2001. This 2003 Caldecott Honor Award winning picture book biography relates the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr., who always inspired others with his words and peaceful actions. The book portrays his values in a simple but profound manner.
- Recorvits, Helen. ***My Name is Yoon***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat", "bird", and "cupcake", as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.
- Reynolds, Peter. ***The Dot***. Candlewick, 2003. "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This sage advice, offered by her teacher, sets the young heroine on a journey of self-expression, artistic experimentation, and success.

- *Sachar, Louis. ***Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal?*** Random House, 2000. In this beginning chapter book, when Marvin Redpost agrees to go over to Casey Happleton's house, he doesn't know what he's in for until Casey shows him the magic crystal she has just found and offers to give Marvin a few wishes.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***The Frog Prince, Continued.*** Viking, 1991. The author offers a tongue-in-cheek "rest of the story," telling what happens after the princess kissed the frog.
- *Seuss, Dr. ***Green Eggs and Ham.*** First published in 1960. In verse, Sam-I-Am tells of the virtues of green eggs and ham.
- Steig, William. ***Amazing Bone.*** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1976. On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.
- Teague, Mark. ***Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from the Investigation.*** Scholastic, 2004. While on vacation, Mrs. LaRue receives letters from her dog, Ike, who has been falsely accused of harming the neighbor's cats and is trying to clear his name.
- *Van Leeuwen, Jean. ***Oliver the Mighty Pig.*** Dial, 2004. Oliver feels like the superhero Mighty Pig when he wears his Mighty Pig cape, but he finds that being a superhero in the real world has some complications.
- Whatley, Bruce. ***Wait! No Paint!*** HarperCollins, 2001. Full of surprises, interaction between the illustrator and the characters, and hilarious wordplay, this quirky retelling of "The Three Little Pigs" encourages readers to look at this favorite story in a whole new way.
- Willems, Mo. ***The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog.*** Hyperion, 2004. Pigeon learns about sharing when a curious duckling keeps asking questions about the hot dog pigeon has found.
- Wood, Audrey. ***The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry and the Big Hungry Bear.*** Child's Play International, 1984. Little Mouse worries that the big, hungry bear will take his freshly picked, red, ripe strawberry for himself.

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