



Summer Reading Suggestions for New Third Grade Students at Mendham Township Elementary School for 2007

There are lots of great books out there! Here are just a few for you!

Atwater, Richard / Mr. Popper's Penguins

The unexpected delivery of a large crate changed the life of a gentle housepainter and his family.

Bulla, Clyde R./ Singing Sam

Tired of caring for his new dog, a boy gives his pet to a young girl who discovers the dog can sing.

Byars, Betsy/ Hooray for the Golly Sisters

In continued adventures, May and Rose take their traveling road show to more audiences.

Byars, Betsy / Wanted---Mud Blossom

Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster that he was taking care of for the weekend, Junior Blossom is sure that the dog should be tried for his "crime."

Cleary, Beverly / Mouse and the Motorcycle

When a family on vacation has car trouble, an overnight stay at the only motel in the area provides an unexpected adventure.

Dahl, Roald / The Magic Finger

The girl who lives next door to the Greggs tries to be polite. But when the neighbors don't see things her way, she puts the magic finger on them. The next morning the Greggs wake up bird sized, complete with wings! And that's just the beginning of their problems! If you like this funny adventure, you'll enjoy more stories by Roald Dahl!

Dalglish, Alice / The Courage of Sarah Noble

A courageous eight year old girl goes to the Connecticut wilderness with her father to help build a home. A pioneer story you will both enjoy and learn from!

Dana, Barbara / Zucchini

A shy young boy named Billy befriends a homeless baby ferret, Zucchini. Will Zucchini stay with Billy or follow his dream of finding the prairie?

Davis, Deborah / The Secret of the Seal

Ten year old Kyo, an Eskimo boy, faces a difficult choice between friendship for a seal and loyalty to his family.

Delton, Judy / Kitty In the Summer

A puppy was being raffled at the church bazaar. Kitty saw the possibility of owning a dog of her very own, if she could just figure out a way to buy most of the chances.

DiCamillo, Kate / The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane A cold hearted, china rabbit loves only himself, until he is separated from the girl who loves him. He wanders across the country and acquires new owners. In his travels, he discovers that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, lose and love again.

Eager, Edward / [Knight's Castle](#)

Four cousins, Roger, Ann, Eliza and Jack, have an extraordinary summer when, after an old toy soldier comes to life, they find themselves transported back to the days of Robin Hood and Ivanhoe.

Edmonds, Walter D. / [The Matchlock Gun](#)

In colonial times, a courageous boy defends his family when his father goes off to the French and Indian War.

Estes, Eleanor / [The Hundred Dresses](#)

When Wanda Petronski is not there to receive the medal she wins, her classmates learn an important lesson.

Gould, Robert / [Rex](#)

Six boys, with camouflage clothing, camping gear and a video camera, enter a tunnel that takes them back to the time of the dinosaurs.

Hall, Lynn / [The Mystery of the Stubborn Old Man](#)

Charlie and his dog encounter a strange old man. Is he a ghost who cares for them in a mysterious way or not?

Hildick, E. W. / [The Case of the Invisible Dog](#)

The McGurk Organization's four young detectives match wits with a nine year old scientific genius to unravel the mystery of the "invisible dog."

Hurwitz, Johanna / [Hurray for Ali Baba Bernstein](#)

Ali Baba is back for another round of unusual, funny adventures. Who could make an incredible mess simply by staying at home alone for the first time?

Kimmell, Eric / [Three Samurai Cats: A Story From Japan](#)

What could a toothless and ragged cat possibly offer a canine lord with a giant pest problem on his paws? This old Japanese folktale, with action-packed and colorful illustrations, uses Zen philosophy to lead the reader to discover that violence is not the best way to solve a problem.

Preller, James / [The Case of The Snowboarding Superstar](#) and other Jigsaw Jones Mysteries

Rockwell, Thomas / [How To Eat Fried Worms](#) Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal!

Sachar, Louis / [Sideways Stories From Wayside School](#)

There is a whole series of wacky stories about the children at Wayside School, including one about a teacher who turns students into apples! Is your school just a little too normal? Maybe you should go to Wayside School!

Scieszka, Jon / [The Good, the Bad and the Goofy](#) Mr. Scieszka's stories will leave you laughing, and wondering about reality. In this story, the Time Warp Trio find themselves in the Wild, Wild West of yesteryear.

Silverstein, Shel / [The Light In the Attic](#) Poems that will tickle your funny bone! You'll enjoy his others, also.

Sobol, Donald / [Encyclopedia Brown Solves Them All](#)

Who is the secret brains behind the town's police force? Ten year old Encyclopedia Brown solves a whole series of detective mysteries.

Stilton, Geronimo / [Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye](#) (Try other titles in this series, also.)

The first of the rodent's fun filled adventures in Mouse City. Geromino is funny, clever and fun to read! You'll want to read the whole series!

Yolen, Jane / [Wizard's Hall](#). Henry doesn't seem to have much talent, but he wants to be a wizard, anyway. His mother sends him to Wizard's Hall for training and he becomes the student that everyone relies on to keep the hall safe from its greatest enemy.

Have a great summer and keep reading! Mrs. Helen Machleder Grade 3 6/21/07