

ST. EDMUND'S ACADEMY SUMMER READING LIST, 2010

Students Entering PreKindergarten and Kindergarten

Sharing books with your child is an enjoyable and rewarding experience which can help to build life-long reading habits. Although it is difficult in these busy times, it is suggested that a "story time" be arranged as often as possible.

The following list of suggested books is offered simply as an aide in selecting books to read with your child. There is no required reading for children entering PreKindergarten or Kindergarten. In addition to the books listed below, there are many other fine books available for children in this age group. Also consider reading other books by the same authors and illustrators as those listed here.

All of the titles included should be available at area bookstores or your local library where you can find further guidance in selecting books for your young child.

***Giraffes Can't Dance* – Andreae**

A story about a giraffe that desperately want to dance but can't quite find his rhythm until his friend the cricket helps him find his groove.

***To the Beach* – Ashman**

A rhyming story about a family and their trip to the beach.

***Old Black Fly* - Aylesworth**

Rhyming text and illustrations follow a mischievous old black fly through the alphabet as he has a very busy, bad day landing where he should not be.

***Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones* - Barton**

A cast of characters looks for, finds, and assembles some dinosaur bones.

***Madeline* - Bemelmans**

Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.

***Clifford the Big Red Dog* - Bridwell (and other "Clifford" books)**

A pet dog bigger than a two-story house brings many adventures to his young owner, Emily Elizabeth.

***Arthur's Nose* - Brown (and other "Arthur" books)**

Unhappy with his nose, Arthur visits the rhinologist to get a new one.

***Goodnight Moon* - Brown**

Before going to sleep, a little rabbit says goodnight to all his familiar possessions as his big, green bedroom slowly darkens.

***The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant* - Brunhoff**

An orphaned baby elephant goes to live in the city with an old lady who gives him everything he wants, but he eventually returns to the forest where he is crowned king of the elephants.

***Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* - Burton**

When Mike Mulligan and his steam shovel, Mary Ann, lose their jobs to the gasoline, electric, and diesel motor shovels, they go to a little country town where they find that one new job leads to another.

***The Very Hungry Caterpillar* - Carle**

Follows the progress of a hungry little caterpillar as he eats his way through a varied and very

large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep. Die-cut pages illustrate what the caterpillar ate on successive days.

***Ella Sarah Gets Dressed* - Chodos-Irvine**

Despite the advice of others in her family, Ella Sarah persists in wearing the striking and unusual outfit of her own choosing. (2004 Caldecott Honor Book)

***The Tub People* - Conrad**

The Tub People, seven wooden toys that line up in the same order on the side of the tub every day, wonder if they will ever see the Tub Child again after he disappears, as the water drains from the tub.

***Freight Train* - Crews**

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

***Strega Nona* - De Paola (retells and illustrates)**

When Storage Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works. (1976 Caldecott Honor Book)

***Are You My Mother* - Eastman**

Never having seen his mother, a baby bird makes humorous mistakes trying to find her.

***The Gingerbread Boy* - Egelski (retells and illustrates)**

A woman with no children of her own decides to bake a Gingerbread Boy who jumps out of the hot oven and through an open window and is chased by all that meet him along the way.

***Color Zoo* - Ehlert**

Introduces colors and shapes with illustrations of shapes on die-cut pages that form animal faces when placed on top of one another.

***Go Away, Big Green Monster!* - Emberley**

Die-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control nighttime fears of monsters.

***Olivia* - Falconer (Others in "Olivia" series)**

Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.

***Bark George* - Feiffer**

George's mother takes George to the vet because he makes the sounds of other animals when he tries to bark.

***In The Small, Small Pond* - Fleming**

Illustrations and rhyming text describe the activities of animals living in and near a small pond as spring progresses to autumn.

***Corduroy* - Freeman (and other Corduroy stories)**

A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

***Millions of Cats* - Gag**

How can an old man and his wife select one cat from millions and trillions?

***Henny Penny* - Galdone (retells and illustrates)**

A cumulative tale about Henny Penny and her barnyard friends who were literally outfoxed on their journey to tell the king the sky was falling.

***Little Toot* - Gramatky**

Little Toot the tugboat conquers his fear of rough seas when he single-handedly rescues an ocean liner during a storm.

Owen - Henkes

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse - Henkes

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

I Read Signs - Hoban

Introduces signs and symbols frequently seen along the street.

Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores - Howe

Three mice friends learn that the best clubs include everyone.

Rosie's Walk - Hutchins

Although she is unaware that a fox is after her as she takes a walk around the farmyard, Rosie the hen still manages to lead him into one accident after another.

The Doorbell Rang - Hutchins

Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.

Little Red Riding Hood - Hyman (retells and illustrates)

On her way to deliver a basket of food to her sick grandmother, a little girl encounters a sly wolf.

What Do You Do With A Tail Like This? - Jenkins

Through exquisite cut-paper collage, this innovative guessing book delivers a fun and playful science lesson on 30 animals' body parts. (2004 Caldecott Honor Book)

Harold and the Purple Crayon - Johnson

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

Mama, Do You Love Me? - Joosse

A child living in the Arctic learns that a mother's love is unconditional.

Whistle for Willie - Keats

A little boy wishes so much he could whistle.

Leo the Late Bloomer - Kraus

Leo, a young tiger, finally blooms under the anxious eyes of his parents.

The Carrot Seed - Krauss

Despite everyone's dire predictions, a little boy has faith in the carrot seed he plants.

The Story of Ferdinand - Leaf

Ferdinand likes to sit quietly and smell the flowers, but one day he gets stung by a bee and his snorting and stomping convince everyone that he is the fiercest of bulls.

It's Mine - Lionni

Three selfish frogs quarrel over who owns their pond and island, until a storm makes them value the benefits of sharing.

George and Martha - Marshall

Short stories depict the experiences of two hippopotamuses that find that friendship has its own problems and rewards.

Hansel and Gretel - Marshall (also other updated fairy tales by this author)

Abandoned in the woods by their parents, two young children discover a witch's house made of cookies and candy as they try to find their way back home.

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom - Martin

An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

There's A Nightmare in my Closet - Mayer

At bedtime, a boy confronts the nightmare in his closet and finds him not so terrifying after all.

If You Give A Mouse A Cookie – Numeroff (and other similar stories by Numeroff)

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

My Very First Mother Goose - Opie

A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including "Hey Diddle Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," "Little Jack Horner," and "Pussycat, Pussycat".

The Peace Book - Parr

Neighbors in a community work together to make the world a peaceful place. Includes people of all colors and occupations.

The Rainbow Fish - Pfister

The Rainbow Fish, very beautiful because of his sparkling scales, must decide what is more important: his beautiful scales or having friends, when a little blue fish asks him to share his scales.

Noah's Ark - Pinkey (illustrator)

Retells the biblical story of the great flood and how Noah and his family faithfully responded to God's call to save life on earth.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit - Potter (and other stories by Beatrix Potter)

Peter disobeys his mother by going into Mr. McGregor's garden and almost gets caught.

Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young - Prelutsky

A collection of more than 200 short poems by both known and anonymous American and English authors.

Ruby the Copycat - Rathmann

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Curious George - Rey

The curiosity of a newly captured monkey gets him into considerable trouble.

My Friend Rabbit - Rohmann

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Rosen

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

The Relatives Came – Rylant

Strong family relationships are created along with fun and happy memories when relatives visit during the summer season. (1986 Caldecott Honor Book)

Where the Wild Things Are - Sendak

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.

Horton Hatches the Egg - Dr. Seuss (and other books by Dr. Seuss)

When a lazy bird hatching an egg wants a vacation, she asks Horton, the elephant, to sit on her egg--which he does through all sorts of hazards until he is rewarded for doing what he said he would.

No, David - Shannon

Five-year-old David is told "No" over and over again for the mischievous things he does in this very humorous Caldecott Honor book. (1999)

Caps for Sale - Slobodkind

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.

Three Pebbles and a Song - Spinelli

As his mouse family endures a long, cold winter, Moses' contributions of a dance, a juggling act, and a little song prove more useful than he had supposed.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble - Steig

In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

A Child's Garden of Verses - Stevenson

This is a classic collection of poems that evoke the world and feelings of childhood.

There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly - Taback

In a traditional nonsense poem, an old woman swallows a fly, a spider, a bird, a cat, a dog, and a horse.

The Three Robbers - Ungerer

Three robbers terrify the countryside until they are subdued by the charm of a little orphan girl named Tiffany.

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile - Waber

Lyle is perfectly happy living with the Primms on East 88th St. until irritable Mr. Grumps next door changes all that.

Shy Charles - Wells

Being painfully timid and shy does not keep a young mouse from rescuing his babysitter in an emergency situation.

Bunny Money (and other books about Max and Ruby) - Wells

Max and Ruby take the bus downtown to buy a birthday gift for their grandma, but they spend so much money on emergencies that they don't have enough for bus fare home.

Noisy Nora - Wells

Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.

Yoko - Wells

A little kitten name Yoko brings sushi in her lunch and her friends tease her. Her teacher steps in and introduces international day and Yoko's mom brings in sushi to share with all her friends.

"More, More, More," Said the Baby - Williams

Three babies are caught up in the air and given loving attention by a father, grandmother, and mother.

Bear Feels Sick - Wilson

A rhyming story about a brown bear and his animal friends.

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! - Willems

A persistent pigeon asks, pleads, cajoles, wheedles, connives, negotiates, demands and uses emotional blackmail in attempts to get behind the wheel. (A 2004 Caldecott Honor Book)

The Napping House - Wood

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion with just one bite.

The Wheels on the Bus - Zelinsky (adapter and illustrator)

The wheels on the bus go round, the wipers go swish, the doors open and close, and the people go in and out in this rollicking version of the classic song. Features pop-up and movable illustrations.

Grades 1 and 2

The summer reading program is designed to serve two functions: to maintain and/or strengthen reading skills and to promote enjoyment of books. Many books will help to fulfill both of these functions, and the attached list contains recommended titles, not required. In selecting books with your child, please feel free to choose books other than those on the list. If a book cited on the list is not available, select another title by that same author.

The Carnegie Library in Oakland and its branches have excellent children's book collections, and the librarians can provide further guidance in selecting books for your child.

SUGGESTED TITLES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 1 and 2

PICTURE BOOKS

***Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears* - Aardema**

In this African folk tale, a mosquito's lie sets off a series of reactions in the jungle that results in Mother Owl's refusal to wake the sun and King Lion's decision to call a meeting of the animals.

***America's Champion Swimmer* : Gertrude Ederle - Adler**

Describes the life and accomplishments of Gertrude Ederle, the first woman to swim the English Channel and a figure in the early women's rights movement.

***Anno's USA* - Anno**

In wordless panoramas, a lone traveler approaches the New World from the West in the present day and journeys the width of the country backward through time, departing the East Coast as the Santa Maria appears over the horizon.

***Where the Forest Meets the Sea* - Baker**

On a camping trip in an Australian rainforest with his father, a boy thinks about the history of the plant and animal life around him and wonders about their future.

***Madeline's Rescue* - Bemelmans**

A hound rescues a schoolgirl from the Seine, becomes a beloved school pet, is chased away by the trustees, and returns with a surprise. (other "Madeline" books)

***The Trouble with Trolls* - Brett**

While climbing Mount Baldy, Treva outwits some trolls who want to steal her dog.

***Verdi* - Cannon**

A young python does not want to grow slow and boring like the older snakes he sees in the tropical jungle where he lives.

***The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth* - Cole**

On a special field trip in the magic school bus, Ms Frizzle's class learns at firsthand about different kinds of rocks and the formation of the earth. (other Magic School Bus books)

***Miss Rumphius* - Cooney**

As a child, Great-Aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up, she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful--and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all.

***Sing a Song of Popcorn: Every Child's Book of Poems* - DeRegniers**

A collection of 115 poems by a variety of well known authors with illustrations by nine Caldecott medalists.

The Story about Ping - Flack

A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

Roller Coaster - Frazee

Twelve people set aside their fears and ride a roller coaster, including one who has never done so before.

Harry and the Terrible Whatzit - Gackenback

When his mother goes to the cellar and doesn't return right away, Harry goes down to search for her and confronts the terrible two-headed Whatzit.

The Man Who Walked Between the Towers - Gerstein

A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center towers. (Caldecott Medal 2004)

Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby Girl - Hamilton

In this retelling, using Gullah speech, of a familiar story, the wily Brer Rabbit outwits Brer Fox who has set out to trap him.

Wemberly Worried - Henkes

A mouse named Wemberly, who worries about everything, finds that she has a whole list of things to worry about when she faces the first day of nursery school.

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg - Johnson

While his friend works hard to earn the train fare to Fitchburg, young Henry Thoreau walks the thirty miles through woods and fields, enjoying nature and the time to think great thoughts.

Includes biographical information about Thoreau.

A Rose for Pinkerton - Kellogg

Pinkerton's family decides he needs a friend, but is a cat named Rose really suitable?

John Henry - Lester

Retells the life of the legendary African American hero who raced against a steam drill to cut through a mountain.

How I Became a Pirate - Long

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

The Ghost-Eye Tree - Martin

Walking down a dark lonely road on an errand one night, a brother and sister argue over who is afraid of the dread Ghost-Eye tree.

The Funny Little Woman - Mosel

A Japanese folk tale about a woman who encounters talking statues and wicked creatures is retold in this Caldecott Medal-winning book.

Sam Bangs and Moonshine - Ness

Sam's father calls her imaginative stories MOONSHINE, but she tries to learn the difference between good and bad MOONSHINE before she brings harm to her friend, Thomas.

Kate and the Beanstalk - Osborne

A plucky girl named Kate defeats a giant and restores stolen treasures to the rightful owner in this version of the classic fairy tale.

Chicken Sunday - Polacco

To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

It's Raining Pigs & Noodles - Prelutsky

A collection of humorous poems such as "The Dancing Hippopotami," "You Can't Make Me Eat That," "My Father's Name is Sasquatch," and "Dear Wumbledeedumble." (Other poetry collections by author)

Ruby the Copycat - Rathman

Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Tar Beach - Ringgold

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. Based on the author's quilt painting of the same name.

The Relatives Came - Rylant

The relatives come to visit from Virginia and everyone has a wonderful time.

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs - Scieszka

The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.

Doctor DeSoto - Steig

Doctor De Soto, a mouse dentist, copes with the toothaches of various animals except those with a taste for mice, until the day a fox comes to him in great pain.

It Could Always Be Worse: A Yiddish Folk Tale - Zemach

Unable to stand his overcrowded and noisy home any longer, a poor man goes to the Rabbi for advice.

BEGINNING READING BOOKS

Cam Jansen and the Birthday Mystery - Adler

When Cam's grandparents are robbed on their way to her parents' surprise birthday party, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery. (Others in series)

The Fire Cat - Averill

When firemen rescue Pickles, a yellow cat with black spots, from a tree, he goes to live at the firehouse.

The Case of the Scaredy Cats - Bonsall

Chronicles the series of events occurring after the girls take over the boys' club house.

The Color Wizard - Brenner

Rhymed text and illustrations relate how Wizard Gray changed his very gray world with color.

Arthur's Mystery Envelope - Brown

Arthur receives a confidential envelope from the principal that he is to give to his mother. He worries about what is in the envelope and what kind of trouble he might be in. (other Arthur chapter books)

My Brother, Ant - Byars

In four separate stories, Ant's older brother gets rid of the monster under Ant's bed, forgives Ant for drawing on his homework, tries to read a story, and helps Ant write a letter to Santa.

Penrod's Picture - Christian

Follows the humorous antics of Penrod Porcupine and Griswold Bear as they hang a picture, go camping, plant a garden, and have a garage sale. (Others in series)

First Graders from Mars Episode I: Horus' Horrible Day - Corey (Others in series)

As the school year begins on Mars, Horus the Martian gets off to a rocky start, but soon discovers that first grade is not really as bad as he thought.

Get Ready for Second Grade, Amber Brown - Danziger

Amber is nervous about starting second grade with a new teacher, but despite being in the same class as mean Hannah Burton, things turn out just fine.

Pinky and Rex - Howe

Rex and her best friend Pinky find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda. (Others in series)

Fox and His Friends - Marshall

Fox's plans to have fun with his friends are interrupted on three different occasions when he chooses to be faithful to his responsibilities, which include taking care of his little sister and being on duty for traffic patrol.

Amelia Bedelia - Parish

When Amelia Bedelia takes on a housekeeping job, her literal interpretation of instructions causes confusion. (Others in series)

Dragon Gets By - Pilkey

A blue dragon takes on daily chores--housework, yard work, and shopping--with humorous results. (Others in series)

Mr. Putter & Tabby Feed the Fish - Rylant

When he brings home goldfish from the store, Mr. Putter discovers that Tabby has a problem with fish. Can Tabby control her twitchy tail, or will Mr. Tabby have to find the fish a new place to live? (Others in series)

Henry and Mudge: The First Book - Rylant

Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love with a big dog named Mudge. (Others in series)

Nate the Great - Sharmat

When Annie loses the picture she painted of her dog, Fang, Nate must find clues to solve the case. (Others in series)

Good Night, Good Knight - Thomas

What can the Good Knight do when three little dragons ask him for help one night? Fanciful drawings add to the simple text.

Tales of Amanda Pig - Van Leeuwen

Amanda Pig, her brother Oliver, and their parents share a busy day, working and playing together from breakfast to bedtime. (Others in series)

Commander Toad in Space - Yolen

The intrepid crew of the spaceship the "Star Warts" lands on a water-covered planet inhabited by Deep Wader, a horrible, hungry monster. (Others in series)

Grades 3 and 4

All students entering Grade 3 **are required to read one book** over the summer break chosen from the series listed below. Your child's classroom teacher will assist in recommending an appropriate selection. Your child may select any title of interest from the series.

The Grade 4 required reading book is *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. This book will be the basis for discussion, writing and projects when school resumes in September. It is recommended that students take notes on characters, plot development, and the author's purpose.

Students are encouraged to read as much as possible, and while the books on the suggested list are recommended, there are many other fine books that students might select. There is no specific number of books that a student must read except for the one(s) listed for his/her grade.

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 3

Select one book from these series based upon the recommendation of your child's second grade teacher.

- _____ *The Horrible Harry Series* by Suzy Kline
- _____ *The Cam Jansen Series* by David A. Adler
- _____ *The Magic Tree House Series* by Mary Pope Osborne
- _____ *The A to Z Mysteries Series* by Ron Roy
- _____ *The Boxcar Children Series* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- _____ *The Encyclopedia Brown Series* by Donald J. Sobol
- _____ *Percy Jackson and the Olympian Series* by Rick Riordan
- _____ *Children of the Red King Series* (Charlie Bone) by Jenny Nimmo

REQUIRED READING FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 4

***Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo**

Winn-Dixie is the story of a scruffy, yet adorable dog adopted by a young girl named Opal, and the heart-warming events surrounding this new relationship.

SUGGESTED TITLES FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 3 and 4

These titles are only suggestions for independent reading. Students should feel free to read any book they might enjoy. Many of the authors noted below have several titles that may be read in place of, or in addition to the title listed.

***The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* - Aiken**

Bonnie and her cousin Sylvia are left in the care of a cruel governess when Bonnie's parents go on a sea voyage. Besieged by wolves without and the terrible Miss Slighcarp within, how are they to reclaim Willoughby Chase?

***The Wizard in the Tree* - Alexander**

Mallory, an orphaned housemaid, saves Arbican, a wizard who has been swallowed by a tree. His magical powers are needed to save the village from an evil squire, but his powers seem to be rusty.

***Mr. Popper's Penguins* - Atwater**

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the polar regions.

***Poppy* - Avi**

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.

***Voices at Whisper Bend* - Ayres (other books by this author)**

In their Pennsylvania town in 1942, twelve-year-old Charlotte and her classmates collect scrap metal for the war effort only to have it disappear from the school basement.

***The Eyes of the Amaryllis* - Babbitt**

When eleven-year-old Jenny goes to stay with her widowed grandmother who lives by the sea side, she learns a great deal about the nature of love and the ways of the sea.

***The Enormous Egg* - Butterworth**

Twelve-year-old Nate Twitchell tells of the preposterous events that occurred after his pet chicken hatched a dinosaur egg.

***Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism* - Byng**

Unlucky and unloved, Molly Moon, living in a dreary orphanage in a small English town, discovers a hidden talent for hypnotism and hypnotizes her way to stardom in New York City.

***The Blossoms and the Green Phantom* - Byars**

Junior has finally created the ultimate invention--the Green Phantom--and the whole family makes a promise to ensure its success. (Other books by author)

***Ramona's World* - Cleary**

Fourth grade has more adventures for Ramona as she gains a new best friend and works on the detested subject of spelling. (Other "Ramona" books)

***The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet* - Cameron**

A mystery man inspires two boys to build a spaceship that takes them to the planet of Basidium to help the Mushroom People.

***The Chocolate Touch* - Catling**

Like King Midas and gold, everything that John Midas touches turns to chocolate.

***My Teacher Is an Alien* - Coville**

Uneasy about her new substitute teacher, Susan Simmons' suspicions about Mr. Smith are confirmed when she discovers he is an alien determined to bring some sixth-grade specimens back to his planet.

***Aliens Don't Wear Braces* - Dadey**

The kids at the Bailey School begin to suspect that their art teacher, a strange woman with white hair and braces, is an alien. (Other titles in the Bailey School Kids series)

***Esio Trot* - Dahl**

Mr. Hoppy is madly in love with Mrs. Silver, but she is interested only in her pet tortoise. When Mrs. Silver complains about Alfie's small size, Mr. Hoppy seizes the opportunity to do something heroic and win his lady's heart in the process.

***The Witches* - Dahl**

A boy is turned into a mouse by The Grand High Witch herself when he accidentally overhears the witches' secret meeting. Will he become a boy again, or be forced to live life as a mouse?

***The Courage of Sarah Noble* - Dalglish**

An eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness, and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

***Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon* - Danziger**

The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend, Justin, is getting ready to move to a distant state. (Other titles in Amber Brown series)

The Ghost of Fossil Glen - De Felice

Allie knows it's not her imagination when she hears a voice and sees in her mind's eye the face of a girl who seems to be seeking her help.

The Tale of Despereaux - DiCamillo

The adventures of Despereaux 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. (2004 Newbery Medal)

Time and the Clock Mice, Etcetera - Dickinson

An old man who is called to fix the huge, elaborate Branton Town Hall Clock built by his grandfather nearly 100 years ago discovers an intelligent group of mice living inside the clock.

The Great Brain - Fitzgerald

Ten-year-old Tom D. Fitzgerald uses his great brain to come up with money-making schemes, to help people in trouble, and occasionally to seek revenge on those who have wronged him.

Bandit's Moon - Fleischman

Twelve-year-old Annyrose Smith and her brother, Lankly Lafayette Smith, head to California during the Gold Rush in the 1850s. Annyrose finds herself in the care of a horrible old woman, but when Joaquín Murieta and his band of outlaws arrive at the farm, they provide Annyrose with a chance for freedom and adventure.

And Then What Happened Paul Revere? - Fritz

Paul Revere's exciting adventures during the Revolutionary War are related through enjoyable text which exposes his busy life as a silversmith and a spy.

Coraline - Gaiman

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

Stone Fox - Gardiner

In spite of tremendous odds, a ten-year-old boy and his dog are determined to win a dogsled race and the five-hundred-dollar prize that will save his grandfather's farm from the tax collector.

The Beast in Mrs. Rooney's Room - Giff

Richard "Beast" Best has to face the embarrassment of going through second grade again while his old classmates have moved on to third grade. But when Mrs. Paris comes to give Richard and some other students special help in reading, Richard's attitude starts to change. (Other titles in the Polk Street School series)

Osceola : Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter - Govenar

Osceola Mays grew up a sharecropper's daughter in Texas. In this book, she recalls stories from her childhood. (biography)

On the Dog (Andrew Lost #1) - Greensburg

When Andrew's latest invention, the Atom Sucker, goes haywire, Andrew and Judy are shrunk down to microscopic level and find themselves lost on their neighbor's dog, where they encounter everything from colossal fleas to crab-like eyelash mites. (Other titles in the Andrew Lost series)

Seeds of Hope: The Gold Rush Diary of Susanna Fairchild - Gregory

This book traces fourteen-year-old Susanna Fairchild's voyage to California, during which she loses her mother. When her father gives up medicine to join the Gold Rush, she and her sister Clara must learn to survive in a mining town. (Other titles in the Dear America series)

Sable - Hesse

Tate Marshall is delighted when a stray dog turns up in the yard one day, but Sable, named for her dark, silky fur, causes trouble with the neighbors and has to go.

Everything on a Waffle - Horvath

While eleven-year-old Primrose Squarp waits for her lost-at-sea parents to be rescued, many eccentric and amusing characters make their way in and out of her life.

Bunnacula - Howe

Is the baby rabbit found at the movies by the Monroes a vampire? After they find a dry, white tomato in the kitchen, Chester the cat and Harold the dog try to find the answer.

The Hot and Cold Summer - Hurwitz

Two inseparable ten-year-old boys discover there is room in their friendship for another person, and it really doesn't matter that she is a girl. (Other books by author)

Pigs Might Fly - King-Smith

Having been coached in swimming by a duck and an otter, a runt piglet with deformed front feet becomes a hero when their farm is flooded.

Horrible Harry and the Ant Invasion - Kline

Horrible Harry of classroom 2B cuts back on his mischievous pranks after falling for Song Lee. (Other titles in the Horrible Harry series)

Just So Stories - Kipling

In a humorous collection of short stories, Rudyard Kipling offers many reasons why animals look the way they do, including how the Elephant's nose grew long and how the Camel received his hump.

The Dragon in the Ghetto Caper - Konigsburg

Andy finds a sidekick for his detective work when he meets Edie Yakots. The two spend most weekday afternoons together, never realizing that a crime is being committed right under their noses.

Rabbit Hill - Lawson

New folks are coming to live in the Big House. The animals of Rabbit Hill wonder if they will plant a garden and thus be good providers.

Strawberry Girl - Lenski

When Birdie Boyer and her family move to the backwoods of Florida, they find that the farming life is not easy. Along with trouble from the weather, the Boyers have problems with the Slaters, neighbors who seem set on having a feud.

Tales of Uncle Remus - Lester

This book is a retelling of the Afro-American tales about the adventures and misadventures of Brer Rabbit and his friends and enemies. (Folktale)

Betsy-Tacy - Lovelace

There are no little girls the same age as Betsy on Hill Street, so when a new family moves into the house across the street, Betsy hopes they will have a little girl she can play with. Sure enough, they do--a little girl named Tacy. They become such good friends that everyone thinks of them as one person--Betsy-Tacy. (Other books in series)

Sarah Plain and Tall - MacLachlan

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

The Doll People - Martin

Annabelle the doll wonders what life is like outside the dollhouse and what has happened to Auntie Sarah, who had mysteriously disappeared forty-five years before.

Judy Moody - McDonald

Although Judy Moody is in a bad mood on the first day of school, her third-grade teacher inspires her to use her imagination in designing a Me collage. (Others in series)

Too Many Murphys - McKenna

Collette Murphy, who is eight years old, wishes she were an only child, and is surprised when her wish comes true for a day.

7 x 9 = Trouble - Mills

Third grader Wilson Williams struggles to pass his timed multiplication tests by the deadline.

Shiloh - Naylor

Eleven-year-old Marty finds an abused dog while walking near his West Virginia home. Marty decides not to return the dog, which he has named Shiloh, and has to lie to keep his secret.

Day of the Dragon King - Osborne

Jack and Annie are now Master Librarians, and this adventure takes them to ancient China to rescue the first writing of a Chinese legend. Find out if they are successful and return safely!

The Sign of the Chrysanthemum - Paterson

After the death of his mother, Muna sets out in search of his father and learns about himself instead.

Pink and Say - Polacco

Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops.

The Best School Year Ever - Robinson

The six horrible Herdmans, the worst kids in the history of the world, cause mayhem throughout the school year.

Keep the Lights Burning Abbie - Roop

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and his daughter, Abbie, must keep the lights burning by herself.

Young Merlin - SanSouci

After being captured by evil King Vortigern's knights, young Merlin befriends the future King Aurelius and his brother. After King Aurelius's death, Merlin magically creates his tomb, which is thought to be the legendary Stonehenge. (Legend)

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman - Schroeder

Harriet Tubman, named Minty as a child, learned many things from her father that would one day help her escape from slavery. (biography)

Knights of the Kitchen Table - Scieszka

Joe and his friends, Fred and Sam, are transported back to the Middle Ages after opening a book sent by Joe's uncle. Will the three boys ever return to their own time? More important, can they survive in the Middle Ages long enough to try? (Other titles in The Time Warp Trio series)

Heartland - Siebert

This book evokes the land, animals, and people of the Middle West in poetic text and illustrations. (poetry)

A Light in the Attic - Silverstein

This classic collection of poems and drawings features an assortment of characters, including Almost Perfect Mary Hume and The Turnable Twistable Man. (other poetry books by author)

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Dead Eagles - Sobol

Ten cases that involve the reader's crime-solving participation present the remarkable boy detective working on his own and helping his police chief father with Idaville's more serious

problems. (Others in Encyclopedia Brown series)

Lewis and Clark: In Their Own Words - Sullivan

When explorers Lewis and Clark set off on a mission ordered by President Thomas Jefferson, incredible hardships in an unknown wilderness became their destiny. Native Americans, wild animals, and the Rocky Mountains all had to be encountered before they reached their goal: the Pacific Ocean.

Graveyards of the Dinosaurs - Tanaka

Learn what happens when a herd of Centrosauruses panics while crossing a river. Read what happens as a mother Oviraptor desperately tries to save her young. Be there when a Herrerasaurus defends his catch. Discover, in this book, the evidence found in dinosaur graveyards that inspired these stories.

All-of-a-Kind Family - Taylor

Five sisters living in New York City during the early 1900s find many interesting adventures awaiting them nearly every day. Mama keeps the girls busy, and Papa's shop offers the chance to see his peddler friends and to find an occasional surprise.

The Boxcar Children - Warner

Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny--who are orphans--decide to live in a boxcar that they discover in the woods. (Other titles in the Boxcar Children series)

Charlotte's Web - White

Wilbur, a young pig has the typical grim future associated with most pigs, until Charlotte, the barn spider, decides to make it her goal to save him from the farmer's axe.

The Dollhouse Murders - Wright

While staying with her aunt in an old country house, thirteen-year-old Amy discovers that the dollhouse in the attic, a perfectly detailed miniature replica of the country home, is haunted.