

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Summer Reading 2010: Incoming Second Grade

Dear Parents,

Summer reading should be fun. These reading lists have been prepared by the librarians in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in collaboration with the Santa Monica Public Library. The lists provide a selection of good books that kids enjoy. Not every good book is included, but the lists have something for every reader. Reading levels are suggestions only as every student learns to read at his or her own speed. You can help by reading with your child and encouraging his or her own interests. Reading takes lots of practice and encouragement, and it is important to continue to read longer and more complex books to your child as well as helping them read on their own. Set aside 15 to 30 minutes every day for your child to read with you. Have fun with the books and help instill the joy of reading in your child. Some titles are also available as audio books so families can enjoy a good book together.

For extra summer fun, visit your local public library for reading programs, many of which offer activities and prizes. Santa Monica Public Library's theme for 2010 is "Make a Splash: Read!" Have a wonderful summer vacation, and read, read, read!

PICTURE BOOKS (XXF)

Agee, Jon. **Milo's Hat Trick**

Milo looks for a rabbit to improve his magic show.

Bennett, Kelly. **Not Norman: a Goldfish Story**

A boy doesn't want a goldfish for a pet, but learns to appreciate him more and more.

Child, Lauren. **But, Excuse Me, That Is My Book**

Charlie helps Lola learn to use the library.

EASY READERS (XXE)

Adler, David A. **Bones and the Birthday Mystery**

Jeffrey Bones tries to discover the whereabouts of his grandfather's missing birthday present. *One of a series.*

Adler, David A. **Young Cam Jansen** series

Cam solves mysteries by remembering things.

Guest, Elissa Haden. **Iris and Walter** series

Iris may be from the city and Walter from the country, but they become good friends.

Hall, Katy. **Puppy Riddles**

Lots of riddles about puppies.

Lobel, Arnold. **Frog and Toad** series

Tales of Frog and his best friend Toad.

Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia** series

Follow Amelia Bedelia through a series of misunderstandings she has based on her following instructions literally.

Rylant, Cynthia. **Mr. Putter and Tabby** series

Mr. Putter and his cat, Tabby, try many new things.

Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** series

Stories about Cowgirl Kate and her horse, Cocoa.

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Thiesing, Lisa. **A Dark and Noisy Night**

Peggy wants to sleep but spooky noises keep her awake.

Thomas, Shelley Moore. **Happy Birthday, Good Knight**

The Good Knight tries to help three little dragons make a birthday present for a very special friend. *One of a series.*

Tripp, Valerie. **Teasing Trouble**

Spencer likes to make the class laugh, but when it hurts Hallie's feelings Miss Sparks helps the whole class understand the difference between joking and teasing.

Van Leeuwen, Jean. **Oliver Pig and Amanda Pig** series

Many adventures of Oliver and his sister Amanda.

Wheeler, Lisa. **When Pigs Fly**

Fitch and Chip learn that you do not have to wear a cape to be a hero.

BRIDGES (XF BRIDGES)

Danziger, Paula. **A Is for Amber** series

Amber and her friend Justin share good and bad times.

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**

After Mercy the pig falls asleep in the Watsons' bed, all three awaken to find the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole! *One of a series.*

Howe, James. **Houndsley and Catina** series

Friendship stories about a dog and a cat.

Kline, Suzy. **Horrible Harry** series

Harry and his classmates have an eventful year in second grade.

CHILDREN'S FICTION (XF)

Blume, Judy. **Freckle Juice**

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys a freckle recipe for fifty cents.

NONFICTION

George, Kristine O'Connell. **Fold Me a Poem** (XX811 George)

Origami animals combine with simple poetry.

Komiya, Teruyuki. **Life-Size Zoo** (X590.73 Life-Size)

See life-size photographs of various animals, with fold-out pages and charts of interesting facts.

Martin, Patricia A. Fink. **Orangutans** (X599.8 Martin)

Describes the habitat, life cycle, physical characteristics, and behavior of the orangutan. *One of the True Book series.*

Murphy, Stuart J. **Give Me Half!** (XX513.26 Murphy)

Introduces the concept of halves with a story about a brother and sister who do not want to share their food. *One of the MathStart series.*

Pfeffer, Wendy. **Dolphin Talk: Whistles, Clicks and Clapping Jaws** (X599.53 Pfeffer)

Describes how dolphins communicate with each other in squeaks, whistles, and pops. *One of the Lets-Read-and-Find-Out Science series.*