

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

Dear Parents and Students,

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. 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!

EASY READERS (XXE)

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great** series
Nate solves mysteries with the help of his dog, Sludge.



BRIDGES (XF BRIDGES)

Christopher, Matt. **Zero's Slider**

Zero discovers that he can throw a slider when there's a big bandage on his injured thumb. One of the Peach Street Mudders series.

Haas, Jessie. **Birthday Pony**

When Jane receives a pony named Popcorn for her birthday, she must learn how to tame her newfound friend.

Livingstone, Star. **Harley**

Harley the llama does not get along with other llamas, so he becomes a guard llama.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody** series

Judy has a unique way of looking at the world.

McDonald, Megan. **Stink** series

Stink Moody, younger brother of Judy, always seems to get himself into some funny situations.

Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Gus & Gertie and the Missing Pearl**

Arriving for a vacation on Holiday Island, penguins Gus and Gertie stumble into a hotel full of Bad Guys.

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. **Solo Girl**

Although she is good at math, Cass wishes she could jump rope as well as the group she watches in her new neighborhood.

CHILDREN'S FICTION (XF)

Adler, David A. **Cam Jansen** series (XMF)

Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean** series

Bean finds support from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

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Cleary, Beverly. **Ramona** series

Ramona Quimby copes with the ups and downs of life at home and at school.

Dahl, Roald. **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Goldberg, Whoopi. **Sugar Plum Ballerinas** series.

Follow the adventures of the Sugar Plum Ballerinas at Harlem's Nutcracker School of Ballet.

Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote** series

Owen and his friends play soccer, build a treehouse, and find ways to get money in this series.

Harper, Charise. **Just Grace**

Misnamed by her teacher, Just Grace prides herself in being helpful and understanding. One of a series.

Hurwitz, Johanna. **Oh No, Noah!**

Noah tries to impress the kids he meets when he and his family move to a new house.

Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out**

A collection of stories that follow the adventures of three curious toys – Lumphy, StingRay and Plastic.

Klein, Abby. **Ready Freddy!** series

Freddy has many experiences in the classroom.

Mills, Claudia. **How Oliver Olson Changed the World**

Afraid he will always be an outsider, Oliver finally shows his parents that he is capable of doing great things.

McKissack, Patricia C. **Scraps of Time** series

Grandmother Gee tells her grandchildren stories about African-American ancestors.

Moss, Marissa. **Amelia** series

Amelia records her thoughts, likes and dislikes in a series of notebooks.

Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House** series

Eight-year-old Jack and his seven-year-old sister, Annie, travel through time on exciting adventures.

Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine** series

Eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles and helps her father banish pigeons from their apartment building.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride**

A fictionalized account of the night Amelia Earhart flew Eleanor Roosevelt over Washington, D.C. in an airplane.

NONFICTION

Florian, Douglas. **Laugh-eteria: Poems and Drawings** (X811 Florian)

Karate Kids: One was a black belt. One was a brown. One had a loose belt; His pants fell down. Silly, irreverent, and always clever poems.

Osborne, Will and Mary Pope. **Knights and Castles** (X940.1 Osborne)

A Magic Tree House Research Guide in which Jack and Annie learn the facts about knights and castles.

St. George, Judith. **So You Want to Be an Explorer?** (X910.9 St. George)

A collection of exploration tales, from the well-known to the obscure.