

Community School of Naples
2022 Suggested Summer Reading –
Grade 3 and Grade 4

Albus, Kate. ***A Place to Hang the Moon***. Holiday House, 2021. In World War II England, orphaned siblings William, Edmund, and Anna are evacuated from London to live in the countryside, where they bounce from home to home in search of someone willing to adopt them permanently.

Applegate, Katherine. ***Endling: The Last***. Harper, 2018. Byx, the youngest member and only survivor of her pack of mythical doglike creatures, Dairness, sets out to find a safe haven and, perhaps, more of her kind, aided by allies, both animal and human. *Series*

Auxier, Jonathan. ***Sweep*** Amulet Books, 2018 In nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan Sparrow, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

Becker, Helaine. ***Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13***. Holt, 2018. From Katherine's early beginnings as a gifted student to her heroic accomplishments as a prominent mathematician at NASA, this is the story of a groundbreaking American woman who not only calculated the course of moon landings but, in turn, saved lives and made enormous contributions to history.

Boothby, Ian. ***Sparks!*** Graphix, 2018. Two smart cats--August and Charlie--wear a dog suit to save humans, while Princess--a diaper-wearing baby--is out to conquer the world. *Series*

Brooks, Molly. ***Sanity & Tallulah***. Hyperion, 2018. In this rollicking graphic novel, Sanity and Tallulah, who live in a space station, search the galaxy for Sanity's three-headed kitten. *Graphic novel*

Broach, Elise ***Miniature World of Marvin & James*** Christy Ottaviano Books, Henry Holt and Company, 2014. When his best friend, a human boy named James, goes away on vacation, Marvin the beetle worries that their friendship may end.

Cleary, Beverly. ***Beezus and Ramona***. HarperTrophy, 2006. Four-year old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus. *Series*

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Before She Was Harriet: The Story of Harriet Tubman***. Holiday House, 2018. An evocative poem and opulent watercolors come together to honor a woman of humble origins whose courage and compassion make her larger than life.

Clements, Andrew. **The Losers Club**. Random House, 2017.

Alec, a sixth-grade bookworm always in trouble for reading instead of listening and participating in class, starts a book club, solely to have a place to read, and discovers that real life, although messy, can be as exciting as the stories in his favorite books.

Colfer, Chris. **The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell**. Little, Brown, 2012. Through the mysterious power of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Conner leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy-tale characters, they grew up reading about. *Series*

Creech, Susan. **Saving Winslow**. HarperCollins, 2018. When Louis' dad brings home a scrawny and sickly newborn donkey, their connection is instant; while the adults around him say that Winslow might not survive, Louis finds the faith and courage to believe in his donkey and himself.

Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan and his younger sister, Jessie, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade, and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

Eggers, Dave. **Her Right Foot**. Chronicle Books, 2017. This beautifully illustrated book looks at the significance of the Statue of Liberty's right foot.

Engle, Margarita. **The Flying Girl: How Aida de Acosta Learned to Soar**. Atheneum, 2018. This beautifully illustrated picture book tells the inspirational story of Aida de Acosta, the first woman to fly a motorized aircraft.

Fleming, Candace. **Ben Franklin's in My Bathroom**. Schwartz & Wade, 2017. "When ten-year-old Nolan and his little sister, Olive, find Ben Franklin in their kitchen, they do their best to guide Ben through the new world he helped form"--Provided by publisher. *Series*

Gibbs, Stuart. **Spaced Out**. Simon & Schuster, 2016. "In 2041 twelve-year-old Dashiell Gibson is a resident of Moon Base Alpha, and at the moment he is faced with a number of problems: coping with the nasty Sjoberg twins, finding out how the commander of the base has managed to disappear from a facility no bigger than a soccer field, and dealing with the alien Zan who communicates with him telepathically from afar--and who is hiding a secret which may threaten the whole Earth"--Provided by publisher.

Grabenstein, Chris. **Home Sweet Motel: Welcome to Wonderland**. Random House, 2016. P.T. and his friend Gloria must solve a mystery at the world's wackiest motel: The Wonderland. *Series*

Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. Feiwel and Friends, 2013. Under pressure by their publisher to finish their next book, two young authors graphically describe all the extraordinary distractions they face living in their 13-story treehouse. *Series*

Harper, Charise Mericle. ***The Amazing Crafty Cat***. First Second, 2017. A new graphic novel trilogy for elementary-age readers about a little girl who can craft her way out of any situation. Each volume includes fun and simple instructions for do-it-yourself crafting activities. *Series*

Holub, Joan. ***Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom***. Aladdin, 2012. When ten-year-old Zeus is kidnapped, he discovers he can defend himself with a magic thunderbolt. *Series*

Humphrey, Anna. ***Megabat***. Tundra Books, 2018. When Daniel moves into a new house in a new town, he thinks it might be haunted, but he is surprised to find a new friend who happens to be a fruit bat in need of some help to make the long journey back home. *Series*

Jaggar, Louisa and Sheri Becker. ***Sprouting Wings: The True Story of James Herman Banning, the First African American Pilot to Fly Across the United States***. The inspirational and true story of James Herman Banning, the first African American pilot to fly across the country, comes to life in this picture book biography perfect for fans of *Hidden Figures* and *Little Leaders*. Includes art from a Coretta Scott King award-winning illustrator. James Herman Banning always dreamed of touching the sky. But how could a farm boy from Oklahoma find a plane? And how would he learn to fly it? None of the other pilots looked like him. In a journey that would span 3,300 miles, take twenty-one days, and inspire a nation, James Herman Banning proved that you can't put barriers on dreams. Louisa Jaggar incorporates over seven years of research, including Banning's own writings and an interview with the aviator's great-nephew. She teams up with cowriter Share Becker and award-winning illustrator Floyd Cooper to capture Banning's historic flight across the United States.

Khan, Hena. ***Power Forward***. Salaam Press, 2018. Fourth grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team, but when he skips orchestra rehearsals to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball related, and tryouts are coming soon. *Series*

Krull, Kathleen ***Fly High John Glenn: The Story of an American Hero***. "Relates the life story of John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth. He was a soldier, a family man, a United States senator, and a national hero"--Book jacket.

Lang, Heather. ***The Leaf Detective: How Margaret Lowman Uncovered Secrets in Rainforest***. Calkins Creeks, 2021. "Meg Lowman was determined to investigate the marvelous, undiscovered world of the rainforest treetops. Meg's perseverance and creativity allowed her to achieve this goal, but when this fantastic ecosystem started to disappear, Meg needed to act quickly"--Provided by publisher.

Lamothe, Matt. ***This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World***. Chronicle Books, 2017. An illustrated take on how seven real kids from different countries go about a typical day.

McNamara, Margaret. ***The Dinosaur Expert***. Schwartz & Wade, 2018. When a classmate tells Kimmy, who dreams of being a paleontologist, that “girls aren’t scientists,” their teacher Mr. Tiffin teaches them otherwise.

Messner, Kate. ***The Next president: The Unexpected Beginnings and Unwritten Future of America’s Presidents***. Chronic Books, 2020. An exploration of the presidents before they were presidents--as kids, adventurers, journalists, prospectors, gun-slingers, TV hosts, and more!"--Dust jacket.

Nobleman, Marc Tyler. ***Thirty Minutes Over Oregon: A Japanese Pilot’s World War II Story***. Houghton Mifflin, 2018. In this important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, beautifully illustrated in watercolor, a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during WWII—the only enemy ever to do so—and comes back 20 years later to apologize.

Nolan, Janet. ***Seven and a Half Tons of Steel***. Peachtree, 2016. Describes how the bow of the USS New York was made from a steel beam that came from the World Trade Center towers.

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. ***Dogs on Duty: Soldiers’ Best Friends on the Battlefield and Beyond***. Walker, 2012. Explains the many ways that dogs are used in the military and describes how they are cared for and trained.

Patterson, James ad Kwame Alexander. ***Becoming Muhammad Ali***. Little, Brown, 2020. A biographical novel tells the story of Cassius Clay, the determined boy who would one day become Muhammad Ali, one of the greatest boxers of all time"--OCLC.

Phelan, Matt. ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs***. Greenwillow, 2018. "With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs"--Provided by publisher. *Series*

Probst, Jeff, and Chris Tebbetts. ***Stranded***. Puffin, 2013. Jane, Buzz, Carter, and Vanessa, ages nine to thirteen, are on a sailing trip in the South Pacific intended to help them bond in their newly blended family when a massive storm strand them on a deserted island. *Series*

Russell-Browb, Katheryn. ***A Voice Names Aretha***. Bloomsbury, 2020. A biography of American singer Aretha Franklin.

Selfors, Suzanne ***Wedgie and Gizmo*** Harper Collins, 2017. Bestselling author Suzanne Selfors' hilarious, heavily illustrated trilogy where classic animal rivalry collides with hilarious family hijinks and a whole lot of heart.

Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Pass Go and Collect \$200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented***. Holt, 2018. This exciting nonfiction picture book tells the bold and fascinating story behind one of the world's most beloved board games.

Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Hindenburg Disaster, 1937***. Scholastic, 2016. Eleven-year-old Hugo, his parents, and his sister Gertie are making the thrilling four-thousand-mile journey across the Atlantic in a zeppelin as big as the Titanic when disaster strikes and fire consumes the ship. *Series*

Turk, Evan. ***You are Home: An Ode to the National Parks***. Atheneum, 2019. Award-winning author and illustrator Evan Turk showcases the beauty and importance of the National Parks in this gorgeous picture book that takes readers on an amazing tour across the United States.

Vernick, Audrey. ***The Kid from Diamond Street: The Extraordinary Story of Baseball Legend Edith Houghton***. Clarion, 2016. A historical picture book about Edith Houghton, a female baseball phenomenon who joined the professional women's team the Bobbies at the age of 10"--Provided by publisher.

Walker, Sally M. ***Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh***. Holt, 2015. This is the true story of a bear named Winnie who was left behind at the London Zoo while her keeper went away fighting in World War I and became the inspiration for the fictional character Winnie-the-Pooh.

Wallace, Sandra Neil. ***Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery***. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018. The pursuit of dreams and the resilience of the human spirit shine in this illustrated biography of one of the world's greatest sports artists. A visually striking, enlightening picture-book biography.

Wtson, Renee'. ***Ways to Make Sunshine***. Bloomsbury, 2020. The Hart family of Portland, Oregon, faces many setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

Wissinger, Tamera ***Gone Camping***. "Camping is fun. Until it's time to sleep. Then, Lucy wonders, what kinds of creatures lurk in the dark? With only her brother and grandpa as tent mates, will Lucy be able to face her camping fears? Includes a variety of poetic forms--from aubade to haiku--as well as writing tips about rhyme and rhythm"--Provided by publisher.

Series for 3rd Graders:

Freddy the Detective by Walter R. Brooks

Gooney Bird Green by Lois Lowry

Guardians of Ga'Hoole by Kathryn Lasky

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell
Ivy & Bean by Annie Barrows
Bear Grylls Adventures by Bear Grylls
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald
Judy Blume's Fudge by Judy Blume
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald
Secret of Droon by Tony Abbott
The Spiderwick Chronicles by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
Fall of the Beasts by Eliot Schrefer
Babymouse by Jennifer Holm & Matthew Holm
Zoo Patrol Squad by Brett Bean

Series for 4th Graders:

The Land of Stories by Chris Colfer
The Terrible Two by Mac Barnett
Elements of Genius by Jess Keating
Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
The Sasquatch Escape by Suzanne Selfors
I Survived by Lauren Tarshis
Big Nate by Lincoln Pierce
Dragon Slippers by Jessica Day George
The Familiars by Adam Epstein
Treasure Hunters by James Patterson
Superpower Field Guides by Rachel Poliquin (nonfiction)
Phoebe and her Unicorn by Dana Simpson
The Baby-Sitters Club by Ann Martin (Graphic Novel)
Percy Jackson by Rick Riordan
Hero by Jennifer Li Shotz

The Florida Association for Media in Education
2022--2023 Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Nominees,
Grades 3-5. https://www.floridamediaed.org/uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/3-5_annotated_list_2022-2023_1.pdf

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