

## Pleasantville Public Schools

### Summer Reading List

#### Grades 3 - 4

#### BIOGRAPHY

How Ben Franklin Stole Lightning by Rosalyn Schanzer  
Lou Gehrig :the Luckiest Man by David A. Adler  
Jump! From the Life of Michael Jordan by Floyd Cooper  
By My brother's Side by Ronde and Tiki Barber  
Alia's Mission: Saving the Books of Iraq by Mark Alan Stamaty  
Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Talkin' about Bessie :the Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes  
How They Got Over: African Americans and the Call of the Sea by Eloise Greenfield  
Barack Obama : Working to Make a Difference by Marlene Targ Brill.  
Heroine of the Titanic : the Real Unsinkable Molly Brown by Elaine Landau  
My heroes, My People :African Americans and Native Americans in the West Portraits by Morgan Monceaux  
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange  
My Great-Aunt Arizona by Gloria Houston  
Odd Boy Out by Don Brown  
Dizzy by Jonah Winter  
Glorious Flight by the Provencens,  
Abe's Honest Words by Doreen Rappaport

#### FOLK TALES/FAIRY TALES/LEGENDS/MYTHS

Iktomi and the Berries :Plains Indian Story /retold and illustrated by Paul Goble.  
Best Loved Folk Tales of the World selected by Joanna Cole  
Her Stories :African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales /told by Virginia Hamilton  
That Awful Cinderella, by Alvin Granowsky  
Various Cinderella stories  
The Boy Who Lived with the Bears: and Other Iroquois stories told by Joseph Bruchac  
Aesop's Fables  
The McElderry Book of Greek Myths by Eric Kimmel  
D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths, by Ingri D'Aulaire  
Sister Tricksters: Rollicking Tales of Clever Females by Robert SanSouci

#### MYSTERY

Bunnicula :a Rabbit-tale of Mystery by Deborah and James Howe  
The Wolf Girls :an Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen  
The Westing Game by Ellen Raskin  
The Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg  
The Egypt Game by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
The mysteries of Harris Burdick by Chris Van Allsburg  
Room One by Andrew Clements  
Ghost Children by Eve Bunting,  
The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke  
Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer  
The Sisters Grimm Mysteries by Michael Buckley  
Sammy Keyes Mysteries by Wendelin VanDraanen  
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett  
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

#### GRAPHIC NOVELS

The Race to the South Pole by Jim Pipe  
Bone (series) by Jeff Smith  
Baby Mouse (series) by Jennifer Holm  
My Neighbor Totoro by Hayao Miyazaki  
Babysitter's Club by Raina Telgemeier  
Miyazaki's Spirited Away by Hayao Miyazaki  
Gulliver's Travels by Jun Wang  
African Mythology: Anansi by Glenn Herdling  
Owly by Andy Runton  
Nightmare on Joe's Street by Zachary Rau

#### SERIES

Picture Book Biographies. by David Adler  
A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy  
Amber Brown, by Paula Danzinger  
Encyclopedia Brown by Donald Sobol  
Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka  
Baseball Card Adventures by Dan Gutman  
Franny K. Stein by Jim Benton  
My Weird School and My Weird School Daze by Dan Gutman  
Shredder Man by Wendelin VanDraanen  
Spiderwick Chronicles by Tony DiTerlizzi  
Rotten School by R.L. Stine  
My Weird School by Dan Gutman  
Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor  
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner  
Tales of the Frog Princess by E. D. Baker  
Katie Kazoo by Nancy Krulik

Geronimo Stilton  
How to train your dragon and succeeding titles by Cressida Cowell  
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald  
Stink by Megan McDonald

Abby Hayes by Anne Mazer  
Percy Jackson and Lightning Thief ( and subsequent titles)  
Sister's Club by Megan McDonald

## "DON'T MISS" FICTION

Homework Machine by Dan Gutman  
Marvin Redpost Alone in His Teacher's House by Louis Sachar  
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo  
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker  
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech  
Philip Hall likes me. I Reckon Maybe by Bette Greene  
The Invention of Hugo Cabret : A Novel in Words and Pictures / by Brian Selznick  
Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything in it by Sundee T. Frazier  
The Tale of Despereaux :Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread / by Kate DiCamillo  
Made You Look by Diane Roberts  
Alice in Wonderland original version by Lewis Carroll

Joey Pigza by Jack Gantos  
Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo  
Stink by Megan MacDonald  
Sahara Special by Esme Codell  
Judy Moody by Megan MacDonald  
Gollywhopper Games by Jody Feldman

## SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by Lynne Jonell  
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle  
May Bird Among the Stars by Jodi Lynn Anderson

The Borrowers by Mary Norton  
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster  
Aliens ate my Homework by Bruce Coville

## AUTHORS

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| Avi            | Gary Paulsen   |
| Judy Blume     | Jerry Spinelli |
| Beverly Cleary | Lois Lowry     |
| Roald Dahl     |                |

## HISTORICAL FICTION

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan  
The King of Mulberry Street by Donna Jo Napoli  
Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman  
Anna, Grandpa, and the Big Storm by Carla Stevens  
The Amazing Air Balloon by Jean Van Leeuwen  
Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry by Phillip Hall  
The Adventures of Marco Polo by Russell Freedman  
The Harmonica / Tony Johnston ; illustrated by Ron Mazellan.  
Girl Wonder : A Baseball Story in Nine Innings / by Deborah Hopkinson  
The Mary Celeste :An Unsolved Mystery from History by Jane Yolen and Heidi Elisabet Yolen Stemple

The Babe & I by David A. Adler  
House of Dies Drear by Virginia Hamilton  
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki  
Caleb's Story by Patricia MacLachlan  
Crazy Horse's Vision by Joseph Bruchac  
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Time Spies by Candice Ransome

## NONFICTION

Marley : A dog Like No Other by John Grogan  
Shark Encounters by Michael Patrick O'Neill  
It's Disgusting and We Ate It ! By James Solheim  
Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming by Lauie David  
Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays by Peg Kehret  
Eats, Shoots and Leaves: Why, commas do make a difference! by Lynne Truss  
The American Story: 100 True Tales from American History by Jennifer Armstrong

Living Color by Steve Jenkins  
Go, Go America by Dan Yaccarino  
Brooklyn Bridge by Lynn Curlee  
Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller

## POETRY

Night on Neighborhood Street / by Eloise Greenfield  
A Pizza the Size of the Sun Poems by Jack Prelutsky  
Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich ... by Adam Rex

Science Verse by Jon Scieszka  
Nonsense! By Lear, Edward  
Flicker Flash by Joan Bransfield Graham

Falling Up: Poems and Drawings by Shel Silverstein

Meet Danitra Brown by Nikki Grimes

Fold Me a Poem by Kristine O'Connell George

A Bad Case of the Giggles: Kids Favorite Funny Poems selected by Bruce Lansky