

Third Grade Entering Fourth Grade Summer Reading List

Adventure According to Humphrey- Betty G. Birney

The students in room 26 are learning about boats and building their own for a race on Potter's Pond. Humphrey the hamster loves dreaming about being a pirate and watching his friends build ships.

Because of Winn-Dixie- Kate D. Camillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big dog Winn-Dixie.

Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave- Laban Carrick Hill; illustrated by Bryan Collier

Collier's arresting beautiful artistic interpretation of Hill's poetic text reveals Dave the potter's artistic process while also conveying the dignified triumph of his humanity in the face of oppression. Lush, earth-toned, multimedia collages are illuminated in soft, ethereal light that focuses the eye on the subject of each spread.

Dexter the Tough - Margaret Peterson Haddix

It's only the first day of school for Dexter, but he's already mad at the principal, and the secretary, and the janitor, and the kids who laugh at him. When his teacher tells the class to write a story, Dexter writes about how tough he is—and how he's already gotten into a fight. Is any of Dexter's story true? Why was the other boy crying before Dexter hit him? And why would the other boy still want to be Dexter's friend?

Duke- Kirby Larson

With World War II raging, and his father fighting overseas in Europe, eleven-year-old Hobie Hanson is determined to do his part to help his family and his country, even if it means giving up his beloved German shepherd, Duke. Hoping to help end the war and bring his dad home faster, Hobie decides to donate Duke to Dogs for Defense, an organization that urges Americans to "loan" their pets to the military to act as sentries, mine sniffers, and patrol dogs.

El Deafo -Cece Bell

Going to school and making new friends can be tough. But going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir. Author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid

Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge- Erica Armstrong Dunbar & Kathleen Van Cleve

Born into a life of slavery, Ona Judge eventually grew up to be George and Martha Washington's slave. When she was told that she was going to be given as a wedding gift to Martha Washington's granddaughter, Ona made the bold and brave decision to flee to the North, where she would be a fugitive. From her childhood to her time with the Washingtons to her escape to New Hampshire, *Never Caught* shares an intimate glimpse into the life of a little-known but powerful figure in history, and her brave journey as she fled the most powerful family in the country.

Hooper Finds a Family: A Hurricane Katrina Dog's Survival Tale- Jane Paley

Here comes Hooper, one plucky, spunky dog whose warm spirit and goofy personality are irresistible. Hooper tells his own dramatic rescue tale after being left homeless in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and taking a daring trip from New Orleans to New York to meet his new family.

Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms- Patricia Lauber

An introduction to the power, majesty, and destruction of hurricanes; contains eyewitness accounts of the storms, scientific facts about all types of hurricanes, and full-color photographs.

Race the Wild: Rainforest Relay- Kristin Earhart

On a once-in-a-lifetime race through the animal kingdom, it takes smarts, strength, and skill to win! When Russell entered the race, he knew it was going to be a wild ride--especially the first race course! He'd been studying up on the Amazon's animals and culture forever. But nothing could prepare him or his teammates for what they'd find in the rain forest: raging rapids, poisonous venom, and sneaky competitors who'd do anything to win. Can the red team work together to make it to the finish line in one piece? Each chapter in this action-packed adventure series is bursting with totally true facts about wild and wonderful creatures, dangerous habitats.

Lemonade War- Jacqueline Davies

When money disappears from fourth-grader Evan's pocket, and everyone thinks that his annoying classmate Scott stole it. Evan's younger sister stages a trial involving the entire class, trying to prove what happened.

Revolutionary Friends: General George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette-Selene Castrovilla

The Marquis de Lafayette has just ventured to America from France to join the patriotic cause and meet General George Washington. Despite his resistance to this meeting, Washington is impressed with Lafayette. The young Frenchman is dedicated and determined to prove himself.

The Chocolate Touch- Patrick Skene

John Midas loves chocolate more than anything; he wishes he could eat it morning, noon, and night. But his appetite for sweets lands him in trouble when he eats a mysterious candy and gets much more than he bargained for. Suddenly, everything his lips touch turns to chocolate!

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus- Jen Bryant

Fo shy young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions—and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it to organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought.