



BROOKWOOD'S THIRD GRADE

*SUMMER READING LIST – 2009

Students entering Grade 3

Brookwood Reads

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Dear Entering Third Grade Students and Families,

Summer is just around the corner, and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. Our goal is to nurture a life-long love of reading by providing students with a broad selection of titles that appeal to their varied interests. Please find below an extensive reading list that we hope will provide you and your child with many ideas for reading. We encourage 3rd grade families to spend twenty – thirty minutes each day reading. We also value families reading aloud and listening to books-on-tape.

Notice the "**New and Noteworthy**" books—these titles represent many of the best books published during the past year. The *Third Grade Summer Reading List* serves as a guide to the wide selection of books that are available at your library and local bookstore. Feel free to choose books to read from the *Middle School Forth and Fifth Grades Summer Reading List* too. All the Brookwood Summer Reading lists may be found online on the Library website:

URL: <http://www.brookwood.edu/library/>

Thank you for making reading a family priority this summer and always,

Lower School Teachers, Mrs. Fox, and Mrs. Geraty



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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY BOOKS – Books published in 2008/2009



The abacus symbol indicates books with math themes.

Agee, Jon.

Orangutan Tongues: Poems to Tangle Your Tongue

Have you ever gotten tripped up trying to say a silly succession of similar syllables? Try out these hilarious tongue twisters for lots of fun!

Alley, Zoe B.

There's a Wolf at the Door

Don't miss this huge oversized book that offers a hilarious and witty retelling of five traditional folk tales.



Aguilar, David A.

11 Planets: A New View of the Solar System

Profiles the eight planets from Mercury to Neptune and the dwarf planets Pluto, Eris, and Ceres; discusses meteorites, comets, the Kuiper and asteroid belts, the Oort cloud, and other solar systems.

Arnosky, Jim

Wild Tracks!: A Guide to Nature's Footprints

Describes and shows footprints made by different animals, including deer, bears, and birds, and discusses why tracks made by the same animal can appear different depending on the conditions in which they were made.

Barrows, Anne

Ivy And Bean Bound to be Bad

The latest in the popular series, best friends Ivy and Bean learn that being very good, or very bad, can be a real challenge when they set out to become like a man Ivy heard about who was so pure of heart that birds and animals followed him.

Bishop, Nic

Nic Bishop Butterflies and Moths

Simple, engaging text presents both basic information and fun, quirky facts about the insects' appearance, habits, and life cycle.

Brighton, Catherine

Keep Your Eye on the Kid: The Early Years of Buster Keaton

This biography of Buster Keaton evokes the streets and stages of early twentieth century America and brings the remarkable childhood of a timeless comedian to life.

Brown, Don

All Stations! Distress!

A gripping account of the Titanic and its only voyage. Interesting facts and first-person accounts included.

Burleigh, Robert ***One Giant Leap***

A 40th anniversary celebration of man's first walk on the moon.

Chin, Jason ***Redwoods***

A young city boy, riding the subway, finds an abandoned book about redwoods. He finds himself in the very forest described in the book. After finishing the book, he leaves it for someone else to read.

Corey, Shana ***Mermaid Queen : The Spectacular True Story of Annette Kellerman, Who Swam Her Way to Fame, Fortune & Swimsuit History!***

Cowley, Joy ***Snake and Lizard***

Set in the warm Australian desert environs, this humorous chapter book features stories about the unlikely friendship between Snake and Lizard - critters who tend to squabble, but find themselves the best of friends.

DiCamillo, Kate ***Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes***

Find other titles in this series about a charming and silly pig. (publication in July)

Louise : the Adventures of a Chicken - Longing for adventure, intrepid Louise leaves her comfortable nest and goes to sea.

DiTertizzi, Tony ***Kenny and the Dragon***

Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.

Fern, Tracey E. ***Buffalo Music***

After hunters kill off the buffalo around her Texas ranch, a woman begins raising orphan buffalo calves and eventually ships four members of her small herd to Yellowstone National Park, where they form the beginnings of newly thriving buffalo herds. Based on the true story of Mary Ann Goodnight and her husband Charles.

Floca, Brian ***Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11***

This nonfiction picture book presents man's first landing on the moon, just in time for the fortieth anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission!

Florin, Douglas. ***Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings.***

Find poetry and pictures of dinosaurs depicted in Florin's inimitable, engaging style.

Kerrin, Jessica ***Martin Bridge: The Sky's the Limit!***

The latest Martin Bridge installment: a visit from a cousin and a surprise for Martin . . .

Harper, Charise Mericle ***Just Grace Goes Green***

Grace can do a lot of things...but can she save the planet? Or at the very least, can she help her best friend Mimi get her favorite stuffed animal back? Lots of exciting things are happening to Grace and her friends. Most exciting of all, Mimi's older cousin Gwen is coming to stay with Mimi, and Miss Lois's class is going green!

Harper, Jessica ***Underpants on My Head***

When Cleo and her family go on vacation, they experience a freak August snow storm while hiking on Mt. Baldy.

Hopkinson, Deborah ***Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend)***

In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher.

Jenkins, Steve ***Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea***

Provides a top-to-bottom look at the ocean, from birds and waves to thermal vents and ooze.

Lasky, Kathryn ***One Beetle Too Many : The Extraordinary Adventures of Charles Darwin***

Describes the life and work of the renowned nineteenth-century biologist who transformed conventional Western thought with his theory of natural evolution.

Lewin, Ted & Betsy ***Horse Song: The Naadam of Mongolia***

The authors describe the landscapes, people, and activities they encounter during a trip to Mongolia for Naadam, the annual summer festival where child jockeys ride half-wild horses for miles across the Mongolian steppe.

Martin, Ann ***The Runaway Dolls***

Best friends Annabelle and Tiffany risk placing all of dollkind in danger when they run away while trying to prevent Tilly from being sent back to London before they can determine if she is Annabelle's long-lost baby sister.

McCarthy, Meghan ***Seabiscuit: The Wonder Horse***

Read the true story of Seabiscuit, the grandson of one of the greatest racehorses of all time, but he'd lost nearly every race he'd run. But could he really beat the Triple Crown Champion?

McDonald, Megan ***The Hinky Pink: An Old Tale***

Summoned to the Great Castle of Firenze to create a special dress for Princess Isabella Caramella Gorgonzola, Anabel, a talented seamstress, is at first delighted but then increasingly despairing as time passes and her efforts are continually subverted by an unseen sprite.

McGill, Alice ***Way Up and Over Everything***

In this retelling of a folktale, five Africans escape the shackles of slavery by simply disappearing into thin air.

McGinty, Alice B. ***Darwin***

A biography that presents an examination of the private notebooks of the English naturalist in which his personal thoughts, feelings, and questions with regard to his theory of survival of the fittest were recorded.

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

Afraid he will always be an outsider like ex-planet Pluto, nine-year-old Oliver finally shows his extremely overprotective parents that he is capable of doing great things without their help while his class is studying the solar system.

Moffett, Mark W. ***Face to Face with Frogs***

National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance ***Our White House, Looking Out, Looking In***

Nivola, Claire A. ***Planting the Trees of Kenya: the Story of Wangari Maathai***

Read the remarkable true story of Wangari Maathai, the winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize, who changed the fate of her village in the highlands of Kenya by teaching her people how to care for it.

Pennypacker, Sara ***Clementine Goes Green***

Latest title in the Clementine series!

Pinkey, Andrea Davis ***Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation***

Illustrations and rhythmic text recall the December 1955, bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on the bus.

Schulman, Janet ***Pale Male: Citizen Hawk of New York City***

A red-tail hawk and his mate build their nest near the top of a Fifth Avenue apartment building.

Scieszka, Jon ***Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka***

Secrets of a Civil War Submarine : Solving the Mysteries of the H. L. Hunley by Walker, Sally M.; Horne, J. R.

Shange, Ntozake ***Coretta Scott***

Unflinching verse and elegant imagery combine in a powerful, evocative, picture-book portrait of Coretta Scott King.

Siwanowicz, Igor ***Animals Up Close: Zoom in on the World's Most Incredible***

A biologist brings the animal kingdom to life through cutting-edge macro-photography that zooms in on the colors, textures, and structures of the smallest of creatures.

Swaim, Jessica ***The Hound from the Pound***

When lonely Miss Mary Lynn MacIntosh decides to adopt Blue, a basset hound from the pound, she gets far more companionship than she ever expected.

Voake, Steve ***Daisy Dawson and the Secret Pond***

Daisy sets off to take pictures of a pair of shy otters for her school project. With Boom the farm dog, Cyril the squirrel, and Cyril's mischievous niece and nephew along for the fun, it seems like the perfect day with friends.

Winter, Jonah ***You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?!***
 Offers a compelling look at the professional accomplishments and personal struggles of the noted pitcher, including the discrimination he experienced as one of the only Jews in the game and the injury that caused him to retire at the peak of his career.

Yue, Guo ***Little Leap Forward: A Boy in Beijing***
 Chinese bamboo flautist Guo Yue offers a fictionalized account of his childhood in China in the 1960s.



Classics

General Summer Reading List

Atwater, Richard	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>
Baum, L. Frank	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> series
Burnett, Frances Hodgson	<i>The Secret Garden</i>
Enright, Elizabeth	<i>The Saturdays</i> and others
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats</i> series (<i>The Alley, Ginger Pye</i> and others)
Grahame, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Henry, Marguerite	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i> and others
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>The Jungle Books</i>
Lewis, C. S.	<i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> series
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i>
MacDonald, Betty	<i>Mrs. Piggle Wiggle</i> series
Montgomery, Lucy	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> series
Nesbit, E.	<i>The Railroad Children</i> and others
Norton, Mary	<i>The Borrowers</i>
Rawls, Wilson	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i>
Sewell, Anna	<i>Black Beauty</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i> and others in series
White, E. B.	<i>Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, Trumpet of the Swan</i>



FICTION

Realistic Fiction

Baker, Dierdre

Becca at Sea

Birdsall, Jeanne

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy and sequel

Blume, Judy

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and others

Cleary, Beverly

Ramona's World series

Clements, Andrew

The Jacket and others

Fromental, Jean-Luc



365 Penguins

Haas, Jessie

Jigsaw Pony, Runaway Radish and others

Kerrin, Jessica Scott

Martin Bridge in High Gear and others in series

Lorbiecki, Marybeth

Jackie's Bat

Marsden, Carolyn

The Gold-Threaded Dress and *The Jade Dragon*

Martin, Ann

Main Street series

McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody series and *Stink* series

Namioka, Lensey

Yang the Third and Her Impossible Family

Roberts, Ken

Thumb on a Diamond

Roy, Ron

A to Z Mysteries series

VanDraanen, W.

Shredderman series

Walter, Mildred P.

Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World



Historical Fiction

Birney, Betty G.

The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs

Harlow, Joan Hiatt

Star in the Storm and *Thunder from the Sea*

Ibbotson, Eva

The Star of Kazan and other titles

Kenny, Kathryn

Trixie Belden series

Mochizuki, Ken

Baseball Saved Us

McKissack, Patricia

Scraps of Time series

Selznick, Brian

The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Don't miss this rare blend of graphic novel and textual narrative. **2008**

Smith, Lane

John, Paul, George, and Ben

A humorous look at five of our country's founding fathers.

Uchida, Yoshiko

The Bracelet

Whelan, Gloria

Listening for Lions



Fantasy and Science Fiction

Avi

Poppy and other titles

Buckley, Michael

The Sisters Grimm series

Byng, Georgia

Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism and others

Coville, Bruce

Moongobble and Me series

Dahl, Roald

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and others

DiTerlizzi, Tony

The Spiderwick Chronicles series

Delaney, M.C.

Birdbrain Amos - and sequel

Eilenberg, Max.

Beauty and the Beast

Fardell, John

The 7 Professors of the Far North and sequel

Funke, Cornelia

Dragon Rider

Gutnam, Dan

Babe and Me (A Baseball Card Adventure series)

Hale, Bruce

Chet Gecko mystery series

Hale, Shannon

Princess Academy and others (*Goose Girl*) and *Book of a Thousand Days*

Hodges, Margaret

Merlin and the Making of the King

Howe, James

Bunnicula series and others

Hunter, Erin

The Warriors, The Seekers and *The Warriors: The New Prophecy* series

Ibbotson, Eva

Dial-a-Ghost and *Which Witch?* and others

Jenkins, Emily

Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Tough Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic

Jonell, Lynne

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat and sequel

Kessler, Liz

Emily Windsnap sequence

Kerr, P. B.

Children of the Lamp series

King-Smith, Dick

Nine Lives of Aristotle and *Clever Lollipop* and others

LeGuin, Ursula

Catwings and others in series

Levine, Gail
Martin, Ann M
McCaughrean, Geraldine
Orr, Wendy
Pinkwater, Daniel.

Rylant, Cynthia
Sachar, Louis
Scieszka, Jon
Shannon, George

Stewart, Trenton Lee
Stone, Jeff
Wrede, Patricia



Graphic Books

Friesen, Ray
Hayes, Geoffrey
Holm, Jennifer
Lynch, Jay
Runton, Andy



NONFICTION

Aronosky, Jim
Arnold, Caroline
Ball, Johnny
Bishop, Nic
Burns, Loree Griffin
Fisher, Valerie

Ella Enchanted
The Doll People and *The Meanest Doll in the World*
Peter Pan in Scarlet
Nim's Island
Bad Bear Detectives: an Irving & Muktuk Story
and others in series
The Van Gogh Cafe
Sideway Stories from Wayside School and others
Math Curse and *The Time Warp Trio* series
*More Stories to Solve: Fifteen Folktales From Around
the World* and others
The Mysterious Benedict Society and sequel
Crane - Five Ancestors series
Dealing With Dragons (The Enchanted Forest Chronicles)

*Lookit! A Cheese Related Mishap and Other Stories:
Comedy and Mayhem* series
Benny and Penny in Just Pretend
Babymouse series
Otto's Orange Day
Owly series



Brook Book: Exploring the Smallest Streams
Giant Sea Reptiles of the Dinosaur Age
Go Figure!: A Totally Cool Book about Numbers
Nic Bishop Frogs and *Nic Bishop Spiders*
*Tracking Trash : Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of
Ocean Motion*



*How High Can a Dinosaur Count? And Other Math
Mysteries*

George, Jean Craighead

The Wolves Are Back - Craighead effectively shows how the presence of one animal can alter an ecosystem in this positive perspective about the reintroduction of the wolves to Yellowstone in 1995.

Goldstone, Bruce



Great Estimations - Estimate a number of objects in a group including jelly beans, cherries, and pennies.

Hillman, Ben



How Big is It? A Big Book all about Bigness - Learning about size perspective is fun and fascinating in this oversized book.

Janeczko, Paul B.



Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers, and Secret Writing

Latimer, Jonathan

Peterson's Field Guide for Young Naturalists
(Wildflowers, Butterflies, Backyard Birds, Birds of Prey, Shorebirds)

Markle, Sandra

Outside and Inside Mummies and others

Macaulay, David

Mosque, Building Big and others

Nelson, Kadir

We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball

Sayre, April Pulley

Secrets of Sound: Studying the Calls and Songs of Whales, Elephants and Birds

Schanzer, Rosalyn

George vs. George: The American Revolution

Schwartz, David

Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Creatures Concealed...and Revealed

Sloan, Christopher

How Dinosaurs Took Flight: The Fossils, The Science, What We Think We Know, and Mysteries Yet Unsolved..

Tanaka, Shelley

New Dinos: The Latest Finds! The Coolest Dinosaur Discoveries!

Tang, Greg



The Best of Times and Math Appeal and others

Thimmesh, Catherine

Team Moon: How 400,000 People Landed Apollo 11 On The Moon

Zoehfeld, Kathleen

Dinosaur Parents, Dinosaur Young



BIOGRAPHY

Adler, David

America's Champion Swimmer: Gertrude Ederle

	<i>The Babe and I</i> and other biographies
Borden, Louise	<i>The Journey that Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margaret and H. A. Rey</i>
Fleischman, Sid	<i>Escape!: the Story of the Great Houdini</i>
Goodall, Jane	<i>The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours</i>
Grimes, Nikki	<i>Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman</i>
Jurmain, Suzanne T.	<i>George Did It</i> - This lively picture book puts a human face on one of America's most important historical figures.
Lutes, Jason	<i>Houdini: The Handcuff King</i> - A biography depicted in graphic book format.
Krull, Kathleen	<i>Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman</i>
McCully, Emily Arnold	<i>Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor.</i>
Pinkney, Andrea	<i>Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa</i>
Winter, Jonah	<i>Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates</i>



POETRY

	<i>Poetry for Young People</i> series (includes, Carl Sandburg, Edgar Allen Poe, Emily Dickinson, Lewis Carroll, Robert Frost, Robert Louis Stevenson, Walt Whitman, William Shakespeare)
Kennedy, X. J.	<i>Exploding Gravy: Poems to make you Laugh</i>
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Jazz</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>Awful Ogres Awful Day</i> and others
Sidman, Joyce	<i>This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness</i>
Testa, Maria	<i>Becoming Joe DiMaggio</i>

**Developed by Librarian Sheila Geraty in collaboration with Language Arts teachers. Annotations come from review sources (Booklist, School Library Journal, Horn Book Guide Magazine), Library of Congress information and bibliographies as well as from the librarian's reading notes. Every year the reading list is modified to reflect new titles and to reconsider inclusion of those on the list. Your suggestions and comments are welcome*