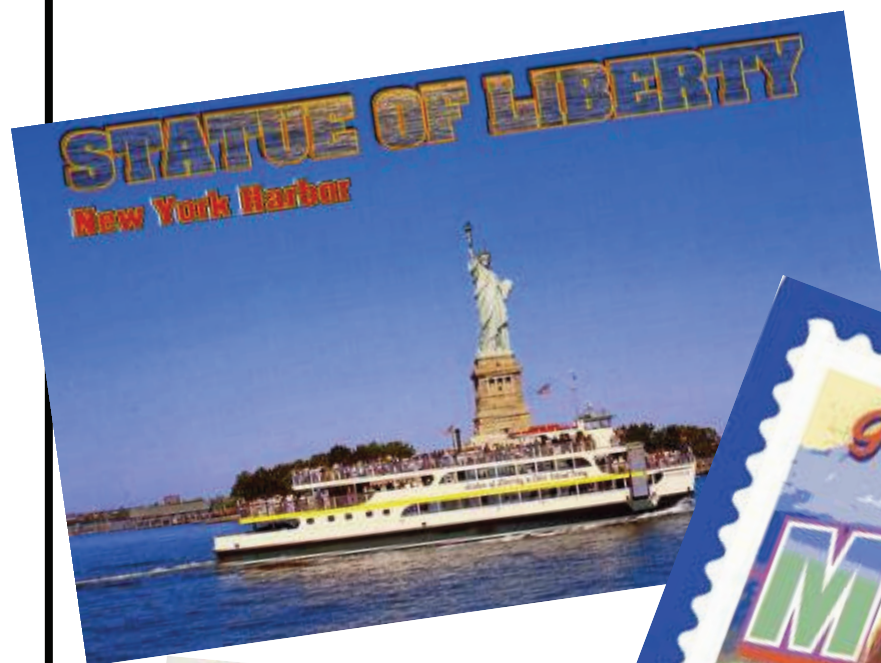


Grades
2-3

The Pingry School
Short Hills Campus
Summer Reading Lists 2010



*Postcards
to the Library*



June 2010

Dear Pingry Parents,

The Pingry Lower School Library has a tradition of providing “Summer Reading Lists” to guide our students in their book selection. Please encourage your child to refer to this list and read for pleasure during the summer. By doing so, you will help your child continue to develop their reading skills so that no ground is lost over the summer and to instill a love of reading that will last a lifetime.

The suggested summer reading list for your child’s grade level is attached in this booklet. Student reading levels vary within a grade, so there are both challenging and easier-to-read selections on each list. Students may choose to read any title and as many as their schedules allow. Students are not expected to read all the books on the list.

The books are divided into fiction, nonfiction, poetry, folktales, and biographies, and the titles are annotated to help in the selection process. We hope every child will find a few titles from the list which will spark an interest in reading.

Please find the following information and resources in this booklet:

- **Postcards to the Library Program.** See directions for participation on the next page. We hope all students will send postcards this year!
- **Reading Log.** Encourage your child to keep a record of all the books he or she reads during the summer. By doing so, your child will gain a sense of accomplishment. The log is located in the back of the booklet.
- **Lower School Library Website.** Summer Reading Lists and other resources are available on the Library website. Please see directions on the back of this booklet to access.

Have a Wonderful Summer and Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Mrs. D’Innocenzo
Lower School Librarian

Send Postcards to the Library

Dear Mrs. D'Innocenzo,

I am having a wonderful time at camp in Vermont.

I play sports, go swimming, and have time to read every night before dinner.

I have just finished reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. It was a great book and I loved it!

Your friend,
Taylor Jones



The Pingry School Library
50 Country Day Drive
Short Hills, N.J. 07078

How to Participate in Postcards to the Library:

- During the summer, send picture postcards to the library at the above address.
- A picture postcard can be sent from anywhere – even from your own hometown or from Grandma's house.
- Send one postcard for each book read. The more books read, the more postcards can be sent.
- Include the book title, author's name, and your first and last name.
- Write a short description of what you liked about the book and how you are enjoying the summer vacation.
- Each postcard becomes an entry for a drawing to be held the first week of school in September.
- Prizes of gift certificates to the Book Fair will be awarded at that time.
- All postcards will be displayed in the hallway at Back-to-School Night and later placed in an album available in the library.

Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Reading!

The Pingry School Library

2010 Suggested Summer Reading List

Students Entering Grades 2 and 3



Fiction — Reading Fiction is Fun!

The fiction list is divided into the three following groups:

- 1) **Easy Fiction** - Easier reading for students entering 2nd grade. (* Easy Readers)
- 2) **Medium Fiction** - Medium difficulty for students entering 3rd grade.
- 3) **Read-Aloud Fiction** - Suitable for the whole family to share.

Easy Fiction — Students Entering Grade 2

Many of these books are part of a series, noted by the symbol S.

Choose any title in the series.

- Abbott, Tony. Knights of the Ruby Wand: The Secrets of Droon Series, #36. Scholastic, 2010. After Eric's mother and Gethwing learn about the rainbow staircase, the Moon Dragon sends his minions to seek out a magical object that will give him power over all of Droon. S
- * Adler, David. Young Cam Jansen and the Spotted Cat Mystery. Viking, 2006. When a cat appears in their classroom one rainy day, Cam and her friend Eric try to figure out where it came from. S
- Adler, David. Cam Jansen and the Tennis Trophy Mystery. Viking, 2003. Cam Jansen, with Eric at her side, helps solve the mystery of what happened to Mr. Day's tennis trophy. S
- Barrows, Annie. Ivy + Bean Take Care of the Babysitter. Chronicle Books, 2008. When Bean is left in the care of her mean older sister Nancy for the afternoon, she enlists her best friend Ivy in a plot to prove that Nancy is the worst babysitter ever. S
- Butler, Dori Hillestad. The Case of the Lost Boy. Albert Whitman, 2010. King is a dog detective searching for his mysteriously missing human family. When a new family adopts him and renames him Buddy, he helps track down their missing boy.
- Byars, Betsy. Tornado. Harper Collins, 1996. As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.
- Catling, Patrick. The Chocolate Touch. Morrow, 2006. A boy named John Midas acquires a magical gift that turns everything that touches his lips into chocolate.
- Christopher, Matt. Lacrosse Firestorm. Little, Brown, 2008. In this sequel to Lacrosse Face-off, the Rockets are playing in a weeklong lacrosse tournament at an overnight camp. Michael bullies Garry, because he blames Garry for preventing him from becoming the league's top scorer. What happens next sets off a firestorm of trouble for both boys.

Dive Right In. Little, Brown, 2002. Forced to quit gymnastics in order to avoid serious injury, twelve-year-old Traci tries to fill the void in her life with diving. *Read any sports story by this author.* §

Clements, Andrew. **Jake Drake Class Clown.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002. Jake acts like a class clown in order to cheer his teacher up. §

Cooper, Ilene. **Absolutely Lucy.** Random House, 2000. Bobby is a shy boy until he gets a beagle puppy named Lucy, who helps him to make new friends. Also read **Lucy on the Loose.**

Dahl, Roald. **Fantastic Mr. Fox.** Alfred Knopf, 1970. Three farmers, each one meaner than the next, try all-out warfare to get rid of Mr. Fox and his family.

Danziger, Paula. **Second Grade Rules, Amber Brown.** Putnam's Sons, 2004. Amber Brown loves the second grade but wonders if she will ever receive an award from the desk fairy, for keeping her desk clean. §

DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson Princess in Disguise.** Candlewick Press, 2007. Mercy the pig is in for a Halloween adventure when Mr. and Mrs. Watson decide to dress her up as a princess and take her trick-or-treating. §

Drapper, Sharon. **Stars and Sparks Go On Stage (Ziggy and the Black Dinosaurs Series).** Aladdin, 2007. Ziggy and his friends look forward to using the money they think they will win in the school talent show to fix up their clubhouse, until they meet a very talented girl who needs the money more than they do. §

Guest, Elissa Haden. **Iris and Walter and the Field Trip.** Harcourt, 2005. When best friends Iris and Walter go on a field trip to an aquarium, Walter gets lost and a worried Iris helps Miss Cherry look for him. §

Harper, Charise Mericle. **Just Grace.** Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire. Read the sequels **Still Just Grace**, **Just Grace Walks the Dog**, and **Just Grace and the Snack Attack.**

Kimmel, Elizabeth. **Balto and the Great Race.** Random House, 1999. In 1925, Balto, the sled dog, delivered medicine through a raging snowstorm to save Nome, Alaska, from an epidemic.

Kline, Susie. **Horrible Harry and the Locked Closet.** Viking, 2004. Harry and his detective classmates try to find clues relating to a mysterious locked closet in Room 3B. §

Krulik, Nancy. **Anyone But Me: Katie Kazoo Switcheroo #1.** Grosset & Dunlop, 2002. Third-grader Katie Carew gains insight into the thinking of the class bully when she is magically transformed into a hamster – an animal the bully fears. §

Look, Lenore. **Ruby Lu, Brave and True.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2004. "Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with old and new friends.

Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2006. After Ruby Lu's deaf cousin, Flying Duck, and her parents come from China to live with her, Ruby finds life challenging as she adjusts to her new family, tries to mend her rocky friendship with Emma, and faces new adventures in summer school.

McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody Goes to College.** Candlewick, 2008. When her teacher realizes Judy is struggling in math, she is sent to a math tutor at the local college. Judy soon joins enthusiastically in the spirit of college life. Read any **Judy Moody** book. §

Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express. Candlewick Press, 2008. Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to give up his favorite, Astro. §

- Judy Moody and Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt.** Candlewick, 2009. Judy and Stink go on their family vacation to Okracoke Island for a pirate-themed adventure. They work together to follow clues around the island in their search for “pieces of eight.”
- Mazer, Ann. **Home Is Where the Heart Is: Amazing Days of Abby Hayes.** Scholastic, 2006. Abby and her brothers and sisters are against moving to another home, but they change their minds when they see their new swimming pool. S
- Mills, Claudia. **7 X 9 = Trouble.** Farrar Straus Giroux, 2002. Third-grader Wilson struggles to learn his times-tables in order to beat the class deadline.
- Mills, Claudia. **Gus and Grandpa and the Piano Lesson.** Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. After Gus, who would rather play outside than practice music, does not do too well at his piano recital, his grandfather shows him how music can be fun. S
- * Nixon, Joan Lowery. **Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms.** SeaStar Books, 2002. The fine-feathered heroes Gus and Gertie arrive at the Animals' Winter Olympics with dreams of winning gold as Antarctica's first synchronized swimming team. S
- Osborne, Mary Pope. **Leprechaun in Late Winter (Magic Tree House #43).** Random House, 2010. Jack and Annie travel to nineteenth-century Ireland to inspire young Augusta Gregory to share her love of Irish legends and folktales with the world. Also read the non-fiction companion book **Leprechauns and Irish Folklore.** S
- * Parish, Peggy. **Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping.** Greenwillow Books, 1985. As always, Amelia Bedelia gets all mixed up and follows exactly the instructions given to her on a camping trip, including pitching a tent and rowing boats. S
- Peterson, John. **The Littles.** Scholastic, 1967. When the Biggs go on a three-month vacation and an untidy family from the city moves into the house, the Littles must take action. S
- Preller, James. **The Case of the Kidnapped Candy (Jigsaw Jones Mystery).** Scholastic, 2007. The students in Ms. Gleason's class all work together to find out what happened to the class's Valentine's Day candy. S
- Roy, Ron. **The Yellow Yacht. (A to Z Mysteries)** Random House, 2005. Amateur detectives – and best friends – Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help catch the thieves who have stolen gold from Sammi's parents, the king and queen of Costra. S
- April Adventure (Calendar Mysteries).** Random House, 2010. Bradley, Brian, Nate, and Lucy follow clues on an Easter treasure hunt, while trying to figure out the mystery. S
- Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge and Annie's Good Move.** Simon & Schuster, 1998. When Henry's cousin Annie moves in next door, Henry and Mudge help calm her fears. S
- The High-Rise Private Eyes: The Case of the Baffled Bear.** Greenwillow, 2004. Animal detectives Bunny and Jack look for Bernard Bear's missing messenger whistle. S
- Sachar, Louis. **Marvin Redpost: A Magic Crystal?** Random House, 2000. When Marvin Redpost goes to Casey's house, he doesn't know what he's in for until Casey shows him the magic crystal she has just found and offers to give Marvin a few wishes. S
- Sharmat, Marjorie. **Nate the Great and the Hungry Book Club.** Delacorte, c2009. Rosamond, who starts a book club, claims there is a monster on the loose that is ruining pages of her cookbook, which leads Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, to investigate as undercover detectives. S
- Scieszka, Jon. **Summer Reading is Killing Me. ("Time Warp Trio" series).** Viking, 1998. At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters. S



Fiction — Students Entering Grade 3
(S means read any book in the series.)

- Atwater, Richard & Florence. Mr. Popper's Penguins. Little, Brown & Company, 1966. Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his house, but before he knows it there are twelve.
- Bauer, Marion Dane. Runt. Clarion Books, 2002. Runt, the smallest wolf cub in the litter, seeks to prove himself to his father King and the rest of the pack and to earn a new name.
- Birney, Betty. Summer According to Humphrey. Putnam, 2010. When summer arrives, Humphrey, the pet hamster of Longfellow School's Room 26, is surprised and pleased that he will be going to Camp Happy Hollow. Read any of the **Humphrey** books.
- Blume, Judy. Friend or fiend? with the Pain & the Great One. Delacorte Press, c. 2009. A reading circle mishap convinces Jake that he never wants to speak during class again and Abigale, the third grader, loses her trust in one of her best friends. Short chapters. Also read Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One. Delacorte Press, 2007.
- Blume, Judy. Superfudge. Dutton Children's Books, 1980. Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother, Fudge. Also read Fudge-a-mania and Double Fudge. **S**
- Byars, Betsy. Wanted Mud Blossom. Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1991. Convinced that Mud is responsible for the disappearance of the school hamster Junior was caring for over the weekend, Junior Blossom is determined that the dog should be tried for his "crime."
- Catling, Patric. The Chocolate Touch. Morrow, 1979. A boy acquires a magical gift that makes everything his lips touch turn into chocolate.
- Child, Lauren. Utterly Me, Clarice Bean. Candlewick Press, 2002. When someone steals the winner's trophy for the school book project, Clarice emulates her favorite book heroine, Ruby, the detective. Also read Clarice Bean Spells Trouble, 2004.
- Cleary, Beverly. Mouse and the Motorcycle. Morrow Junior Books, 1965. A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. Read other titles by this author.
- Ramona's Word. Morrow Junior Books, 1999. Ramona adjusts to being in fourth grade and to her new baby sister. Read any **Ramona** books.
- Henry and Ribsy. Avon, 1990. If Henry can keep his dog Ribsy out of trouble for a whole month, his dad will take them both fishing.
- Socks. Harper Trophy. 2000. c1973. The happy home life of Socks, the cat, is disrupted by the addition of a new baby to the household.
- Clements, Andrew. Extra Credit. Atheneum, 2009. Three middle-school children in Illinois exchange letters with children living in the mountains of Afghanistan, and begin to bridge a gap across cultural and religious divides.
- We the Children (Benjamin Pratt & the Keepers of the School). Atheneum, 2010. Sixth-grader Benjamin Pratt's waterfront school is about to be torn down to make way for an amusement park, but something seems fishy. When the school janitor gives Benjamin a mysterious old coin, then dies suddenly, Benjamin is drawn into solving a sinister mystery.
- Dahl, Roald. Fantastic Mr. Fox. 1970. Three farmers, each one meaner than the next, try all-out warfare to get rid of Mr. Fox and his family.

- Davies, Jacqueline. **The Lemonade War**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Evan is horrified that his younger sister is skipping third grade and joining his class. In the last days of summer, they compete for who can make the most profit selling lemonade. Read this book if you like math and business.
- DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie**. Candlewick Press, 2000. 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 ugly dog Winn-Dixie. *Newbery Honor Book, 2000*.
- Eager, Edward. **Half Magic**. Harcourt Brace, 1999. Four children looking forward to an ordinary summer enjoy a series of fantastic adventures by double-wishing on an ancient coin. **S**
- Fleming, Candace. **The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School**. Schwartz & Wade, 2007. An unlikely teacher takes over the disorderly fourth-grade class of Aesop Elementary School with surprising results.
- Funke, Cornelia. **Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost #1**. Scholastic, 2006. A timid boy named Tom reluctantly agrees to help professional ghostbuster Hetty Hyssop dispel an IRG (Incredibly Revolting Ghost) from an old house. Also read **Ghosthunters #2** and **#3**.
Igraine the Brave. Chicken House/Scholastic, 2007. Igraine, the twelve-year-old daughter of two magicians, dreams of becoming an adventurous knight. When her family's castle is attacked, Igraine has the chance to prove her bravery.
- Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. **Meet Rebecca**. American Girl, 2009. In 1914 New York City, nine-year-old Rebecca is determined to show her family that she is old enough to light the Shabbos candles and go to the movies.
- Greene, Stephanie. **Owen Foote Scientist**. Clarion Books, 2004. Third grade best friends Owen and Joseph struggle to come up with a science fair project, then something goes wrong and they have to change their plans two days before the fair.
- Gutman, Dan. **Ms. Krup Cracks Me Up! (My Weird School Series #21)**. HarperCollins, 2008. Ms. Krup helps make the class sleepover at the natural history museum fun and exciting. **S**
Mrs. Lizzy is Dizzy! (My Weird School Daze Series #9). Harper, 2010. When they join the Recess Enrichment Program, A.J. and his friends have to take classes during recess! Their new teacher, Mrs. Lizzy, teaches how to make balloon animals, how to compost worms, and lots of other weird skills! Read any **My Weird School** and **My Weird School Daze** books. **S**
- Howe, James. **Bunnicula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery**. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1979. Harold Dog and Chester Cat try to warn the family about the new vampire rabbit. **S**
- King-Smith, Dick. **Clever Lollipop**. Candlewick Press, 2003. Lady Lollipop, the clever pig, joins Princess Penelope and Johnny in their lessons with a magician and has a surprise for Penelope's birthday. **S**
- Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters**. Schwartz & Wade, 2009. Alvin Ho, a Chinese-American second-grader, loves superheroes and wants to make friends, but he is afraid of many things, and can't talk at all at school. He makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave when his father takes him camping.
- Lowry, Lois. **Gooney Bird Greene is So Absurd**. Houghton Mifflin, 2009. Gooney Bird Greene, a second grader in Mrs. Pigeon's class who tells "absolutely true" stories, writes poetry, haiku, couplets and free verse and organizes a tribute to her teacher's mother. **S**
- Milne, A. A. **Winnie the Pooh**. E. F. Dutton, c. 1928. A small boy named Christopher Robin embarks on a series of adventures with Piglet, Rabbit, Kanga, Roo, Eeyore, Owl, and Winnie-the-Pooh in the Hundred Acre Wood. Read the original story.
- McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody, M.D.: The Doctor Is In!** Candlewick, 2004. Judy is excited about becoming a doctor, especially when Class 3T starts a new unit on the human body, but she learns more about being a patient when she gets tonsillitis from her little brother, Stink. **S**

- Myron, Vicki. **Dewey: There's a Cat in the Library!** Little, Brown, 2009. After he is abandoned in the library's book return box, Dewey the kitten is adopted by the library and spends his days meeting and greeting visitors.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. **Roxie and the Hooligans.** Aladdin, 2007. Nine-year-old Roxie Warbler knows just what to do if she finds herself buried in an avalanche, but she doesn't know what to do about Helvetia's Hooligans.
- Nimmo, Jennie. **Dragon's Child.** Orchard Books, 2008. This is a story about friendship and perseverance. As in all good fantasies, good wins out over evil.
- Pennypacker, Sara. **Clementine's Letter.** Hyperion, 2008. After learning that her favorite teacher will be leaving for a trip to Egypt and will be absent for the remainder of the year, Clementine devises a plan to get rid of the substitute and get Mr. D'Matz to stay. Also read **Clementine** and **The Talented Clementine.**
- Quindlen, Anna. **Happily Ever After.** Viking, 1997. When a girl who loves to read fairy tales is transported back to medieval times, she finds that the life of a princess in a castle is less fun than she imagined.
- Peterson, John. **The Littles.** Scholastic, 1967. When the Biggs go on a three month vacation and an untidy family from the city moves into the house, the Littles must take action. S
- Reiche, Dietlof. **I Freddy.** Scholastic, 2003. Freddy, a remarkably intelligent golden hamster, learns how to read and how to write on a computer and escapes captivity. S
- Riordan, Rick. **The Maze of Bones (39 Clues, #1).** Scholastic, 2008. Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents. Also read the sequels: **One False Note,** by Gordon Korman, and **The Sword Thief,** by Peter Lerangis, or any other **39 Clues** books. S
- Sachar, Louis. **Sideways Stories from the Wayside School.** Morrow Junior Books, 1998, 1978. Humorous stories from the thirtieth-floor classroom of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story. S
- Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Jumping Frogs.** Delacourte Press, 2003. Encyclopedia Brown, boy detective extraordinaire, solves ten new cases. Solutions provided at the end of each chapter. S
- Steig, William. **Abel's Island.** Farrar, Strauss & Giroux, 1976. Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.
- Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **The Boxcar Children Mysteries.** Whitman, 1977. Four orphans, two boys and two girls, set up housekeeping in an old boxcar. S
- White, E. B. **Charlotte's Web.** Harper, c1952 (read any edition). The kind and talented spider Charlotte weaves a plan to rescue her friend, Wilbur the young pig.
Stuart Little. Harper & Row, c1945 (read any edition). The debonair mouse Stuart Little, born into a human family, grows up and ventures out in the world to seek his dearest friend, the little bird Margalo. Enjoy other books by this author.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls. **Little House in the Big Woods.** Harper Collins, 1953. A year in the life of two young girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier. Read the series. S
- Wojciechowski, Susan. **Beany and the Meany.** Candlewick Press, 2005. When Beany's best friend Carol Ann pairs up with the new girl at school to work on a science project, Beany is forced to work with Kevin, the class bully.



Fiction to Read-Aloud

Books for children and parents to share and enjoy together.
(Advanced readers may read them on their own.)

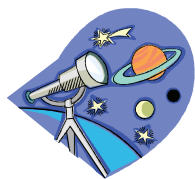
- Banks, Lynne Reid. **The Indian in the Cupboard**. Doubleday, 1980. For his ninth birthday, Omri receives a plastic Indian figure, a mysterious cupboard, and a key. His adventure begins when the Indian comes to life and befriends him. Also read **The Return of the Indian**. **S**
- Baum, Frank L. **The Wizard of Oz**. Numerous publishers, 1900. After a cyclone transports her to the Land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.
- Dahl, Roald. **BFG**. Puffin Books, 1998, 1992. Kid-snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant) who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan with him to save the world from nine other man-gobbling giants.
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. Alfred Knopf, 1964. With his winning Golden Ticket, Charlie Bucket gets a rare tour of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and a large supply of chocolate. Read any title by this author.
- DiCamillo, Kate. **Because of Winn Dixie**. Candlewick Press, 2000. 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 ugly dog Winn-Dixie. *Newbery Honor Book, 2000*.
- The Tale of Despereaux**. Thornkdikey Press, 2004. The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin. *2004 Newbery Medal*.
- The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**. Candlewick Press, 2006. Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and he travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories.
- Fleischman, Sid. **The Whipping Boy**. Greenwillow Books, 1986. A spoiled prince and his whipping boy have many adventures after they accidentally trade places with dangerous outlaws. *Newbery Medal 1987*.
- Gardiner, John. **Stone Fox**. Crowell, 1980. Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm by winning the prize in a dog sled race.
- MacDonald, Betty. **Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle**. Lippincott, 1974, 1947. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle loves children, both good and bad. She never scolds, but has positive cures for children with special problems such as answering back or never wanting to go to bed.
- Seidler, Tor. **Gully's Travels**. Scholastic, 2008. A Lhasa Apso named Gulliver is forced to leave his master. His new owner, Carlos, the doorman of a Manhattan apartment building, takes the dog to Queens, where Gully meets low-life mutts and boisterous humans.
- White, E. B. **Charlotte's Web**. Harper Collins, 2002, 1952. Wilbur the pig is upset when he discovers he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner, until his spider friend Charlotte comes up with a plan to save him. Also read **Stuart Little** by this author.



Picture Books

- Bildner, Phil. **Shoeless Joe and Black Betsy**. Simon & Schuster, 2002. Shoeless Joe Jackson goes into a hitting slump, just before he is to start his minor league career. He asks his friend to make him a special bat to help him hit. *Bluebonnet Award Winner*.
- Harrington, Janice. **The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County**. Farrar, 2007. A girl takes pride in her chicken-chasing skills, but one chicken eludes her and she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. **You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairy Tales to Read Together**. Little, Brown, 2004. This title presents short retellings of familiar fairy tales, each told in two voices designed for children and adults to read together.
- Hoffman, Mary. **Princess Grace**. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008. Grace wants to participate in her community festival's princess float, but first she must decide what sort of a princess to be – from an African princess in kente cloth robes to a floaty pink fairy tale princess.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. **Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale**. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2008. In Knob Creek, Kentucky, in 1816, seven-year-old Abe Lincoln falls into a creek and is rescued by his best friend, Austin Gollaher. Austin saves his life and Abe promises that he'll never forget it.
- Jenkins, Steve. **What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Explore the many amazing things animals can do with their ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet, and tails in this beautifully illustrated guessing book. *Caldecott Honor Book*.
- Keller, Laurie. **The Scrambled States of America**. H. Holt, 1998. The states become bored with their positions on the map and decide to change places for a while. Includes state facts.
- LaRochelle, David. **The End**. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. Here's a new twist on a fairy tale, the author tells a story from the end to the beginning, starting with the words "And they all lived happily ever after." When a princess makes some lemonade, she starts a chain of events that moves backwards through the story.
- Lester, Helen. **The Sheep in Wolf's Clothing**. Houghton Mifflin, 2007. Ewetopia has never been comfortable in her own wool, so when she is invited to a costume party, she thinks she has found the perfect chance to shine, but her costume is a flop, leaving her on the sidelines until a mysterious guest sweeps Ewetopia off her feet.
- Mortenson, Greg. **Listen to the Wind: The Story Of Dr. Greg and the Three Cups Of Tea**. Dial Books, 2009. A children's book that tells the story of Dr. Greg Mortenson's promise to build a school in a remote Himalayan village after the villagers saved his life.
- Polacco, Patricia. **Rotten Richie and the Ultimate Dare**. Philomel Books, 2006. Richie and his younger sister Trisha face off in a contest to see whose hobby is more challenging.
- Pulver, Robin. **Punctuation Takes a Vacation**. Holiday House, 2003. When all the punctuation marks in Mr. Wright's class decide to take a vacation, the students discover just how difficult life can be without them.
- Recorvits, Helen. **My Name is Yoon**. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2003. Disliking her name as written in English, Korean-born Yoon, or "shining wisdom," refers to herself as "cat," "bird," and "cupcake," as a way to feel more comfortable in her new school and new country.

- Scieszka, Jon. **Cowboy and Octopus**. Viking, 2007. A cowboy and an octopus learn a thing or two about friendship as they struggle through a knock-knock joke, ugly hats, and a special dinner of beans.
- The Frog Prince Continued**. Viking, 1991. After the frog turns into a prince, he and the Princess do not live happily ever after and the Prince looks for a witch to help him.
- Math Curse**. Viking, 1995. When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.
- Science Verse**. Viking, 2004. A teacher tells his class that they can hear the poetry of science in everything and a student is struck with a curse of hearing only science verses.
- Sierra, Judy. **Wild About Books**. Knopf, 2004. Librarian Mavis McGrew introduces the zoo animals to the joy of reading when she drives her bookmobile to the zoo by mistake.
- Smith, Lane. **John, Paul, George & Ben**. Hyperion, 2006. A humorous look at the early lives of five founders of the United States, including George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.
- Smith, Lane. **Madam President**. Hyperion Books for Children, 2008. A little girl imagines what her day would be like if she were President of the United States.
- St. George, Judith. **So You Want to be President?** Philomel Books, 2004. Presents an assortment of facts about the qualifications and characteristics of U.S. presidents. Funny illustrations.
- So You Want to be an Inventor?** Philomel Books, 2002. Presents some of the characteristics of inventors by describing the inventions of people such as Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison, and Eli Whitney.
- Teague, Mark. **LaRue for Mayor: Letters from the Campaign Trail**. Blue Sky Press, 2008. Mrs. LaRue's dog, Ike, decides to run for mayor of Snort City after realizing the front-runner, Chief Bugwort, wants to enforce leash, curfew, and other laws for dogs.



Nonfiction

This is only a sampling of all the wonderful nonfiction books available. Find any topic of interest.

- Arnosky, Jim. **Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints**. Sterling, 2008. Presents detailed illustrations of life-size paw, claw, and hoof prints; explains how to identify tracks and how fast the animal might be traveling.
- Bishop, Nic. **Nic Bishop Marsupials**. Scholastic, 2009. Presents photographs and facts about of the beauty, habits, and life cycle of various marsupials from Australia, including quolls, quokkas, potoroos, and pademelons. Also read **Nic Bishop Frogs** and **Nic Bishop Spiders**.
- Cole, Joanna. **The Magic School Bus and the Science Fair Expedition**. Scholastic Press, 2006. Ms. Frizzle's class goes to the new science museum to get ideas for their science fair projects. Inspired by a cardboard bus display, Ms. Frizzle takes her students on a tour of scientists throughout history. Read any **Magic School Bus** book.
- Ms. Frizzle Adventure: Imperial China**. Scholastic, 2005. Wacky and wonderful Ms. Frizzle is invited to celebrate Chinese New Year with her student Wanda's family, and travels back in time one thousand years to ancient China where she and her young friends embark on a journey and learn a lot about Chinese culture.

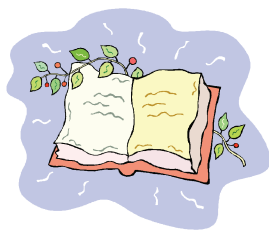
- Floca, Brian. **Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**. Atheneum, 2009. Blast off with the crew of Apollo 11 in this nonfiction account of the first moon landing. Sent into space in 1969, the Apollo 11 was manned by astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Michael Collins, and Neil Armstrong.
- Hatkoff, Isabella. **Owen & Mzee: the True Story of a Remarkable Friendship**. Scholastic Press, 2006. Tells the true story of the unusual relationship between Owen, a baby hippopotamus orphaned by the tsunami, and Mzee, a 130-year-old giant tortoise.
- Hatkoff, Isabella. **Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World**. Scholastic, 2007. The story of Knut, the first polar bear cub at the Berlin Zoo in more than thirty years, and the efforts of Thomas Dorflein, a zookeeper who nurtured and fed him after Knut's mother rejected him.
- Jenkins, Steve. **Almost Gone: The World's Rarest Animals**. HarperCollins, 2006. Profiles animal species around the world that have become extinct within human history, or that are at risk for extinction.
- Simon, Seymour. **Incredible Sharks**. Seastar Books, 2003. Using fabulous photos, this book examines different kinds of sharks, their physical characteristics, keen senses, and diets.
- Sis, Peter. **Train of States**. Greenwillow Books, 2004. Gives information about each state, including the capital, motto, state tree, state bird, source of name, and date of statehood.
- Tang, Gregory. **The Grapes of Math**. Scholastic, 2001. Illustrated riddles introduce strategies for solving a variety of math problems by using visual clues.
- Winter, Jeanette. **Wangari's Trees of Peace: A True Story of Africa**. Harcourt, 2008. Tells the story of Wangari Maathai, a Nobel Prize-winning environmentalist who, shocked to see entire forests being cut down in her native country of Kenya, decides to take action, beginning with the planting of nine seedlings in her own backyard.



Biography

- Grimes, Nikki. **Barack Obama : Son of Promise, Child of Hope**. Simon & Schuster, c2008. A biography of the 44th President, Barack Obama, beginning with his childhood in Hawaii to his education and achievements as an adult.
- Jurmain, Suzanne. **George Did It**. Dutton Children's Books, 2006. Looks at the life of President George Washington, providing a humorous account of how he didn't want to take on the role of president after serving in the U.S. military during the Revolutionary War.
- Kerley, Barbara. **What to Do About Alice? How Alice Roosevelt Broke the Rules, Charmed the World, and Drove Her Father Teddy Crazy!** Scholastic, 2008. This illustrated biography of Alice Roosevelt Longworth focuses on her experiences while her father served as president of the United States.
- Martin, Jacqueline Briggs. **Snowflake Bentley**. Houghton Mifflin, 1998. One hundred years ago in Vermont, farmer and scientist Wilson Bentley pioneered the art of photographing snowflakes.
- McCully, Emily Arnold. **Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor**. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. Describes inventor Margaret E. Knight's childhood, and tells the story of her invention of a paper bag maker and her legal battle for the patent after someone stole her idea.

- McCurdy, Michael. **Trapped by the Ice: Shackleton's Amazing Antarctic Adventure**. Walker, 1998. Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for months, they made the stormy sea journey to reach land.
- Rappaport, Doreen. **Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Hyperion, 2001. This 2003 Caldecott Honor Award winning picture book biography relates the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., who inspired others with his words and peaceful actions.
- Rappaport, Doreen. **Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln**. Hyperion, 2008. The life of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the U.S., from his humble beginnings and his early political career through his struggles to preserve the Union and abolish slavery.
- Shange, Ntozake. **Coretta Scott**. Amistad/Katherine Tegen Books, 2009. An illustrated biography of Coretta Scott King, describing her childhood in the segregated South, her marriage to Martin Luther King, Jr., and her civil rights work.
- St. George. **Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln**. Philomel Books, 2008. This picture book begins with the birth of Abe Lincoln and shows him as a child attending school, making friends, and working on the family farm.
- Weatherford, Carole Boston. **I, Matthew Henson : Polar Explorer**. Walker, p2008. Shares the story of Matthew Henson, an African-American man who pursued his dream to reach the North Pole along with explorer Robert Peary.



Poetry

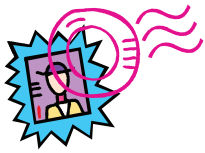
- Florian, Douglas. **Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings**. Harcourt Brace, 2009. Examines the physical characteristics and behaviors of different species of dinosaurs.
- Lansky, Bruce. **Kids Pick the Funniest Poems**. Meadowbrook Press, 1991. Funny poems about: being a kid, parents, brothers and sisters, friends, school days, disasters, monsters, strange stories, and advice.
- Lee, Dennis. **Dinosaur Dinner (With a Slice of Alligator Pie)**. Random House, 1997. Poems with a sense of humor about many different things.
- Prelutsky, Jack. **In Aunt Giraffe's Green Garden**. Greenwillow Books, 2007. A playful collection of poems about animals and geographical locations. Many of the nonsense verses feel like old nursery rhymes. They have a very catchy rhythm and are instantly memorable.
- Something Big Has Been Here**. Greenwillow Books, 1990. An illustrated collection of humorous poems on a variety of topics.
- It's Raining Pigs and Noodles**. Greenwillow Books, 2000. More of Jack Prelutsky's illustrated poems such as "You Can't Make Me Eat That."
- Silverstein, Shel. **Runny Babbit: A Billy Sook**. Harper Collins, 2005. Presents a collection of children's poetry by author, cartoonist, playwright, and poet Shel Silverstein that uses spoonerisms, the verbal game of transposing two words' first consonants.



Folktales and Fairy Tales

Choose any version of these classic tales.

- Demi. **The Empty Pot.** H. Holt, 1990. The Emperor of China honors Ping's honesty when he admits that he can't grow a certain flower seed. Chinese folktale.
- De Paola, Tomie. **Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato.** Putnam, 1992. The laziest man in all of Ireland catches a leprechaun, who offers a potato seed instead of a pot of gold for his freedom.
- Fleischman, Paul. **Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella.** Holt, 2007.
A retelling of the "Cinderella" story based on a variety of folk traditions, including elements from Mexico, Iran, Korea, Russia, Appalachia, and other countries and regions. Read any Cinderella story.
- Haley, Gail E. **A Story, A Story, an African Tale.** Atheneum, 1970. Anansi, the spider man, wins stories from the Sky God. African folktale.
- Kellogg, Steven. **Jack and the Beanstalk.** Morrow Junior Books, c1991. A boy climbs to the top of a giant beanstalk, where he uses his quick wits to outsmart a giant and make his and his mother's fortune.
- San Souci, Robert. **The Talking Eggs.** Dial Books for Young Readers, 1989. Blanche obeys the witch and gains riches while her greedy sister loses.
- Sanderson, Ruth. **Papa Gatto.** Little, Brown, 1995. A cat finds the prince a wife by testing two sisters' treatment of his kittens. Italian folktale.
- Stanley, Diane. **Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter.** HarperCollins, 1977. Rumpelstiltskin's daughter may not be able to spin straw into gold, but she is more than a match for a monarch whose greed has blighted an entire kingdom.
- Step toe, John. **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters.** Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1987. Mufaro's beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.
African folktale.
- Young, Ed. **What About Me?** Philomel, 2002. In this Sufi tale, a young boy follows the instructions of the Grand Master in the hope of gaining knowledge, only to be surprised as to how he acquires it.
- Zelinsky, Paul. **Rapunzel.** Dutton Childrens Books, 1997. A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept in a lonely tower by a sorceress.



The Pingry School Library

Short Hills Campus



2010 Summer Reading List Log

Title	Author

The Pingry Lower School Library

Presents

The Summer Reading Lists



On the Library Website

GO to:

www.pingry.org/page.cfm?p=335

OR

www.pingry.org

Click on **Academics**

Select **Libraries**

Select **Short Hills - Lower School**

Then click **Summer Reading Lists**

Select **2010 Summer Reading list by grade level**

K-1, 2-3, or 4-5