

Union East Elementary School Entering Third Grade Summer Reading List 2006



Notable Children's Books

Del Negro, Janice. **Willa and the Wind**. Illus. by Heather Solomon. Marshall Cavendish. (0-7614-5232-X).

Willa Rose Mariah McVale confronts a magical wind and outwits a thieving innkeeper, in a humorous original story inspired by a Norwegian folktale

Grey, Mini. **Traction Man Is Here!** illus. Knopf. (0-375-83191-6).

Traction Man comes equipped with combat boots, battle pants, a deep-sea diving suit and fluorescent flippers, but can he overcome the ignominy of an all-in-one knitted green romper suit with matching bonnet?

Hicks, Barbara Jean. **Jitterbug Jam: A Monster Tale**. Illus. by Alexis Deacon. Farrar. (0-374-33685-7).

Though the mixed-up monster-fears-boy theme is familiar, this charming picture book distinguishes itself with a folksy, quirky-sweet story, exquisite artwork, and an innovative design that includes comic-strip elements.

Juster, Norton. **The Hello, Goodbye Window**. Illus. by Chris Raschka. Hyperion/Michael di Capua. (0-7868-0914-0).

In a sunny portrait of familial love, a little girl talks about her experiences visiting her grandparents' house. Raschka's illustrations, which resemble the spontaneous drawings of young children, perfectly mirror the guileless young narrator's exuberant voice while creating a surprisingly sophisticated visual experience. The 2006 Caldecott Medal Book.

Kerley, Barbara. **You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World**. illus. National Geographic. (0-7922-8297-3).

Priceman, Marjorie. **Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot-Air Balloon Ride**. illus. Simon & Schuster/Anne Schwartz. (0-689-82642-7).

Energetic lines and rich watercolors animate this aerial adventure over 18th-century France, which combines spare text, dynamic design, and masterful perspective to illuminate the high jinks of three animals swept up in the winds of history. A 2006 Caldecott Honor Book.

In this companion book to *A Cool Drink of Water*, Kerley takes children on a photographic journey to meet moms, dads, and kids all around the world.

Shannon, George. **White is for Blueberry**. Illus. by Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow. (0-06-029275-X).

In an unconventional, fresh and entertaining concept book, full-color paintings offer an intriguing introduction to ten colors while stimulating a closer look at nature.

Armstrong, Alan. **Whittington**. Illus. by S.D. Schindler. Random House. (0-375-82864-8).

Armstrong's glorious barnyard fantasy seamlessly weaves together three tales: Whittington the cat's arrival on Bernie's farm; the legend of Whittington's 14th-century namesake; and one boy's struggle to learn to read. A celebration of oral and written language, friends, and the healing power of humor. A 2006 Newbery Honor Book.

Kerrin, Jessica Scott. **Martin Bridge, Ready for Takeoff!** Illus. by Joseph Kelly. Kids Can Press. (1-55337-688-9).

Martin Bridge learns about friendship and kindness as he encounters two very different school bus drivers, struggles with the death of a neighbor's pet, and reconciles with a friend as they decorate model rockets.

McKissack, Patricia C. and Onawumi Jean Moss. **Precious and the Boo Hag**. Illus. by Kyrsten Brooker. Simon & Schuster/Anne Schwartz. (0-689-85194-4).

Scary and tricky Boo Hag Pruella is right outside the window but smart and brave Precious is determined to mind her mama and not let her in.

Series

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

The amazing days of Abby Hays

Amber Brown, Ghostville Elementary, and Barkley's School For Dogs by Paula Danziger

Amelia Bedilia by Peggy Parish

Arthur Chapter Books by Stephn Krensky

The Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey

Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Cam Jansen by David A. Adler

Dragon Slayers Academy by Kate McMullan

Jenny Archer

Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park

Kids of The Polk Street School and New Kids At Polk Street School by Patricia Reilly Giff

Magic Tree house by Mary Pope Osborne

Marvin Redpost by Louis Sachar

Nate The Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

The Adventures Of The Bailey School Kids by Debbie Dadey

Sneed B. Collard III (next year's visiting author – all non-fiction titles)

Animals asleep

Animal dads

Beaks!

Butterfly count

The forest in the clouds

Leaving home

One night in the coral sea

Our wet world

This list has been put together by Colleen M. Goodwin, Union East Library Media Specialist (6/06) for you and your family to assist in fostering the love of reading and to help children maintain and build on their existing reading skills throughout the summer. Happy Reading!