



FAR HILLS
COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

2018 Summer Reading Suggestions Students Entering 3rd and 4th Grades

Appelt, Kathi. *The True Blue Scouts of the Sugar Man Swamp* (National Book Award Finalist). Humorous tale of conservation told from the alternating perspectives of animals and humans.

Applegate, Katherine. *Wishtree*. A story of friendship and prejudice narrated by an aged oak tree. Also read *The One and Only Ivan* (Newbery Medal Winner) and *Crenshaw*.

Atwater, Richard. *Mr. Popper's Penguins* (Newbery Honor Book). The hilarious tale of a house painter and his attempt to take care of 12 penguins.

Balliet, Blue. *Chasing Vermeer*, *The Wright Three*, and *The Calder Game*. Balliet weaves mystery, puzzles, and art into captivating tales full of adventure.

Banks, Lynne Reid. *The Indian in the Cupboard* series. Classic fiction tales about a magic cupboard that brings toys to life.

Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two*, *The Terrible Two Get Worse*, and *The Terrible Two Go Wild*. Humorous stories of two middle-school-aged pranksters.

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks* series. The tales of the endearing Penderwick family are reminiscent of fiction classics of the past. The first *Penderwick* book received the National Book Award in 2005.

Brown, Peter. *The Wild Robot* and *The Wild Robot Escapes*. Roz, a robot who wakes up on a remote island, realizes that she needs to adapt to her natural surroundings in order to survive.

Carman, Patrick. *Floors* series. Ten-year-old Leo Fillmore encounters zany adventures on every floor of the unusual Whippet Hotel.

Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* series, *Ramona Quimby* series, and others. Award-winning fiction classics told with both humor and warmth featuring a realistic view of childhood.

Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*, *No Talking*, *Lunch Money*, and others. Humorous and realistic fiction stories that often take place in school.



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Cowell, Cressida. *The Wizards of Once*. Cowell combines humor and action in this illustrated fantasy adventure that pits wizards against warriors. Also read *How to Train Your Dragon* series.

Dahl, Roald. *The BFG, James and the Giant Peach, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and others. Dahl's dark comedy classics often feature children triumphing over villainous adults.

Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War* series. The series begins with siblings Evan and Jessie and their lemonade stand competition. The first book touches on marketing and math, while subsequent books delve into justice, magic, and mystery.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures* (Newbery Medal Winner). Cynical Flora and her super-hero pet squirrel Ulysses fight crime. Also read *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Because of Winn-Dixie, The Magician's Elephant, The Tale of Despereaux*, and others.

Estes, Eleanor. *Ginger Pye* (Newbery Medal Winner) and *Pinky Pye*. The Pye family adventures with their dog Ginger, and their cat Pinky. Also read *The Hundred Dresses, The Moffats, The Middle Moffat*, and *Rufus M.*

Glaser, Karina Yan. *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street*. Heartwarming story of five siblings who each conceive of their own plan to try to save their family's home.

Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, Mr. Lemoncello's Library Olympics*, and *Mr. Lemoncello's Great Library Race*. Mr. Lemoncello, a famous game maker, invites specially selected students into the town's newly constructed library, where mystery and adventure ensue. Also read *The Island of Dr. Libris*.

Gutman, Dan. *The Genius Files* series. Action-packed adventure about 12-year-old twins who road trip to locations all over the United States.

Juster, Norton. *The Phantom Tollbooth*. The classic fiction tale of Milo, an extremely bored young boy, and the adventures that arise after he crosses into a magical tollbooth.

Konigsburg, E.L. *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. Claudia and her younger brother run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art where they attempt to determine the real identity of what could be a priceless work of art.

Korman, Gordon. *Swindle* series. Suspenseful adventures with 11-year-old crime solvers.

Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho* series. Hilarious stories about a second grader who is afraid of everything.



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MacDonald, Betty. *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* series. Amusing series about Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, a woman who lives in an upside down house and magically cures the bad habits of local children.

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter* series. Popular series about a young wizard and his attempts to defeat evil forces at the Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry and beyond.

Ryan, Carrie. *The Map to Everywhere* series. Fin, an orphan from Khaznot Quay, and Marrill, a girl from suburban Arizona, are on a mission, encountering adventures at every turn while traveling along the magical waters of Pirate Stream.

Seldon, George. *A Cricket in Times Square*. Fiction classic about Chester Cricket from Connecticut, adapting to his new surroundings in New York City.

Selznick, David. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* (Caldecott Medal Winner). Author-illustrator Selznick creates a unique reading experience by using both words and masterful artwork. *Hugo Cabret*, about an orphan clock keeper in Paris, combines mystery, adventure, and historical fiction. Also read *The Marvels*.

Snicket, Lemony. *A Series of Unfortunate Events* series. The humorous and suspenseful misadventures of three recently orphaned siblings.

Swanson, Matthew. *The Real McCoys*. Illustrated mystery about a fourth-grade crime fighter and her seven-year-old brother.

Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived* series. Series in which a fictional character survives a real disaster from history.

White, E.B. *Stuart Little* and *Charlotte's Web*. Classic fiction tales about the value of friendship.