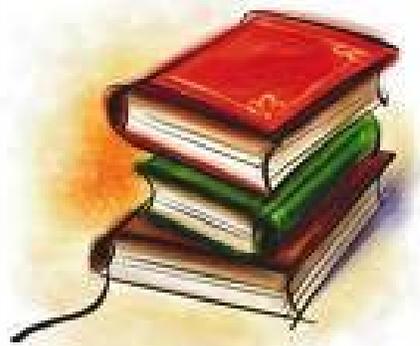


Howell Township Schools



Summer Reading List 2014

Students entering grades 3 and 4 in September 2014

*“There is more treasure in books than in
all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.”
- Walt Disney*

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New Literature

***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate.** Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better. **Lexile Level: 570 F&P Guided Reading Level: T**

***The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes.** When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant at the end of summer vacation, he ends up with a big lump on his head. What a way to start second grade, with a lump on your head! As the year goes by, though, Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more grown up and responsible member of the family and a help to his busy working mom and stay-at-home dad. Newbery Honor author and Caldecott Medalist Kevin Henkes delivers a short, satisfying, laugh-out-loud-funny school and family story that features a diorama homework assignment, a school poetry slam, cancelled sleepovers, and epic sibling temper tantrums. This is a perfect short novel for the early elementary grades. **Lexile Level: 620**

***The School is Alive!* by Jack Chabert.** Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is ALIVE! Sam finds this out on his first day as the school hall monitor. Sam must defend himself and his fellow students against the evil school! Is Sam up to the challenge? He'll find out soon enough: the class play is just around the corner. Sam teams up with friends Lucy and Antonio to stop this scary school before it's too late!

***My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish* by Mo O'Hara.** When Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk. Tom knows that there is only one thing to do: Zap the fish with a battery and bring him back to life! But there's something weird about the new Frankie. He's now a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH with hypnotic powers . . . and he's out for revenge!

***The Vanishing Coin* by Kate Egan and Mike Lane.** Fourth grade was supposed to be a fresh start, but Mike's already back in the principal's office. He's not a bad kid. He just can't sit still. And now, his parents won't let him play soccer anymore; instead he has to hang out with his new neighbor Nora, who is good at *everything!* Then, Mike and Nora discover the White Rabbit. It's an odd shop—with a special secret inside. Its owner, Mr. Zerlin, is a magician, and, amazingly, he believes Mike could be a magician, too. Has Mike finally found something he's good at?

Old Favorites

***The Borrowers* by Mary Norton.** Miniature people who live in an old country house by borrowing things from the humans are forced to emigrate from their home under the clock. **Lexile Level: 780 F&P Guided Reading Level: S**

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl.** Charlie and the chocolate factory -- Charlie and the great glass elevator. Collect Roald Dahl's two stories about Charlie Bucket and his adventures with Mr. Willy Wonka as they explore the chocolate factory and orbit the Earth in a giant glass elevator.
Lexile: 810 F&P Guided Reading Level: R

***Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume.** Blume tells the story of Andrew Marcus, a 2nd grade student who wishes he had freckles. Things get funny when a classmate promises to sell him a secret recipe for freckle juice.
Lexile Level: 370 F&P Guided Reading Level: M

***Frindle* by Andrew Clements.** Trying to aggravate a language-arts teacher, a fifth-grade boy invents a new word for pen: "frindle." Soon, the whole country is using this new word. **Lexile Level: 830 F&P Guided Reading Level: R**

***Gooney the Fabulous* by Lois Lowry.** Gooney Bird Greene has a fabulous idea after her teacher reads fables to the class. The children learn that fables are stories with animal characters that teach something important. Gooney's fabulous idea is that each student creates their own fable and tells it to the class! Everyone but Nicholas is excited about their stories and costumes. Can Gooney Bird find out why Nicholas is unhappy and get him to join in the fun? Now that would be truly fabulous!
Lexile Level: 690 F&P Guided Reading Level: N

***Hundred Dresses* by Eleanor Estes.** Wanda Petronski is an immigrant girl in an American school who is ridiculed for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. When she tells her classmates that she has one hundred dresses at home, she unwittingly triggers a game of teasing that eventually ends in a lesson for all.
Lexile Level: 870 F&P Guided Reading Level: P

***I Was a Third Grade Science Project* by Mary Jane Auch.** Josh and his best friend, Brian, buddy up for their science project. While Josh takes a passive interest in it, Brian comes up with the idea of hypnotizing his dog into thinking he's a cat... at least he thought he did. **Lexile Level: 600 F&P Guided Reading Level: N**

***Martin Bridge: Blazing Ahead!* by Jessica Scott Kerrin.** Martin's first overnight camping trip with the Junior Badgers is going to be a weekend with the works! There are badges to earn, gooey campfire treats to eat, hiking trails to explore and Alex's pranks to avoid. But when Martin finds himself on the receiving end of his friend's horror movie slime, it's payback time!
Lexile Level: 700 F&P Guided Reading Level: M

***Mr. Popper's Penguins* by Richard and Florence Atwater.** This is a story of Mr. Popper, the small-town housepainter, who dreamed of exploring Antarctic regions; and Captain Cook, the redoubtable penguin, who turned Mr. Popper's world upside down. **Lexile Level: 910 F&P Guided Reading Level: Q**

***Nasty Stinky Sneakers* by Eve Bunting.** Colin thinks he has a good chance to win a prize for his smelly shoes, which are so foul that his mom won't even let them in the house. But one day, his sneakers go mysteriously missing.
Lexile Level: 510 F&P Guided Reading Level: R

***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume.** Two is a crowd when Peter and his four-year-old brother, Fudge, are in the same room. Grown-ups think Fudge is absolutely adorable, but Peter and his pet turtle, Dribble, know the truth. Fudge is actually a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere he goes.
Lexile Level: 470 F&P Guided Reading Level: Q

***Rules* by Cynthia Lord.** Twelve-year-old Catherine just wants a normal life, which is near impossible when you have a brother with autism and a family that revolves around his disability. But the summer Catherine meets some new friends, her own shocking behavior turns everything upside down and forces her to ask: What is normal?
Lexile Level: 780 F&P Guided Reading Level: R

***Jake and Lily* by Jerry Spinelli.** Twins Jake and Lily have a very close relationship, but when they turn eleven, their parents give them separate bedrooms and Jake begins to spend time with a group of neighborhood boys. Lily is devastated as she struggles to make friends, and Jake is faced with a bully. **Lexile Level: 480 F&P Guided Reading Level: S**

***Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli.** A third grade teacher awards her best children with angel halos. George changes his attitude, expresses his thoughts, and works hard to become an angel. **Lexile Level: 390**

******How to be Cool in Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey.***** It's not easy to seem cool when the whole class knows you wear superhero underwear and your mom still kisses you goodbye at the bus stop. But Robbie York has a plan. 1) Get rid of the name Robbie. 2) Get jeans. 3) Avoid bullies like Bo Haney. If only it were that simple!
Lexile Level: 470 F&P Guided Reading Level: N *LITERACY COACHES' CHOICE FOR GRADE 3*

******White Fur Flying* by Patricia MacLachlan.***** Zoe's family rescues dogs in need. There is always the sweet smell of dog and a warm body looking to cuddle or play. There is always a new dog to be saved, and loved. Fur flies everywhere. It covers everything. Zoe's house is never silent. The house across the street is always silent these days. A new family has moved in and Phillip, the boy, has stopped speaking. He doesn't even want to try. Saving dogs and saving boys may be different jobs, but Zoe learns that some parts are the same. Both take attention and care. They

take understanding and time. And maybe just a bit of white fur flying. **Lexile Level: 450 LITERACY COACHES' CHOICE FOR GRADE 4**

Nonfiction

***Christian the Lion* by Anthony Bourke and John Rendall.** As Ace and John, two friends, are searching for holiday gifts in London, they come across a lion cub for sale in Harrods, the famous department store! Unable to bear the thought of leaving the cub, Ace and John take him home and name him Christian. After a year of fun and mischief Christian has grown up, and Ace and John realize that their pet needs to be among other lions and deserves to live free, in his natural environment. Luckily, friends help introduce Christian to the African wild.

***Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11* by Brian Floca** Here is the flight of Apollo 11. Here for a new generation of readers and explorers are the steady astronauts, clicking themselves into gloves and helmets, strapping themselves into sideways seats. Here are their great machines in all their detail and monumentality, the ROAR of rockets, and the silence of the Moon. Here is a story of adventure and discovery — a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away. **Lexile Level: 990 F&P Guided Reading Level: N**

***Dolphins in the Navy* by Meish Goldish** Dolphins have been trained by the U.S. Navy to do important and dangerous jobs. They find bombs and look for enemies. This book tells how the Navy trained and cared for both dolphins and sea lions. **Lexile Level: 940**

***Great Dane: Gentle Giant* by Stephen Person** Gibson is a therapy dog, and he was the tallest Great Dane in the Guinness Book of Records. Children will enjoy reading fun facts about the gentle and tallest dogs in the world. **Lexile Level: 920**

***She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story* by Audrey Vernik** In the early 1900s, most folks would have said, "Baseball's no place for a woman." But Effa Manley didn't listen. She bought and managed the Newark Eagles, a baseball team in the Negro National League. When she fought to have her players included in the Baseball Hall of Fame, she never dreamed that she would one day be inducted right along with them. **Lexile Level: 770**

***Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team* by Audrey Vernick.** The Acerra family (from Long Branch!) had 16 children, including 12 baseball-playing brothers. In the 1930s, the boys formed their own semiprofessional team and became the longest playing all-brother baseball team in history. **Lexile Level: 780**

***A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin* by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet.** As a child in the late 1800s, Horace Pippin loved to draw. He drew

pictures for his sisters, his classmates, his co-workers. Even during W.W.I, Horace filled his notebooks with drawings from the trenches . . . until he was shot. Upon his return home, Horace couldn't lift his right arm, and couldn't make any art. Slowly, with lots of practice, he regained use of his arm, until once again, he was able to paint--and paint, and paint! Soon, people—including the famous painter N. C. Wyeth—started noticing Horace's art, and before long, his paintings were displayed in galleries and museums across the country. **Lexile Level: 610**

***Action Jackson* by Jan Greenberg, Sandra Jordan and Andrew**

Parker. One late spring morning the American artist Jackson Pollock began work on the canvas that would ultimately come to be known as Number 1, 1950 (*Lavender Mist*). **Lexile Level: 650**

***Brick by Brick* by Charles R., Jr Smith and Floyd Cooper.** The White House was created by many hands, some of them slaves', who will be remembered throughout history for their extraordinary feat. Many slaves were able to purchase their freedom after earning money from learning a trade through this work, which speaks to their unbelievable strength.

***Master George's People: George Washington, His Slaves, and His Revolutionary Transformation* by Marfe Ferguson Delano, Lori**

Epstein and Mount Vernon As the first President of the United States of America and the Commander in Chief who led a rebel army to victory in the Revolutionary War, George Washington was a legendary leader of men. In the pages of *Master George's People*, Marfé Ferguson Delano gives us fascinating portraits of cooks, overseers, valets, farm hands, and more—essential people nearly lost in the shadows of the past—interwoven with an extraordinary examination of the conscience of the Father of Our Country. **Lexile Level: 1130**

***Moonbird: A Year on the Wind with the Great Survivor B95* by Phillip**

Hoose He wears a black band on his lower right leg and an orange flag on his upper left, bearing the laser inscription B95. Scientists call him the Moonbird because, in the course of his astoundingly long lifetime, this gritty, four-ounce marathoner has flown the distance to the moon—and halfway back! B95 is a robin-sized shorebird, a red knot of the subspecies *rufa*. Each February he joins a flock that lifts off from Tierra del Fuego, headed for breeding grounds in the Canadian Arctic, nine thousand miles away. Late in the summer, he begins the return journey. **Lexile Level: 1150**

***Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins** In his latest eye-popping work of picture book nonfiction, the Caldecott Honor-winning author-illustrator Steve Jenkins explains how for most animals, eyes are the most important source of information about the world in a biological sense.

***Built to Last* by David Macaulay** This new book—inspired by three classic, award-winning books—reveals the how and why behind some of the most fascinating and enduring structures humankind has ever created. Macaulay has revised texts based on new research, created gorgeous new drawings, in some cases wholly re-imagined

scenes from the books—bringing Castle and Cathedral to life in full-color for the very first time. The resulting illustrations add to the reader’s understanding of these buildings, capturing intriguing new perspectives and a depth of detail in structure and atmosphere.

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For more information on Fountas & Pinnell Guided Reading Levels, please visit:

http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/guidedreading/leveling_chart.htm



FAVORITE SERIES

A Diary of a Wimpy Kid Jeff Kinney
Amber Brown Series Paula Danziger
A-Z Mysteries Series Ron Roy and John
Steven Gurney
Jake Drake Series Andrew Clements

Geronimo Series Geronimo Stilton

Goosebumps Series R.L Stine
Hank the Cowdog J. Erickson
Judy Moody Series Megan McDonald
The Lemonade Series Jacqueline Davies
Magic Tree House Mary Pope Osborne
Marvin Redpost Series Louis Sachar
Big Nate Lincoln Pierce
Dragon Slayers’ Academy Kate McMullan
Mercy Watson Kate DiCamillo

The Olympian Series Rick Riordan
Ivy and Bean Annie Barrows
Ramona Quimby Series Beverly Cleary

Ricky Ricotta Dave Pilkey and Martin
Ontiveros

The Sidekicks Series D.Danko and
T.Mason

Stink Series Megan McDonald
Super Fudge Series Judy Blume

Wayside School Series L.Sachar
Who was ...? Various Authors

39 Clues Various Authors

Bad Kitty Nick Bruel

Dork Diaries Rachel Renee Russell

The Zack Files Dan Greenburg

Ballpark Mysteries David A. Kelly

FAVORITE AUTHORS

David Adler
Judy Bloom
Eve Bunting
Matt Christopher
Beverly Clearly
Andrew Clements
Doreen Cronin

Roald Dahl
Kate DiCamillo
Eleanor Estes
Dan Gutman
James Howe
George Korman
Gordon Korman

Lois Lowry
Doreen Rappaport
Louis Sachar
Jon Scieszka
Shel Silverstein
Jerry Spinelli



2014 Award Winners

Caldecott Medal:

Locomotive by Brian Floca

Caldecott Honor Books:

Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle

Journey by Aaron Becker

Mr. Wuffles! by David Wiesner

Newbery Medal:

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo

Newbery Honor Books:

Doll Bones by Holly Black

The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

One Came Home by Amy Timberlake

Paperboy by Vince Vawter



NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children & Sibert Informational Book Award:

Parrots over Puerto Rico by Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore

Sibert Informational Book Award Honors:

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin by Jen Bryant

Look Up! Bird-Watching in Your Own Backyard by Annette LeBlanc Cate

Locomotive by Brian Floca

The Mad Potter: George E. Ohr, Eccentric Genius by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan

Geisel Award

The Watermelon Seed by Greg Pizzoli

Geisel Honor Books:

Ball by Mary Sullivan
A Big Guy Took My Ball! by Mo Willems
Penny and her Marble by Kevin Henkes

Coretta Scott King Author Award

P.S. Be Eleven by Rita Williams-Garcia

Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award

Knock Knock, My Dad's Dream for Me by Bryan Collier

2014 Children's Choice Award Titles (3-4)

Adventures in Cartooning: Characters in Action! James Sturm, Andrew Arnold, and Alexi Frederick-Frost.

John Cena Michael Sandler.

Albert Is NOT Scared Eleanor May.

Long Way Away Frank Viva.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Babies, Burglars, and Other Bumps in the Night Lenore Look.

The Matchbox Diary Paul Fleischman.

Amelia Bedelia Means Business
Herman Parish.

Memoirs of a Hamster
Devin Scillian.

Amelia Bedelia Unleashed
Herman Parish.

A Moose That Says Moo Jennifer Hamburg.

Animal Control Officers to the Rescue Meish Goldish.

Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote Duncan Tonatiuh.

Bad Kitty School Daze Nick Bruel.

Poppy the Pirate Dog Liz Kessler.

Bean Dog and Nugget: The Ball
Charise Mericle Harper.

Ringtail: Miner's Cat Joyce Markovics.

Bean Dog and Nugget: The Cookie
Charise Mericle Harper.

The Rock Michael Sandler.

Bugs in My Hair! David Shannon.

Sneaky Art: Crafty Surprises to Hide in Plain Sight Marthe Jocelyn.

Cougar: A Cat With Many Names
Stephen Person.

Soldiers' Dogs Meish Goldish.

Deadly! The Truth About the Most Dangerous *Stink and the Freaky Frog Freakout*

Creatures on Earth
Nicola Davies.

Megan McDonald.

Extreme Baby Mouse Jennifer L. Holm.

Surf Dog Miracles Meish Goldish.

The Flying Beaver Brothers: Birds vs. Bunnies Maxwell Eaton

The Tree Lady: The True Story of How One Tree-Loving Woman Changed a City Forever H. Joseph Hopkins.

The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Mud-Slinging Moles Maxwell Eaton
Hope's Gift Kelly Starling Lyons.

Troy Polamalu Mari C. Schuh.

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Summer Hours

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| Monday/Wednesday | 10-9 |
| Tuesday/Thursday | 9-9 |
| Friday | 1-5 |
| Saturday (July and August) | 9-1 |

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Summer Activities

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Additional Summer Activities

Grade level activities to extend learning during the summer.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/beyondtheclassroom/summer/>

Visit www.monmouthcountylib.org for additional information on the library's summer programs.

Scholastic Summer Reading Program – Read for the World Record

www.scholastic.com/summer

Ideas for Sharing Your Reading

- ☉ *Share your summer read with your family and friends*
- ☉ *Draw a picture or write about your favorite part of the book to share with your classmates in September!*
- ☉ *Make a new cover for your book*
- ☉ *Write an advertisement to get kids “just like you” to read the book*
- ☉ *Write a letter to the author explaining why you enjoyed the story or explaining additional story ideas*

For additional information on these books and more visit:

Barnes and Noble: www.barnesandnoble.com

Scholastic: www.scholastic.com

Common Sense Media: www.common sense media.org/book-reviews

Amazon: www.amazon.com/gp/feature.html/ref=amb_link_354383582_5?ie=UTF8&plgroup=1&docId=1000628111

IRA Choices Book Lists – teachers' choices, kids' choices, young adult choices:

www.reading.org/Resources/Booklists.aspx

Outstanding Science Trade Books: www.nsta.org/publications/ostb/ostb2011.aspx

Parents' Choice Award Winners: http://www.parents-choice.org/award.cfm?thePage=books&p_code=p_boo

Want to be cool in the third grade??



Join the Howell Public Schools' Summer Reading Online Book Club - **Grade 3**

You are invited to join a summer book club with other students entering third grade all across Howell, and you never even have to leave your home!

How to participate:

1. Buy or borrow a copy of the book *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey.
2. Join our secure Edmodo online discussion group using the join URL- <https://edmo.do/j/uxwrxw>
3. Read each week and log in to Edmodo every Tuesday throughout the summer to read and respond to a new question or another student's comments.

Edmodo can be accessed through the website www.edmodo.com as well as free apps for Android, iPad, and iPhone.

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Reading Schedule- Grade 3

June 25-July 1 - Read Chapters 1-2 (pages 1-10)

- Edmodo Post #1: July 1

July 2-8 - Read Chapters 3-4 (pages 11-23)

- Edmodo Post #2: July 8

July 9-15 - Read Chapters 5-6 (pages 24-35)

- Edmodo Post #3: July 15

July 16-22 - Read Chapters 7-8 (pages 36-52)

- Edmodo Post #4: July 22

July 23-29 - Read Chapters 9-10 (pages 53-60)

- Edmodo Post #5: July 29

July 30-August 5 - Read Chapters 11-13 (pages 61-69)

- Edmodo Post #6: August 5

You can also join the group by scanning this QR code!



Do people rescue dogs or is it the other way around? Read to find out!



Join the Howell Summer Reading Online Book Club - **Grade 4**

You are invited to join a summer book club with other students entering fourth grade all across Howell, and you never even have to leave your home!

How to participate:

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Reading Schedule - grade

June 25-July 1 - Read Chapters 1-2 (pages 1-17)

- Edmodo Post #1: July 1

July 2-8 - Read Chapters 3-5 (pages 18-37)

- Edmodo Post #2: July 8

July 9-15 - Read Chapters 6-7 (pages 38-54)

- Edmodo Post #3: July 15

July 16-22 - Read Chapters 8-10 (pages 55-75)

- Edmodo Post #4: July 22

July 23-29 - Read Chapters 11-13 (pages 76-94)

- Edmodo Post #5: July 29

July 30-Aug. 5 - Read Chapters 14-16 (pages 95-112)

- Edmodo Post #6: August 5

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