

Manhattan Beach Unified School District

2009 Summer Pleasure Reading

Pleasure reading recommended by MBSUD Library Media Specialists

For Students Entering Grade 3

Picture Books

Traction Man Meets Turbodog, Mini Grey (2008)

In this sequel to **Traction Man is Here!** our hero braves the evil trash things in order to save his faithful sidekick Scrubbing Brush, who had been thrown away by the little boy's father and replaced with a battery-operated dog.

A Taste of Colored Water, Matt Faulkner (2008)

In the 1960s young cousins Lulu and Jelly, inspired by stories told by a classmate, hitch a ride into the city hoping to take a gulp of what they imagine must be some pretty special water that comes from the "colored" drinking fountain.

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude, Kevin O'Malley (2005)

Two different perspectives on a fairy tale will have kids smiling.

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek: A Tall, Thin Tale (Introducing His Forgotten Frontier Friend), Deborah Hopkinson (2008)

The year is 1816; the place, Knob Creek, Kentucky. Abe Lincoln is still a young boy trekking through the wilderness with his friend Austin. Until one day, something happens that could have drastically changed the course of history ... if it weren't for the power of friendship and bravery.

Chapter Books

Eoin Colfer's The Legend of-- Spud Murphy, Eoin Colfer (2004)

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, nine-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

The Lemonade War, Jacqueline Davies (2007)

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

Series Chapter Books

Beyond the Spiderwick Chronicles, Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black (2007, 2008)
The *Spiderwick Chronicles* moves south to Florida for new mayhem with fantastical creatures.

Clementine, Sara Pennypacker (2006-2008)
Reminiscent but more contemporary than *Romana*, eight year old Clementine gets into all kinds of predicaments that kids can relate to.

Temple of the Ruby of Fire, Geronimo Stilton (2004)
The intrepid mouse journalist and adventurer sets out on a quest to find the Ruby of Fire, a gem hidden in the depths of the Amazon jungle. Number 14 in the **Geronimo Stilton** series.

Gooney Bird Greene, Lois Lowry (2003)
A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name. Follow Gooney Bird's further adventures in **Gooney Bird and the Room Mother** (2005) and **Gooney the Fabulous** (March, 2009).

Non Fiction

Snowflake Bentley, Jacqueline Briggs Martin (1998)

This is an outstanding biography of William Bentley's fascination with snowflakes. Borrow a copy of **Snowflakes in Photographs** by W. Bentley and prepare to be amazed!

Nic Bishop Frogs, Nic Bishop (2008)
Facts about a wide variety of frogs combine with outstanding photographs so detailed that in one the animal's internal organs are visible through its transparent skin. Filled with irresistible "ewww" factor information: learn how one African bullfrog downed 17 young cobras!

The Boy on Fairfield Street: How Ted Geisel Grew Up to Become Dr. Seuss, Kathleen Krull (2004)

He was labeled a dreamer and was teased in school; he took only one art class in college and his teacher told him he would never be successful. Learn about the boy who turned his love of animals and doodling into a literary empire that revolutionized the teaching of reading.