

## Summer Reading List for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

It's tough to get kids practicing their academic skills over the summer months when all they want to do is have fun, but get them into a good book, and they won't even notice they're keeping their literacy skills sharp, they'll just be engrossed in a great adventure! Students in third grade at Patrick Henry are required to do book reports, so it is important that they practice their reading skills as well as listen to adults read to them.

Below is the recommended summer reading list for students entering third grade. We know that your child may want you to read some of these books to him/her. Reading to a child is special, and we highly recommend it. Research shows that parents are a child's first and most important teacher in their life!

### **Fiction - Chapter Books**

*\*Tonight on the Titanic, Magic Tree House Series #17*

by Mary Pope Osborne, Sal Murdocca (illus.) Reading Level 2.2

The Magic Tree House whisks Jack and Annie away to the decks of that ill-fated ship, the Titanic. There they must help two children find their way to a lifeboat -- while they are in danger of becoming victims of that tragic night themselves.

*\*Amelia Bedelia (I Can Read Book Series)*

by Peggy Parish, Fritz Siebel (illus.) RL 2.5

Meet Amelia Bedelia, the unflappable maid who does everything literally. With her purse on her arm and hat firmly on her head, Amelia Bedelia follows instructions to a T: Change the towels? Nothing a pair of scissors can't do! Dust the furniture? That's when the perfumed dusting powder really comes in handy. Dress the chicken for dinner -- well, do you want a boy chicken or a girl chicken? Amelia Bedelia's well-meaning gaffs cause readers to chuckle but her employer to fume -- it's a good thing she's such a good cook!

*\*Flat Stanley*

by Jeff Brown, Steve Bjorkman (illus.) RL 4.0

Stanley Lambchop is a nice, average boy. He leads a nice, ordinary life. Then one day a bulletin board falls on him, and suddenly Stanley is flat. This turns out to be very interesting. Stanley gets rolled up, mailed, and flown like a kite. He even gets to stop crime. He's flat, but he's a hero!

### **Early Chapter Books**

*\*Nate the Great*

by, Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great, RL ranges from 2.2 . (Mystery Series) Nate the Great, Super-detective Nate tracks down Annie's missing picture and finds a lost cat in the bargain.

## **Nonfiction**

### **\*Becoming Babe Ruth**

by, Tavares, Matt. RL 3.4 "...This exceptionally engaging chronicle recounts Ruth's amazing rags-to-riches story, from his early family troubles and placement at age seven into Saint Mary's Industrial School for Boys to his triumphant career with the New York Yankees"

## **Folk Tales**

### **\*Young Zeus**

by, Karas, G. Brian. RL 3.0 "With action-packed artwork and goofy humor, Karas imagines Zeus as a young boy and then an awkward teen before he reigned over Mount Olympus"

### **\*Tops and Bottoms**

by, Stevens, Janet. RL 3.5

Mr. Rabbit is short on money and agrees to work Bear's land while Bear sleeps. Rabbit outsmarts lazy Bear over and over.