

Friends School Haverford
2008 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 3
Shared or Family Reading List

This list suggests some books and authors for shared reading with your child. This is only the tip of a wonderful iceberg, of course; many other resources exist to help you find good read-aloud books, some of which are listed elsewhere in this packet.

Whether or not your child enjoys reading on his/her own, please take time to read aloud with your child, and to discuss the books you read together. Choose books you yourself enjoy. This is extremely important – it will expand your child’s vocabulary, whet his/her appetite for more difficult books, and model the joy of reading and sharing literature.

Abbott, Tony	<i>The Secrets of Droon</i> series
Adler, David	<i>Picture Book</i> biography series
Aiken, Joan	<i>The Moon's Revenge</i>
Alexander, Lloyd	<i>The Fortunetellers; The Town Cats and Other Tales</i>
Barefoot Books (Publisher)	<i>The Barefoot Book of Pirates; ...of Heroic Children; ...of Tropical Tales; etc.</i>
Base, Graeme	<i>The Sign of the Seahorse; The Eleventh Hour</i>
Bellairs, John	<i>The House With a Clock in Its Walls</i>
Berman, Len	<i>And Nobody Got Hurt! The World's Weirdest, Wackiest True Sports Stories</i>
Blume, Judy	<i>Freckle Juice; The One in the Middle is the Green Kangaroo</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>Paddington</i> series
Boulton, Jane	<i>Only Opal: The Diary of a Young Girl</i>
Brown, Jeff	<i>Invisible Stanley</i>
Bulla, Clyde	<i>The Sword in the Tree; Singing Sam</i>
Cameron, Ann	<i>The Stories Julian Tells</i>
Catling, Patrick	<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>
Child, Lauren	<i>Charlie and Lola</i> series; <i>Clarice Bean</i> series
Christopher, Matt	<i>Baseball Flyhawk</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona</i> series; <i>Henry Huggins</i> series
Cole, Joanna	<i>Ms. Frizzle's Adventures</i> series
Colfer, Eoin	<i>Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth</i>
Coombs, Patricia	<i>Dorrie</i> series
Dadey, Debbie	<i>Bailey Street School</i> series
Dahl, Roald	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox; The Twits; The BFG</i>
D'Aulaire, Ingri	<i>Norse Gods and Giants; Book of Greek Myths</i>
DeAngeli, Marguerite	<i>Jared's Island; Skippack School; Thee, Hannah</i>
De Paola, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> series
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson</i> series
Dorling Kindersley (publisher)	<i>Eyewitness Books</i> series

Dunrea, Olivier	<i>Hanna's Quest</i>
Eager, Edward	<i>Half Magic; Knight's Castle</i>
Erickson, Russell	<i>A Toad for Tuesday</i> series
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Hundred Dresses; The Moffats</i>
Farley, Walter	<i>The Black Stallion</i> series
Feiffer, Jules	<i>A Room with a Zoo</i>
Fitzhugh, Louise	<i>Harriet the Spy</i>
Fleischmann, Sid	<i>McBroom</i> series
Friedman, Ina	<i>How My Parents Learned to Eat</i>
Gardiner, John	<i>Stone Fox</i>
(various unattributed authors)	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i> series
Giovanni, Nikki	<i>Spin a Soft Black Song</i> (poems)
Goble, Paul	<i>Love Flute; Buffalo Woman</i>
Greenburg, Dan	<i>The Zack Files</i> series
Hale, Bruce	<i>Chet Gecko</i> series
Hamilton, Virginia	<i>The People Could Fly</i>
Heide, Florence Parry	<i>The Shrinking of Treehorn</i>
Henry, Marguerite	<i>Misty of Chincoteague</i>
Hopkinson, Deborah	<i>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</i>
Howe, James	<i>Bunnacula</i> series
Hurwitz, Johanna	<i>Aldo Applesauce; Busybody Nora; The Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein</i>
Impey, Rose	<i>The Flat Man; Scare Yourself to Sleep</i>
Jansson, Tove	<i>Finn Family Moomintroll</i>
Jenkins, Emily	<i>Toys Go Out</i>
Johnson, Dolores	<i>Now Let Me Fly</i>
Jukes, Mavis	<i>Nobody is Going to Nashville</i>
Katz, Alan	<i>Take Me out of the Bathtub and Other Silly Dilly Songs</i>
Keller, Holly	<i>Do unto Otters: a Book about Manners</i>
Kellogg, Steven	<i>Pinkerton</i> series; <i>The Christmas Witch</i>
Kimmel, Eric A.	<i>The Three Princes: a Tale from the Middle East</i>
Kloske, Geoffrey	<i>Once upon a Time, the End</i>
LaMarche, Jim	<i>Up</i>
Lang, Andrew	<i>The Blue Fairy Book</i>
Leaf, Margaret	<i>Eyes of the Dragon</i>
Le Guin, Ursula K.	<i>Catwings</i> series
Levine, Ellen	<i>Henry's Freedom Box</i>
Levine, Gail Carson	<i>The Princess Tales</i> series
Levy, Elizabeth	<i>Dracula is a Pain in the Neck; Something Queer</i> mystery series
Lewis, C. S.	<i>Chronicles of Narnia</i> series
Lindgren, Astrid	<i>Pippi Longstocking</i> series
Lobel, Arnold	<i>Fables; Pigericks</i>
Look, Lenore	<i>Ruby Lu, Brave and True</i>

Lovelace, Maud	<i>Betsy-Tacy</i>
Lowry, Lois	<i>Gooney Bird Greene</i>
MacDonald, Betty	<i>Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle</i> series
MacGregor, Ellen	<i>Miss Pickerell</i> series
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>
Martin, Ann	<i>Babysitters Club</i> series
Mathis, Sharon	<i>The Hundred Penny Box</i>
Marzollo, Jean	<i>I Spy; Red Ribbon Rosie</i>
McCully, Emily	<i>The Escape of Oney Judge</i>
McDermott, Gerald	<i>Anansi the Spider; Arrow to the Sun</i>
McKissack, Patricia	<i>Mirandy and Brother Wind; Goin' Someplace Special</i>
McLeod, Bob	<i>Superhero ABC</i>
McMullan, K.H.	<i>Dragon Slayers' Academy</i> series
Nesbit, E.	<i>Five Children and It</i>
Norton, Mary	<i>Bed Knob and Broomstick; The Borrowers</i>
O'Malley, Kevin	<i>Once upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude</i>
Orr, Wendy	<i>Nim's Island</i>
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>The Magic Tree House</i> series
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones</i> series
Peet, Bill	<i>The Wump World</i>
Pennypacker, Sara	<i>Clementine</i>
Peterson, John	<i>The Littles</i> series
Pinkney, Jerry	<i>Aesop's Fables</i>
Pinkwater, Daniel	<i>Fat Men from Space; Lizard Music</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>New Kid on the Block</i> (poems); <i>The Dragons are Singing Tonight</i> (poems)
Prior, Natalie	<i>Lily Quench</i> series
Pyle, Howard	<i>The Wonder Clock</i>
(Collections)	<i>Random House Book of Poetry... of Humor ...of Sports Stories</i>
Rex, Adam	<i>Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich</i>
Richler, Mordecai	<i>Jacob Two-two Meets the Hooded Fang</i>
Rockwell, Thomas	<i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i>
Ross, Pat	<i>M and M</i> series
Rowling, J.K.	<i>Harry Potter</i> series
Roy, Ron	<i>A-Z Mystery</i> series
Rylant, Cynthia	<i>Cobble Street Cousins</i> series; <i>Gooseberry Park</i>
Sachar, Louis	<i>Wayside School</i> series; <i>Marvin Redpost</i> series
San Souci, Robert	<i>Sukey and the Mermaid; The Talking Eggs; The Faithful Friend</i>
Schwartz, Alvin	<i>In a Dark, Dark Room</i>
Schwartz, Howard	<i>The Diamond Tree: Jewish Tales from around the World</i>
Seidler, Tor	<i>The Wainscott Weasel</i>

Selden, George	<i>The Cricket in Times Square</i> series
Seuss, Dr.	<i>Bartholomew and the Oobleck; The Lorax</i>
Sharp, Margery	<i>The Rescuers; Miss Bianca</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> (poems)
(collection)	<i>Sing a Song of Popcorn</i> (poems)
Smith, Janice Lee	<i>The Kid Next Door and Other Headaches</i>
Sobol, Donald	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> series
Stanley, Diane	<i>Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter; Shaka, King of the Zulus</i>
Steig, William	<i>Amos and Boris; Abel's Island; Dominic</i>
Stephoe, John	<i>Stevie; Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>
Taylor, Sidney	<i>All-of-a-kind Family</i> series
Thurber, James	<i>Many Moons; The Thirteen Clocks</i>
Tolkein, J. R. R.	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Tripp, Wallace	<i>A Great Big Ugly Man Came Up and Tied His Horse to Me</i>
Trivizas, Eugene	<i>The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig</i>
Van Allsburg, Chris	<i>Jumanji; Probuditi; The Widow's Broom</i>
Warner, Gertrude	<i>The Boxcar Children</i> series
Wesley, Valerie	<i>Willimena Rules</i> series
White, E. B.	<i>Charlotte's Web; Stuart Little</i>
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	<i>Little House</i> series
Winthrop, Elizabeth	<i>The Castle in the Attic</i>
Yarbrough, Camille	<i>Cornrows</i>
Yolen, Jane	<i>Commander Toad</i> series
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>The Small Potatoes Club</i> series

Fairy Tales - Andersen, Grimm, Perrault, African, Russian, Arabian Nights, etc.
 Legends - Paul Bunyan, John Henry, Robin Hood, etc.
 Myths - Greek, Roman, Norse, Egyptian, etc.

Many children love magazines such as Ask, Spider, Muse, National Geographic World, Odyssey, and Sports Illustrated for Kids; and harder articles can make excellent material for reading aloud.

The report of the Commission on Reading, Becoming a Nation of Readers, states, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."