

**Saint Bartholomew School
Summer Reading List 2009
Grade Three**

Dear Third Grader:

The public library, bookstores, and the personal libraries of friends and family are perfect spots to find new and interesting books. Here are some suggestions to get you started, but feel free to read books that are not on this list. If you find a book that you really like, tell me and I will put it on our list for next year. You must read at least **four books**, please try to read books from different categories. List your choices on this form or use the graph that is attached. The list or graph should be returned to class during the first week of school. We will discuss the books during library.

Transform your summer, read!

Mrs. Davison

Fiction _____

Poetry & Bible Stories _____

Fantasy, Folk & Fairy Tales _____

Biography _____

Nature & Science _____

Historical Fact & Fiction _____

A book that should be added to our summer reading list: _____

Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

**St. Bartholomew School
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FICTION

Blume, Judy*

Superfudge

Peter describes the highs and lows of life with a younger brother named Fudge.

Bowen, Fred

T. J.'s Secret Pitch

In his determination to pitch for his neighborhood baseball team, twelve-year-old T.J. adopts the unorthodox style of the legendary Flip Sewell.

Briggs, Anita

Hobart

Hobart is no ordinary pig. He is a hopeful pig and he has a dream. Hobart wants to tap dance.

Brown, Marc*

Arthur's Mystery Envelope (series)

The Principal asks Arthur to take home an envelope marked CONFIDENTIAL, his friends want to know what's inside. Will Arthur face the consequences or pretend to lose the envelope?

Bulla, Clyde*

Daniel's Duck

Young Daniel carves an unusual beautiful duck for the town craft show.

Catling, Patrick

The Chocolate Touch

Everything John Midas touches turns to chocolate.

Christopher, Matt*

Challenge at Second Base

This author is known for his interesting sport stories.

Cleary, Beverly*

Ramona's World

The newest adventures of nine year old Ramona.

Clements, Andrew

Frindle

Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves out of his control.

Clifford, Eth *

Help! I'm a Prisoner in the Library

Two girls spend an adventurous night in the library during a terrible blizzard.

Conford, Ellen *

What's Cooking Jenny Archer?

Jenny decided to go into the catering business when she gets fed up with school lunches.

Crilly, Mark*

Akiko on the Planet Smoo

First of 5 books about the adventures of 4th grader Akiko, where she meets her team: Spuckler Boach, Gax, Poog, and Pr. Beeba to find a prince and become a leader.

Dadey, Debbie*

Bailey School Kids: Dragons Don't Throw Snowballs

There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City. But could the town's mad scientist really turn his snow sculpture into a living, breathing dragon? The Bailey School Kids are going to find out!

Dalglish, Alice

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain

There are no bears on Hemlock Mountain or so young Jonathan has been told.

Danziger, Paula*

Amber Brown Sees Red (Series)

Amber and her friends are in trouble when skunks invade the school.

Duffey, Betsy

How to be Cool In Third Grade

Robbie York decides that the way to survive third grade is to be "Cool."

Estes, Eleanor

The Hundred Dresses

Wanda Petronski is a poor, motherless child who is teased by other children about the clothes she wears,

When Wanda announces "I have 100 dresses, all lined up" she causes quite a stir, and her classmates learn a valuable lesson.

Hale, Bruce*

Trouble is my Beeswax

When a cheating ring is discovered at Emerson Hickey Elem. Chet and his mockingbird partner, Natalie Attired, take on the case as a matter of honor. Especially when Chet's friend, Shirley Chameleon, is fingered as the ringleader!

Hiller, B.B.

Rent a Third Grader

Third grade students earn money to save a beloved horse.

Hinter, Parker

Clue Jr. Series

Any title in this popular series is good.

Hurwitz, Hoban *

Adventures of Ali Baba Bernstein

Once David changed his name, exciting things happen.

Kehret, Peg

The Richest Kids in Town

The familiar but funny story of a lonely, new kid and how he settles into his new home.

Lowry, Lois

Gooney Bird Greene

From the moment Gooney Bird Greene arrives at Watertown Elementary School, her fellow 2nd graders are intrigued by her unique sense of style and her unusual lunches. So when story time arrives, the choice is unanimous: they all want to hear about Gooney Bird Greene!

Madonna

The English Roses (Series)

This story is about four girls that are jealous of another girl because she is “beautiful, smart, always kind to people, and special.” Find out how they overcome their jealousy!

MacDonald, Betty

The Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle Treasury

Children love Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle for her upside-down house, her delicious cookies, and her ability to understand how they feel.

Marsden, Carolyn

The Gold-Threaded Dress

Oy is from Thailand, when she moves to America her teacher renames her Olivia. She has a difficult time fitting in until a popular girl offers to let her into her club if she brings her Thai dancing dress to school. Oy knows that would be a betrayal of her family’s traditions, but she wants so much to belong.

Mazer, Anne*

Amazing Days of Abby Hayes

Abby Hayes looks for a way to shine in her family of superstars. Told through prose, journal entries, and line drawings, the story follows Abby as she tries to make her mark in soccer, though she has little natural talent or inclination. Meanwhile, she is oblivious to her true calling--writing--until a piece she writes on soccer is printed in the local newspaper.

McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody (Series)

Bad moods, good moods, even back-to-school moods—Judy Moody has them all! When her teacher assigns the class the task of creating “Me” collages, it puts Judy in a cut-and-paste mood!

McGuire, Leslie

The Terrible Truth About Third Grade

Poor Babette! She doesn’t always tell the truth. First, her name isn’t really Babette, it’s Jane, and her mother isn’t a famous movie star, and her father never shot elephants in the jungle, either. Can Ms. Sims, Babette’s teacher, help her tell the truth?

Morgenstern, Susie

Princesses Are People, Too

Princess Yona is lonely and bored. Princess Emma is lonely too. Find out how they change their lives to be more like us!

Osborne, Mary Pope

Magic Tree House (series)

This is the most popular series in the library. Wonderful adventure stories.

Paterson, Katherine

The King’s Equal

A dying king makes his son his heir—on one condition. Vain Prince Raphael must marry a woman who is his equal in beauty, intelligence, and wealth.

Peterson, John

The Littles Have a Wedding (series)

Cousin Dinky is getting married! And Tom and Lucy want to give a special gift.

Polacco, Patricia

Mrs. Katz and Tush

Larnel doesn’t know his neighbor Mrs. Katz very well until he asks her to adopt an abandoned kitten. Mrs. Katz agrees, on one condition: that Larnel help her take care of the kitten she names Tush.

Robinson, Barbara

The Best School Year Ever

A year-long assignment for ten-year-old Beth's class, entitled "Compliments For Classmates", links Beth with a humorous but unruly partner, Imogene Herdman.

Scieszka, Jon

Squids Will be Squids

Humorous stories.

Scieszka, Jon

Time Warp Trio: Summer Reading is Killing Me!

The trio find themselves in Hoboken with a 266-pound chicken, Peter Rabbit, the Headless Horseman, and more characters from their reading list. Can they get everyone back in their own book?

Smith, Robert

Chocolate Fever

Henry breaks out in strange brown bumps. The doctors diagnosed him with a case of Chocolate Fever.

Springer, Nancy

Rowan Hood: Outlaw Girl of Sherwood Forest

Rosemary has nowhere to go when her mother dies. She has never met her father—Robin Hood. So she changes her name to Rowan, disguises herself as a boy, and searches Sherwood Forest for her father.

Stanley, George*

Third Grade Detectives: The Cobweb Confession

Todd has to give up his room for a visitor, then his baseball card collection is stolen. Now Mr. Merlin says the class is going to be studying spiders. Todd hates spiders. What else can go wrong?

Velde, Vivian Vande

Witch's Wishes

While trick-or-treating, six-year-old Sarah and her obnoxious older brother encounter a befuddled old witch struggling to get out of a grocery store dumpster. The kind girl lends a hand, prompting the witch to grant Sarah's costume wand magical powers for the night. Of course, things turn out badly, and before the evening is over everyone in the world has a puppy. The witch tries to undo all the damage, but it takes her several hilarious reruns of the night before she gets things right.

White, E.B.

Charlotte's Web

Although it is set in a barnyard, this is a classic tale of friendship and cooperation.

Wojciechowski, Susan

Beany and the Dreaded Wedding

When Beany's cousin Amy asks her to be the flower girl *and* the ring bearer in her wedding, Beany has plenty of new reasons for losing sleep. What if she hates her dress? Worst of all—what if she loses the bride and groom's rings?

POETRY & BIBLE STORIES

Dahl, Rahl*

Revolt Rhymes

Favorite fairy tales and rhymes, told like you've never heard them before!

De Paola, Tomie

Book of Bible Stories

This collection of Bible stories includes passages from the story of creation, the birth of Jesus, and the appearance of the Holy Spirit.

Lansky, Bruce

Poetry Party

A collection of humorous poems.

Rosen, Michael

All Eyes on the Pond

This book invites readers to experience the pond from the eyes of all the creatures that live nearby.

Silverstein, Shel

Falling Up

This zany verse is fun to read.

Singer, Saul

Turtle in July

Enjoy poems of the season, and award winning illustrations.

Thayer, Ernest Lawrence

Casey At The Bat

A Caldecott Honor Book copiously and faithfully illustrated by Christopher Bing.

FANTASY, FOLK AND FAIRY TALES

Bryan, Ashley

The Story of Lightning and Thunder

A wonderful re-telling of a West African folk-tale.

Driscoll, Laura

Beck and the Great Berry Battle

Disney's fairies are back. Beck is the best animal-talent fairy in Pixie Hollow. Twitter the hummingbird tells her that war has broken out between the hummingbirds and the chipmunks. It's up to Beck to bring peace back to Pixie Hollow.

Emberly, Barbara

The Story of Paul Bunyan

Paul can squeeze water out of a boulder and drive stump into the ground with his fists. Read about the adventures of an American tall tale hero.

Goble, Paul

Her Seven Brothers

Read the Cheyenne story of the creation of the Big Dipper.

Griffin, Adele*

Witch Twins and the Ghost of Glenn Bly

Claire and Luna are twin witches who travel to Scotland with their five-star-witch grandmother, Grandy. The three witches are on a mission: to rid Glenn Bly castle of the terrifying ghost that haunts it.

Grimm

Gnome

The Earth Gnome helps a young man find one of three lost daughters.

Hooks, William

Moss Gown

Enjoy an antebellum version of Cinderella.

Huck, Charlotte

Toads and Diamonds

Two step-sisters receive appropriate gifts for their words.

Larsen, Kirsten

Lily's Pesky Plant (series, different authors)

Disney's Fairies series is very popular! Lily has a talent for making things grow. A mysterious seedling turns into an ugly, stinky plant that makes everyone in Pixie Hollow sneeze! Will Lily pull the pesky plant?

Levine, Gail

Ella Enchanted

In this novel, Ella struggles to overcome the childhood curse that causes her to follow any order that is given to her.

Levine, Gail*

The Princess Tales: The Princess Test (series)

A modern twist to all those classic princess tales! Great series.

San Souci, Robert

Cut From the Same Cloth

A collection of folk tales from the New World that feature strong female characters.

Scieszka, Jon

The Time Warp Trio: See You Later, Gladiator (Series)

Does the Time Warp Trio have the moves to fake their way through gladiator school, fight a match at the Colosseum, and race through the golden streets of imperial Rome until they find *The Book* and get safely back home?

Yep, Laurence

The Khan's Daughter

A simple shepherd must pass three tests before he can marry the Khan's daughter.

Zelinsky, Paul

Rapunzel

Read about a beautiful girl who is imprisoned in a tower.

BIOGRAPHY

Adler, David*

Thomas Jefferson

A good picture of Jefferson's early life as well as his achievements.

Coerr, Eleanor

Jane Goodall

The story of a remarkable woman who loved wildlife as a child and went on to study chimpanzees in Africa.

Daly, Wendy **Tara and Michelle**
 Biographies of Tara Lipinski and Michelle Kwan, Olympic ice skaters.

Depaola, Tomie **26 Fairmont Avenue**
 The life of Tomie Depaola told in the voice of the child Tomie.

Gutman, Dan **Jackie and Me (Series)**
 Joe has to write a report on an African American who's made an important contribution to society. With the help of old baseball cards, Joe can travel back in time. Joe decides to meet Jackie Robinson to find out what it was like to be the man who broke baseball's color barrier. Good sports series.

Lester, Helen **Author: A True Story**
 Children's author Helen Lester describes her childhood and how she became a professional author.

Martin, Jacqueline **Snowflake Bentley**
 Biography of a scientist who photographed and studied snowflakes.

Tobias, Tobi **Maria Tallchief**
 Maria, daughter of an Osage Indian, became one of America's finest ballerinas.

NATURE AND SCIENCE

Branley, Franklyn* **What Makes a Magnet?**
 Describes how magnets work and includes instructions for making magnets and a compass.

Buck, M.W. **Along the Seashore**
 A complete and carefully illustrated book of life along the seashore.

Clement, Rod **Counting on Frank**
 A boy and his dog present amusing counting, size, and other math fact problem-solving situations.

Gans, Roma **Danger – Icebergs!**
 Explains how icebergs are formed from glaciers, move into the ocean, create hazards to shipping and sometimes melt away.

Gibbons, Gail* **Deserts**
 An introduction to the characteristics of deserts and the plants and animals that inhabit them.

Grosvenor, Donna **The Wild Ponies of Assateague Island**
 Learn about the free life of the wild ponies on their own beautiful island.

Lerner, Carol* **Backyard Birds of Summer**
 Describes migrating birds that come to nest and includes suggestions for attracting them to your yard.

McNulty, Faith **How to Dig a Hole to the Other Side of the World**
 A child takes an imaginary 8,000-mile journey through the inside of the earth.

Rylant, Cynthia **The Whales**
 Poetically describes the wonderful world of whales.

Scieszka, Jon **Science Verse**
 The creators of Math Curse are back mixing Science and Poetry into so much fun!

Simon, Seymour **Pets in a Jar**
 How to collect and care, for insects and other small creatures.

Wells, Robert **How Do You Lift a Lion?**
 Simple instructions about how lever, pulleys, and wheels help when one has to move heavy objects.

Wood, Jenny **Icebergs: Titans of the Oceans**
 Text and pictures explain the development and movement of icebergs, as well as life on these icy masses.

HISTORICAL FACT AND FICTION

Allen, Judy

Panda

On a scientific expedition to China, young Jake sees a panda face to face. Enjoy the story and beautiful illustrations.

Anderson, Joan

A Williamsburg Household

Pictures and text show what it might have been like to be a slave.

Bourne, Miriam Ann

Children of Mount Vernon

What was life at Mount Vernon like when George Washington lived there?

Bulla, Clyde*

Charlie's House

Charlie leaves England to become an indentured servant in the American colonies.

Cole, Joanna

Ms. Frizzle's Adventures in Ancient Egypt

With Ms. Frizzle as their guide, young readers will be eager to discover the enchanting world of ancient Egypt.

Dalgliesh, Alice

The Courage of Sarah Noble

An eight-year-old girl lives in the forest while her father builds the family a house.

Deutsch, Stacia*

Blast to the Past: King's Courage (series)

Abigail and her friends travel back in time to meet Martin L. King.

Fritz, Jean*

George Washington's Breakfast

A boy the same name and birthday as George Washington wants to know everything our first president had for breakfast. Unfortunately, he has a hard time finding out what George Washington ate for breakfast!

Gauche, Patricia Lee

This Time, Tempe Wick?

Tempe, a colonial girl, shows her quick wit when soldiers try to steal her horse.

Goble, Paul*

The Death of the Iron Horse

Powerful words and pictures tell the true story of August 7, 1867, and how the "Iron Horse" was derailed by Native Americans.

Joose, Barbara

Lewis & Papa Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail

A father and son travel together and Lewis learns that being a man is more than muscles and strength, and Papa learns that being tender is sometimes the most courageous act of all.

McCully, Emily Arnold

The Battle for St. Michales

In the War of 1812, the small ship-building town of St. Michaels on the Maryland coast is expecting a British attack. When the British fleet is sighted, the townsfolk evacuate.

Rappaport, Doreen

The Boston Coffee Party

During the Revolutionary War, times are hard in colonial Boston. Greedy Merchant Thomas is Overcharging for sugar and coffee! Young Sarah Homans wants to teach him a lesson.

St. George

So You Want to be President?

Fun qualifications and characteristics of US Presidents.

Weiss, Ellen*

Hitty's Travels: Ellis Island Days

Hitty, who has been sitting for six months in an antique store in New York City, is purchased by a wealthy man for his spoiled daughter. Louisa thinks Hitty is ugly and useless and won't play with her. However, to spite her friend who wants to play with her new toy, she takes the doll on the family's trip to Italy, where Hitty is lost in Naples and found by a man who gives her to his niece, who loves her. When Fiorella and her family leave for the United States, she takes the doll with her.

* You may enjoy reading other books written by authors whose names are marked with an asterisk