

## Summer Reading Fun

The following list was created by 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Jefferson Academy.

**11 Birthdays** by Wendy Mass, 267 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

This story is about a sweet girl whose birthdays in the past have been wonderful. Now is her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday and there is a huge problem. Will she survive her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday? (Delona)

**Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls Moving Day** by Meg Cabot, 228 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Allie Finkle is moving with her family but she doesn't want to. It is upsetting her list of rules. Whenever she goes to see her new house she meets a new neighbor. Will Allie enjoy her new House? Will she become friends with her new neighbor? This is one is a series of books about Allie and her rules. (Whitney)

**Among the Betrayed** by Margaret Patterson Haddix, 156 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: Nina Callas is a forbidden 3<sup>rd</sup> child. She is in prison but she soon discovers the population police want to use her to betray other 3<sup>rd</sup> children. Will Nina work for the population police or can she save herself and the others? (Jade)

**Among the Enemy** by Margaret Patterson Haddix, 214 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: 13 year old Mathis is struggling to keep his friend and family alive. When Percy and Alia, Mathis best friends, are on the verge of death Mathis joins the enemy. Percy and Alia become confused. Will Percy and Alia be okay? Will Mathis come to his senses? Find out "Among the Enemy". (Destinee)

**Among the Hidden** by Margaret Peterson, 153 pg, **Genre:** Mystery

Summary: Do you want to be a third child? Luke is a third child so he must stay hidden. One day Luke sees a girl. His curiosity drew him to her house. Will he get caught? Or will he remain hidden? This is life or death for Luke! (Kayla, Nou, Adara, Kayla, Sydney, and Gracie)

**The Bad Beginning** by Lemony Snicket, 150 pg, **Genre:** Mystery

Summary: 3 young children go to live with a distant family member after their parents die. Will these children survive with this mean, uncaring uncle. (Ethan)

**Benito Mussolini** by Brenda Haugen, 95 pg, **Genre:** Biography

Summary: This is the story of Benito's life from his childhood until he became a dictator of Italy. (Drake)

**The Birchbark House** by Louise Erdrich, 244 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: This is a story about an Indian girl and her family. They must fight to survive "the White man's power". Read this book and find out why.

**Black Stallion and Satan** by Walter Farley, 185 pg, **Genre:** Animals (Horses)

Summary: Alec and his horse Satan participate in horse racing. Satan is the son of The Black. After a long absence The Black is returned to Alec. Now he must decide whether to find out who is faster the father or the son. (Katelyn)

***Black Storm A Comin'*** by Diane Lee Wilson, 291 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction (Pony Express)

Summary: 13 year Colton Westcott is traveling west with his family when they are abandoned by his father. Will Colton survive? Can he fill his father's shoes and continue leading his family west? (Grace)

***A Boy No More*** by Harry Mazer, 126 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: Adam lives with his family in Hawaii. While fishing he hears fighter planes overhead. What do you think happens next. How will this event change Adam's life? (Brady)

***Catch That Pass*** by Matt Christopher, 110 pg, **Genre:** Sports

Summary: Jim is scared of getting tackled in football. Will Jim overcome his fear or will he choke under the pressure? This is just one of many sports books by Matt Christopher.

***Chains*** by Laurie Halse Anderson, 316 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction (Revolutionary War)

Summary: Isabel is a 13 year old slave girl, who has been promised freedom. Read how she becomes a spy for the Colonial Army. Will spying help her to earn FREEDOM? This is a story of intrigue and will make you want to keep turning each page. I can't wait for the sequel which is due to be published this summer. This book is a delightful way to learn about the history of our country. (Mrs. Stem)

***Children of the Lamp: The Akhenaten Adventure*** by P. B. Kerr, 354 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy/Adventure

Summary: As the first in its series, this book combines humor and djinn (genie) mythology to create page turning thrills. See how they defeat an awakened mummy in this thrilling book. (Alana, Olivia P, David)

***City of Ember*** by Jeanne Duprau, 270 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: This book is about people who live underground. The lights are about to go out forever. A small girl, Lina, and her friend find a way to sunlight. Read to find how they escaped. (Larissa, Mason, Shelby, Sidney B., Caleb, Christian)

***Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam*** by Cynthia Kadohata, 308 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: Willie is a 17 year old boy with a really cool dog, Cracker. Cracker used to be a show dog, but now he's in the Vietnam War. Find out why Cracker is the best dog in Vietnam. Once you start reading "Cracker" you can't stop until you are done. This is a page turner. (Jacob M.)

***Crispin Cross of Lead*** by Avi, 262 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction/Adventure

Summary: Crispin is a young boy who loses his mom. He also thought his dad was dead until he becomes involved in trying to save his own life. Who is his father? After reading this story you won't want to miss the sequel. (Dawson, Bryce)

***Crispin: At the Edge of the World*** by Avi, 231 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: In this sequel to "Crispin: Cross of Lead", Crispin and Bear now have freedom Will their freedom last? (Kristen)

***Daniel's Story*** by Carol Matas, 136 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: Daniel is a Jewish boy living in a concentration camp. He sees lots of terrible atrocities. What will happen to Daniel? (Kianna)

***Diary of a Wimpy Kid*** by Jeff Kinney, 216 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Gregory is the main character in this story. He gets the Cheeze touch. Read to find out what happens to Greg. (Tyler)

***The Doom Machine*** by Mark Teague, 376 pg, **Genre:** Science Fiction

Summary: Jack is abducted by huge spider like aliens and taken to their planet Skreepia. However upon arriving, they find Skreepia in a state of civil war. Will Jack be able to escape? (Ian)

***Eggs*** by Jerry Spinelli, 220 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: 9 year old David and 15 year old Primrose meet on an egg hunt. They soon become friends. They travel the train tracks into the woods. Will they find their way out?

***Escaping the Giant Wave*** by Peg Kehret, 168 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: While on vacation with his family in Oregon, Kyle is left to baby sit his sister. A tsunami hits the coast. Will Kyle be able to save himself and his sister? (Cariss)

***Esperanza Rising*** by Pam Munoz Ryan, 262 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: This book is about a 15 year old girl who life goes from riches to rags. She move from Mexico to the U.S. with her mother and abuelita (grandmother). She is forced to live in a labor camp. Can she survive the fate that awaits her? (Mary)

***Fever 1793*** by Laurie Halse Anderson, 239 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: Mattie Cook helps her family with their coffee house business. A deadly disease runs through their town. Does she survive? Does her family survive? (Bre, Sara D.)

***Football Genius*** by Tim Green, 244 pg, **Genre:** Sports

Summary: Ty's brother is recruited out of college to play with the New York Jets. Uncle Gus uses Ty to try and get his brother's Super Bowl ring. Will he succeed read "Football Genius" and find out.

***Found*** by Margaret Peterson, 314 pg, **Genre:** Scientific Fiction

Summary: Alex and Chip are 14 year old boys who find out they are from a different time. Their adventure involves a disappearing plane. This book is a page turner. There is also a sequel to this book. (Chiara)

***Frindle*** by Andrew Clement, 105 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

A 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy renames a pen, frindle. Other people begin to follow his lead and soon even the meanest 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher begins to join in. See what happens next. (Alexya)

***Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*** by Sharon Creech, 141 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Rosie and her friend Bailey go through love and hate. Will their friendship last? Will it ever be the same? If you like good books, you'll love "Granny Torrelli Makes Soup"! (Daisy)

***The Great Gilly Hopkins*** by Katherine Paterson, 178 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Gilly has just moved into a new foster home. She can't stand Mrs. Trotter or her new teacher. Gilly is smart but can she outsmart Mrs. Trotter and her teacher? (Lilli)

***Hatchet*** by Gary Paulsen, 194 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: 13 year old Brian is left to survive in the Alaskan wilderness after his plane crashes. Will he be able to withstand the fierce mosquitoes, hunger and harsh climate? (A. J.)

***Heat*** by Mike Lupica, 213 pg, **Genre:** Sports

Summary: A boy who loves baseball lives alone with his 17 year old brother. If social services find out they could be in some major trouble. Will he be able to live his dream and play in the Little League championship? (Kayne)

***The Invention of Hugo Cabret*** by Brian Selznick, 533 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Hugo's father is working on an invention when he is caught in a fire and dies. Hugo tries to finish the project but he is caught by the police in his dead uncle's subway clock. Will he ever finish dad's invention? (Jonathan)

***Junie B. Jones Is Almost a Flower Girl*** by Barbara Park, 71 pg, **Genre:** Realistic fiction

Summary: Junie B. Jones wanted to be a flower girl at her aunt's wedding. She gets really upset when her aunt picked someone else to be the flower girl at her wedding. Read to find how the rest of the day goes for Junie B. Jones. (Michelle)

***A Light in the Attic*** by Shel silverstein, 125 pg, **Genre:** Poetry

Summary: A book full of funny, silly, rhyming poems. This funny book keeps you reading through the pages to find out more of what's in store. (Rebecca)

***Lightning Thief*** by Rick Riordan, 377 pg, **Genre:** Adventure/Mythology

Summary: 12 year old Percy Jackson finds out he is a half-blood. They accuse him of stealing from the gods. The race is on! Will Percy find the stolen bolt in time? Read Riordan's mythical book of questions, survival and friendship. (Ethan, Jack, Cole, Ameer)

***Matilda*** by Roald Dahl, 240 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Matilda is a little girl who is unappreciated by her parents. Read how her life becomes changed by her 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. (Abby)

***The Monster's Ring*** by Bruce Coville, 115 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Russell buys a ring from Mr. Elive's shop. He finds it has all kinds of magical powers. Will he use these powers to seek revenge on the class bully? This is a book of adventure. You won't want to stop reading.

***Mr. Popper's Penguins*** by Richard and Florence Atwater, 139 pg, **Genre:** Humor

Summary: Mr. Popper is a house painter who has received an Antarctic penguin. Read and find out how he ends up with a dozen. (Samantha C.)

**No Talking** by Andrew Clements, 146 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Who can be quiet longer, boys or girls? Read this book to find out who come out on top. (Beatrix)

**Out of the Dust** by Karen Hesse, 227 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction/Poetry

Summary: During the "Great Depression" Billy Jo, a 14 year old girl is living in horrible conditions. Will life for Billy Jo improve? This book is an excellent way to learn about the "Dust Bowl". You will not want to put the book down. (Sara)

**People of Sparks** by Jeanne Duprau, 165 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: This book is about people who lived underground. Then they came to the new world (earth). Will they be able to survive? Find out in this exciting book. (Kasen)

**Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Last Olympian** by Rick Riordan, 381 pg, **Genre:** Adventure

Summary: Percy Jackson has been through many adventures in his life but this has to be his most thrilling. Find out how Percy battles gods, titans and many other mythical creatures. Will he be able to survive? (Addison)

**Promises to the Dead** by Mary Downing Hahn, 208 pg, **Genre:** Mystery/Suspense

Summary: Jesse Sherman makes a promise to a dying slave woman to take her child to safety. Will Jesse be able to protect this child from Colonel Botfield?

**Revamped** by Sienna Mercer, 208 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Two sister find out they are twins. They search to find their birth parents but find out that one of them is a vampire. Which one could it be? (Sydney P.)

**Roar** by Emma Clayton, 481 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Mika, his brothers and his monkey, Pulu, are living in the future. They are seeking the 2<sup>nd</sup> level of the city where they are living. Will they find it? I look forward to reading the sequel. (Devin)

**Runt** by Marion Dane Bauer, 144 pg, **Genre:** Animals

Summary: Runt the 5<sup>th</sup> wolf pup tries to prove himself worthy of the pack. Will he succeed or will he always be the runt? If you like wolves or books with animals being challenged then you should read this book.

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett, 287 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: Mary moves to her Uncle's mansion after her parents die in India. She find the secret garden which has been locked for years. Will she keep the garden a secret or will she share her secret with others? (Taylor)

***Smile*** by Raina Tehgamier, 212 pg, **Genre:** Non Fiction

Summary: Raina is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. She gets braces, a boyfriend and needs good grades. Why does she need all these things to be happy? (Alexis)

***SOLDIER'S HEART*** by Gary Paulsen, 102 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction

Summary: It's Charlie's last day on the farm before he goes off to war. He's frightened because he doesn't know anything about this Civil War. Will Charlie find a grand adventure? Read this story based on a true life experience about Charlie Goddard and his life as a soldier at the age of 15. (Garrett)

***Star Wars: Republic Commando: Triple Zero*** by Karen Traviss, 484 pg, **Genre:** Science Fiction

Summary: In this second book of the Star Wars series, members of the Jedi council are sent to investigate a strange part of Courasant. They are accompanied by 8 highly specialized Republic Commandos. Will the Jedi be protecting the clones or will the clones be protecting the Jedi: If you are a thrill seeker or a Star Wars fan, check this book out!

***The Tale of Despereaux*** by Kate Dicamillo, 267 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Despereaux is a little but mighty mouse. He is in love with a princess named Pea. Will he prove to himself and his family that he is more than a normal mouse. I hope you enjoy this heroic tale. (Ansley, Alex)

***The 39 Clues Book 4 Beyond the Grave*** by Jude Watson, 190 pg, **Genre:** Mystery

Summary: Dan and Amy go on a hunt. They must either choose to search for 39 clues or get \$1,000,000. Which will they decide to do? I picked this book in the series because of the action. (Austin L.)

***Tuck Everlasting*** by Natalie Babbit, 139 pg, **Genre:** Fantasy

Summary: Have you ever wanted to live forever? Well in this story a girl meets a family who has special water that keeps them alive forever. Will she drink it? Find out by reading this exciting book. (Aaric, Abby)

***Two Minute Drill*** by Mike Lupica, 180 pg, **Genre:** Sports

Summary: Scott wants to punt for the football team. Chris wants to be the quarterback. Will they have what it takes to make the team. Find out what happens when Scott and Chris team up. (Peavey)

***The Wednesday Wars*** by Gary Schmidt, 264 pg, **Genre:** Realistic Fiction

Summary: This story is about a 7<sup>th</sup> grader who believes his teacher hates him. She forces him to perform in a play written by Shakespeare. His experience is quite uncomfortable. Read to see who will win the "cold war". (Olivia)

***The Witch Catcher*** by Mary Downing Hahn, 240 pg, **Genre:** Mystery and Adventure

Summary: Jen and her father move to an old estate where she finds a globe in the attic. Find out the trouble this globe brings to Jen. In this book every page is another adventure. (Rachel)

***Who's in Holes*** by Richard Armour, 29 pg, **Genre:** Poetry

Summary: This is a funny rhyming book of animals and how they live. The jokes they make about the way they live will make you laugh. (Haley)

***Yellow Star*** by Jennifer Roy, 227 pg, **Genre:** Historical Fiction/Poetry (Holocaust

Summary: This is the story of a young jewish girl, Sylvia, living in a Polish ghetto during the Holocaust. Read this book and see how she lives her live. You will not believe what she must endure to survive. (Caroline, Madison)