

Summer Reading List 2010

Rising 6th grade ESOL Students

FICTION

Alien and Possum Hanging Out (1). Johnston, Tony. These two friends spend time together. Read about their celebrations and fun times as they hang out in a tree. **JR JOH**

Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky (3). Ringgold, Faith. With Harriet Tubman as her guide, Cassie retraces the steps escaping slaves took on the Underground Railroad. **JP RIN**

Babe the Gallant Pig (3). King-Smith, Dick. Babe's owner raises sheep in England. Babe is raised as a sheepdog and learns to help out on the farm! **JFIC KIN**

Beach Day (1). Lakin, Patricia. Four friends have a lot of fun and many adventures when they go to the beach for the day. **JP LAK**

Black Beauty (4). Sewell, Anna. The story in this book is told by a horse! Learn about the lives of both horses and people in England during the 1800's. **JFIC SEW**

The Cat Who Wished to be a Man (3,4). Alexander, Lloyd. Thanks to his magician owner, Lionel the cat goes to town one day to experience what it's like to be a human. **JFIC ALE**

Don Quixote & the Windmills (3). Kimmel, Eric. Follow the adventures of a knight as he chases what he thinks are dragons, sorcerers and damsels. He and his partner have many adventures. **JFIC KIM**

Grandfather Tang's Story (2,3). Tompert, Ann. Grandfather tells a story about foxes who change shape as they show off to each other. A hunter shows up and a dangerous situation arises. **JP TOM**

Grandfather's Journey (2,3). Say, Allen. The author tells about his grandfather's journey to America. Many years later he makes the same trip and tells how it feels to love two different countries. **JP SAY**

Halmoni's Day (2,3). Bercaw, Edna. Have you ever been embarrassed by someone? Jennifer is worried that her grandmother from Korea will embarrass her in school. **JFIC BER**

Henry and the Kite Dragon (2). Hall, Bruce. Two groups of children want to use the park at the same time. Read about the problems they have and how they solve them. **JP HAL**

I Hate English! (2). Levine, Ellen. Learning a new language and being in a new country is difficult for Mei Mei. Learn about the troubles and adventures she has in New York City. **JFIC LEV**

If the World Were a Village (3,4). Smith, David. Find out how many people in the world speak Chinese, go to school, live in Africa or use a computer. This book is filled with interesting statistics. **JP SMI**

In English, Of Course (3). Nobisso, Josephine. A girl tries to tell her new classmates about her life growing up in Italy. Her teacher misunderstands and thinks she grew up on farm! **JP NOB**

FICTION

Joshua T. Bates in Trouble Again (2,3). Shreve, Susan. Joshua wants to fit in with his new classmates but is having a hard time. He wants to look cool even if it means getting in trouble again! **JFIC SHR**

Knights of the Kitchen Table (2,3). Scieszka, Jon. What would you do if you met a fire-breathing dragon or a bad smelling giant? These stories are filled with adventure, humor and excitement! **JFIC SCI**

Living with My Stepfather is Like Living with a Moose (2). Bowdish, Lynea. Meet Matt, a very talented athlete. He has a hard time living with his new stepfather who is very clumsy! **JFIC BOW**

Mandy (3,4). Andrews, Julie. A 10 year-old orphan struggles against loneliness and finds joy in taking care of a secret cottage in the woods. **JFIC AND**

Mathematickles! (3,4). Franco, Betsy. This book is a collection of poems written in the form of math problems. They are grouped according to the seasons. **JP FRA**

Mirette on the High Wire (2). McCully, Emily. A young girl is taught how to walk a tightrope from a guest at her house. She learns how to cross the wire and she learns a lot about him. **JP MCC**

My Diary from Here to There/Mi Diario de Aquí a Allá (2,3). Perez, Amada. Everyone in the family, except Amada, is excited about moving from Mexico to Los Angeles. Read her journal entries as she faces this new challenge in her life. **JFIC PER**

Nim and the War Effort (3) Lee, Milly. During World War II, children worked hard to help the war effort. Nim's school organizes a paper drive and as a Chinese-American, she wants to show that she can collect the most papers. **JFIC LEE**

Oh, Tucker (1,2) Kroll, Stephen. Tucker is loved by his family even if he is a dog that causes a lot of trouble! Read all about his adventures. **JP KRO**

Owl Moon (2) Yolen, Jane. This story is about a girl and her father who head into the woods on a winter's nice to see a great horned owl. **JP YOL**

Painted Words (2) Aliko. This upside down book has 2 stories about a girl name Mari. One tells about her home country and the other about starting school in a new country. **JFIC ALI**

Summer Wheels (2) Bunting, Eve. Follow the story of the Bicycle Man who fixes up old bikes. He offers his friendship and the use of some bicycles to the neighborhood kids. **JFIC BUN**

The Feather-Bed Journey (3,4). Feder, Paula. As Grandma tries to repair a torn feather pillow, she tells the story of being persecuted by the Nazis in Poland during World War II. **JFIC FED**

FICTION

The Magic Nesting Doll (3). Ogburn, Jacqueline. This is a fairy tale from Russia that tells the story of a curse placed on a young prince and how Katya must use the nesting doll to break it. **JFIC OGB**

The Memory String (2,3). Bunting, Eve. Each button on Laura's memory string represents a piece of her family's history. One day it breaks. Find out how she and her family deal with this situation. **JFIC BUN**

The Other Side (2). Woodson, Jacqueline. A girl wonders why a fence separates the black side of town from the white side. See what happens when another girl sits on the fence. **JP WOO**

The Polar Express (2). Van Allsburg, Chris. A magical train takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa. Go along for the ride! **JP VAN**

The Saddle Club (series) (3). Bryand, Bonnie. In each book in the series, the Saddle Club has different adventures and challenges and they all deal with horses. Saddle up and enjoy each book! **JFIC BRY**

Thee Young Pilgrims (3). Harness, Cheryl. Follow the lives of 3 real-life children who traveled on the Mayflower and landed in Plymouth Colony in 1620. Read about how children lived, worked, played and survived! **JFIC HAR**

What Does Peace Feel Like? (2). Radunsky, Vladimir. Children from around the world were asked to describe how peace feels. They will tell you in many different ways! **JP RAD**

When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street (2,3). Johnson, Angela. It's summertime and that means more adventures for Charlie and his friends. What will they do as they enjoy their vacation? **JFIC JOH**

Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears (2). Aardema, Verna. Mosquito tells Iguana a tall tale that sets off a chain reaction that ends in a jungle disaster! **JP AAR**

Zen Shorts (3). Muth, Jon. When a bear moves into the neighborhood, he tells stories to three brothers and sisters and teaches them to look at the world in new ways. **JP MUT**

BIOGRAPHIES

Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin (3). Giblin, James. What inventions were created by Ben Franklin in the 1700's? Read about this inventor, printer and statesman. **JB G**

Bill Gates (2). Brown, Jonathan. A computer genius! Read about his ideas that changed the way people use computers. The book also includes information on how he helps people. **JB B**

Cesar Chávez, Fighter in the Fields (2). Matthews, J.L. Farm workers who pick crops for a living lead a hard life. Cesar Chávez fought hard to make sure that they had safe working conditions. **JB M**

Florence Nightingale (1). Alexander, Carol. How do nurses help people? Is their job important? Read about a nurse who helped wounded soldiers in Turkey. **JB A**

George Washington Carver (1). Bowdish, Lynea. What can you do with a peanut? Read all about the man who studied the peanut and discovered many uses for it. **JB B**

Harriet Tubman (2). Martin, Michael. The Underground Railroad was a route that helped slaves escape to the North during the 1800's. Harriet Tubman helped get many people to freedom. **JB M**

Helen Keller-Courage in the Dark (1). Hurwitz, Johanna. Helen Keller was a blind, deaf and mute girl. Read about her life, her family and the teacher who helped her. **JB H**

Henry Ford: Car Man (2). Ford, Carin. Henry Ford was a great inventor who built a factory to make lots of cars. Read all about his life and his projects. **JB F**

Langston Hughes (2). McKissack, P & F. Do you like beautiful poetry? This book is a collection of poems from one of America's greatest poets. **JB M**

Mandela: From the Life of the South African Statesman (4). Cooper, Floyd. Nelson Mandela is an admired statesman from South Africa. Read about his life from schoolboy to father to rebel to leader. **JB C**

Martin's Big Words (2). Rappaport, Doreen. Read about Martin Luther King Jr. and his life as told using his own words. **JB R**

Neil Armstrong (2). Kramer, Barbara. Would you like to walk on the moon? Read about the first person to ever step foot on the moon. **JB K**

Oprah Winfrey (1). Mara, Will. Look who's on TV! It's Oprah! Read about her life from her childhood to TV reporting to TV star! **JB M**

Peyton Manning (2). Buckley, James. Look at that quarterback! Read about how Peyton Manning worked hard to become one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL! **JB B**

BIOGRAPHIES

Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. (2). Adler, David. This is a picture book that tells the story of how one civil rights leader's ideas helped African-Americans win battles for equal rights. **JB A**

President George Washington (2). Adler, David. A native of Virginia, George Washington was a surveyor, land owner, soldier and 1st president of the United States. **JB A**

Roberto Clemente (1). Mara, Will. Roberto Clemente was a baseball player from Puerto Rico. Learn about his life growing up, his years as a professional baseball player and how he helped people. **JB M**

Rosa (2). Giovanni, Nikki. Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat over 50 years ago. This book tells about her brave act and the events that followed. **JB G**

Snowflake Bentley (2,3). Martin, Jacqueline. Photographs of snowflakes? Read about a man who took pictures of thousands of snowflakes and studied their special formations. **JB M**

Starry Messenger (3). Sis, Peter. Galileo was a genius in the 1500's. Read about his life and times via maps, events and stories. **JB S**

Steven Spielberg (1). Mara, Will. Lights, Action, Cameras! Read about the Hollywood movie director of many famous films. **JB M**

Thank You Sarah (2). Anderson, Laurie. What, No Thanksgiving Holiday? Read about Sarah Hale who worked to convince Abraham Lincoln to make Thanksgiving Day a national holiday. **JB A**

Thomas Jefferson. (1). Ribke, Simone. Thomas Jefferson, the 3rd President of the United States was from Virginia. Read about his life and accomplishments. **JB R**

Thomas Jefferson' Feast (1). Murphy, Frank. The 3rd President of the United States loved to eat! Read about the delicious food items he brought back from his trip to France. **JB M**

Tiger Woods (2). Gutelle, Andrew. Follow this golfer's life from the time he first picked up a golf club as a toddler. Read about this amazing professional golfer. **JB G**

True Adventures of Daniel Hall (3). Stanley, Diane. Life can be scary on a whaling boat. Read about one man's dangerous adventures when he jumped ship off the coast of Siberia. **JB S**

NON-FICTION

A Pizza the Size of the Sun (3). Prelutsky, Jack. This book is filled with a funny collection of poems. Some are written backwards, one never ends and you can even meet Swami Gourami! **J811 P**

Algonquian Year (4). McCurdy, Michael. Follow a year in the life of the Algonquian Indians as they hunt, prepare their fields, take care of animals and hold celebrations. **JNF M**

Amazing Dolphins (1). Thomson, Sarah. How do dolphins breathe? Who teaches them to swim? Read all about dolphins and learn more about these amazing animals. **J599.53 T**

Amazing Magnetism (2). Carmi, Rebecca. This book is about a contest between Ms. Frizzle's class and Mr. O'Neatley's class. See which one wins the magnetism contest! **J538 C**

Animal Hospital (1). Walker-Hodge, J. How do you take care of sick patient when he/she can't tell you what's wrong? Read about how a veterinarian takes care of an injured duck. **JR W**

Assassination of Abraham Lincoln (4). Olson, Kay. What were Abraham Lincoln's last words? How did the doctors try to save him? This graphic novel brings history to life! **J973.3 O**

Balto: The Bravest Dog Ever (2). Standiford, Natalie. Balto saved the town of Nome, Alaska in 1925. Read how this sled dog delivered medicine across the frozen land. **J636.7 S**

Boston Tea Party (4). Doeden, Matt. Why did the colonists dump tea into the harbor? How did the Boston Tea Party help unite the colonies? This graphic novel brings history to life! **J973.311 D**

Dinosaurs Forever (2,3). Wise, William. Do you think dinosaurs are extinct? This collection of fun and witty poems will try to convince you that dinosaurs are very much alive! **J811 W**

Don't Play With Your Food (3). Rock, Brian. Is this a cookbook or a poetry book? Read it and find out how the book's characters make you chuckle about the food you eat. **J811 R**

Freedom River (3). Rappaport, Doreen. This book is about John Parker, a slave who became a free man. He risked his life to help many people escape to freedom. **J973.11 R**

Friendly Dolphins (1). Fowler, Allan. Read all about dolphins, killer whales and porpoises. Beautiful color pictures show you all about these sea animals. **J599.53 F**

George vs. George (3,4). Schanzer, Rosalyn. Two famous people named George lived during the American Revolution: George Washington and King George III of England. Read how their lives were similar and different. **JB S**

Giant Pandas (1). Fowler, Allan. Learn all about pandas from China. Colorful photographs show you where they live, how they find food and ways they play! **J599.789 F**

NON-FICTION

Gingerbread Days (2,3). Thomas, Joyce. This book is filled with poems for each month of the year. Read poems about family, love, being an individual and pride in your heritage. **J811 T**

Heroes of the Revolution (4). Adler, David. Read all about twelve brave men and women who spied on the British during the Revolutionary War. **J973.3 A**

If I were in Charge of the World (3,4). Viorst, Judith. This book is filled with poems for children and parents. Enjoy reading about everyday situations that frustrate, bewilder and bemuse you. **J811 V**

If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution (4). Moore, Kay. What did children do during the Revolutionary War? This book will answer all your questions about that time in U.S. history. **J973.3 M**

I'm Small and Other Verses (1). Moore, Lillian. This book is a collection of very short poems including, "Snowsuit", "Alone", and "I Like Peanut Butter". **J811 M**

Joining the Boston Tea Party (2). Stanley, Diane. Join Grandma, Liz and Lenny as they travel back to 1773! They will help the colonists in Boston. **J973.311 S**

Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln (2). Fritz, Jean. Abraham Lincoln was the 16th President. He was very busy during the Civil War. Read about his famous words. **J973.73 F**

Lunch Money and Other Poems about School (2). Shields, Carol. So many funny things happen at school every day. This collection of poems about a school day will make you laugh out loud! **J811 S**

Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip (series) (2,3). Cole, Joanna. Ms. Frizzle and her class become small enough to squeeze through power lines and they learn how electric current travels through their town. **J621.3 C**

Magnets (2,3). Schreiber, Anne. How do magnets work? What makes them attract metal? Find out ways that magnets are used in different workplaces. **J538 S**

Outside the Lines (1). Burg, Brad. This book is filled with different rhyming poems and it has a trick! Will you be able to figure it out? **J811 B**

Raining Cats and Dogs (2,3). Yolen, Jane. Nine poems about cats and another nine poems about dogs. Read them all in this upside-down book of poetry! **J811 Y**

Really Big Cats (1). Fowler, Allan. Lions, Tigers, Leopards and Jaguars come alive in this book. Learn about where they live, what they eat and their other habits. **J599.75 F**

Skeletons (2). Wood, Lily. How many bones do you have? How do bones grow? Find out how bones and muscles work together in your body. **J612.7 W**

NON-FICTION

Snippets (2,3). Zolotow, Charlotte. Open up and enjoy this book of poetry about friendship, seashells, dreams, clouds and the wind. **J811 Z**

Squeeking Bats (1). Berman, Ruth. Bats live in many places in North America. Maps and diagrams teach all about these mammals. Learn about their habitats, eating habits and how they fly. **J599.74 B**

Struggle for a Continent (4). Maestro, Betsy. The French and Indian War is an important part of U.S. history. Read about its battles and how the colonists won the war. **J973.2 M**

Watchful Wolves (1). Berman, Ruth. Photographs, diagrams and maps give a lot of information about wolves and wolf packs. Learn where they live, how they hunt and how they communicate. **J612.3 B**

What Happens to a Hamburger? (2). Showers, Paul. What goes on inside your body after you eat something? Take a trip down the gullet, into the stomach and finally into your intestines! **J612.3 S**

What to do When a Bug Climbs in your Mouth (2). Walton, Rick. Have you ever had an adventure with an insect? This book is filled with poems about bugs. It will drive you buggy! **J811 W**

Which Way top the Revolution? (1). Barner, Bob. Follow the trip Paul Revere took on his horse in 1776. Learn about how he told people that the British were coming! **J973.3 B**

Why Do Cats Meow? (1). Holbu, Joan. Why do cats hiss? How do cats show that they like someone? Read all about cats and their habits. **JR HOL**

Wild Bears (1). Simon, Seymour. Why do bears sleep in the winter? How do they get their food? How big is a bear? Learn these facts and more! **599.78 S**

You Wouldn't Want to be an American Colonist (4). Morley, Jacqueline. Life wasn't always easy for the colonists. Read about problems that men, women and children had in the 1700's. **J975.542 M**

You Wouldn't Want to Sail with Christopher Columbus (4). Macdonald, Fiona. What did the sailors eat on Columbus' three ships? This book will tell you about the difficult and sometimes gross conditions on the ships in 1492. **J970.01 M**