

**St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School**  
**2020 Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 3\***

**Required Reading Grade 3**



*Lola Levine is Not Mean*

Brown, Monica

Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in?

**Nonfiction**



*Grand Canyon*

Chin, Jason

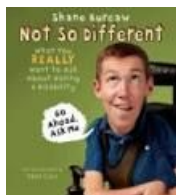
Home to an astonishing variety of plants and animals that have lived and evolved within its walls for millennia, the Grand Canyon is much more than just a hole in the ground.



*Her Right Foot*

Eggers, David

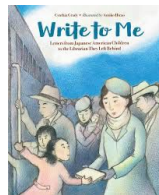
Part history and part call to action, this nonfiction picture book reminds readers of the genesis of the Statue of Liberty and its relevance today. \* available on audio from Tales2Go.



*Not So Different: What You Really Want to Ask About Having a Disability*

Burcaw, Shane

Burcaw answers ten frequently asked questions about his life with a disability in a humorous and approachable manner.



*Write to me : letters from Japanese American children to the librarian they left behind*

Grady, Cynthia

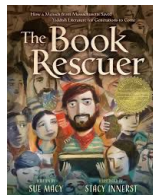
When Executive Order 9066 is enacted after the attack at Pearl Harbor, children's librarian Clara Breed's young Japanese American patrons are to be sent to prison camp. Before they are moved, Breed asks the children to write her letters and gives them books to take with them.

**Biographies**



*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs



A biography of Chef Roy Choi that describes the popular street cook's life, including working in his family's restaurant as a child, figuring out what he wanted to do with his life, and his food truck and restaurant.

*Let 'Er Buck!: George Fletcher, the People's Champion* Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux

In 1911, three men were in the final round of the famed Pendleton Round-Up. When the judges declared the white man the winner, the audience was outraged. They named black cowboy George Fletcher the "people's champion" and took up a collection, ultimately giving Fletcher far more than the value of the prize that went to the official winner.

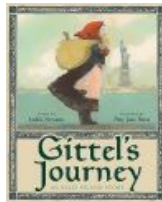
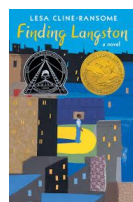
*Dr. Wangari Maathai Plants a Forest* Rebel Girls

From the world of Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls comes a historical novel based on the life of Dr. Wangari Maathai, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning activist and environmentalist from Kenya.  
\*available in audio from Audible.

*The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come* Macy, Sue

With dramatic art, this picture book biography tells the story of Aaron Lansky's mission to save Yiddish literature.

### Historical Fiction



*Finding Langston*

Cline-Ransome, Lisa

When eleven-year-old Langston's father moves them from their home in Alabama to Chicago's Bronzeville district, it feels like he's giving up everything he loves. It's 1946. Langston's mother has just died, and now they're leaving the rest of his family and friends. He misses everything--Grandma's Sunday suppers, the red dirt roads, and the magnolia trees his mother loved. \*available in audio from Audible.

*Gittel's Journey: An Ellis Island Story* Newman, Lesléa

When her mother is stopped by a health inspector on their way to America, Gittel must make the journey and immigrate alone.

*Ruth and the Green Book*

Ramsey, Calvin A

When Ruth and her parents take a motor trip from Chicago to Alabama to visit her grandma, they rely on a pamphlet called "The Negro Motorist Green Book" to find places that will serve them.

*Shi-shi-etko*

Campbell, Nicola I

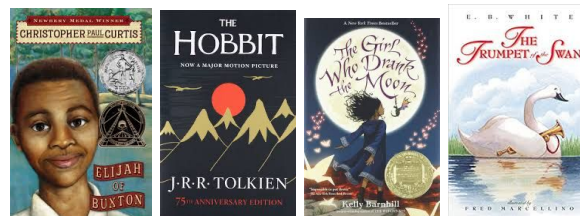
Shi-shi-etko gathers together many of the things of nature and places them into her bag of memories so that she will never forget her people and land as she prepares to go many miles away to the required residential school.

### Realistic Fiction



<i>Badir and the Beaver</i>	Stewart, Shannon	Tunisian, Badir is learning a lot about his new Canadian home, including a beaver he sees in the park. When someone petitions to have the beaver removed from the park, Badir leads a campaign to protect it with the help of his classmates, brother, and neighbor.
<i>EllRay Jakes (series)</i>	Warner, Sally	Even though he's the smallest kid in class, eight-year-old EllRay Jakes can get himself into big trouble. *Available in audio through Tales2Go
<i>Indian Shoes</i>	Smith, Cynthia Leitch	Together with Grampa, Ray Halfmoon, a Seminole-Cherokee boy, finds creative and amusing solutions to life's challenges.
<i>Rock Star (Jada Jones series #1)</i>	Lyons, Kelly Starling	When Jada Jones's best friend moves away, school feels like the last place she wants to be. She'd much rather wander outside looking for cool rocks to add to her collection, since finding rocks is much easier than finding friends. *Available in audio through Tales2Go

### Classic Books to Read Together



<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom. *Available in audio through DC Public Library Overdrive
<i>The Hobbit</i>	Tolkein, J.R.R.	Like every other hobbit, Bilbo Baggins likes nothing better than a quiet evening in his snug hole in the ground, dining on a sumptuous dinner in front of a fire. But when a wandering wizard captivates him with tales of the unknown, Bilbo becomes restless. Soon he joins the wizard's band of homeless dwarves in search of giant spiders, savage wolves, and other dangers. *Available in audio through Tales2Go
<i>The Girl who Drank the Moon</i>	Barnhill, Kelly	Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the Forest, Xan, is kind. She shares her home with a wise Swamp Monster and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon. Xan rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey. *Available in audio through Tales2Go

*Trumpet of the Swan*

White, E.B.

Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter swan, finds himself far from his wilderness home when he determines to communicate by learning to play a stolen trumpet. \*Available in audio through DC Public Library Overdrive

## Sports & Adventure



*Melvin Beederman Superhero (series)* Trine, Greg

Melvin Beederman's a pretty good superhero even though it always takes him five or six tries to get launched and flying. Melvin loves fighting crime, until the McNasty Brothers, start robbing banks and Melvin's superpowers mysteriously disappear.

*The Quickest Kid in Clarksville*

Miller, Pat Zietlow

Growing up in the segregated town of Clarksville, Tennessee, in the 1960s, Alta's family cannot afford to buy her new sneakers--but she still plans to attend the parade celebrating her hero Wilma Rudolph's three Olympic gold medals. \*Available in audio through Tales2Go

*Victory School Superstars (series)*

Sports Illustrated Kids

Victory School--a special school for kids with super sports skills!

*Zayd Saleem, Chasing A Dream (series)*

Khan, Hena

Fourth grader Zayd Saleem has some serious hoop dreams. He's going to be the first Pakistani-American kid to make it to the NBA. There are only a few small things in his way.

## Fantasy & Science Fiction



*Dragons and Marshmallows (Zoey and Sassafras series)*

Citro, Asia

Zoey, and her cat, Sassafras, use science experiments to help a dragon with a problem. Each story in the Zoey and Sassafras series features a new magical animal with a problem that must be solved using science. Zoey models how to keep a science journal and each story has a kid-friendly glossary of scientific terms.

*Great Googlini, The*

Cassidy, Sara

In this chapter book, a young boy copes with his uncle's cancer diagnosis by seeking answers from the Great Googlini, an information scientist who emerges from his computer.

*Mia Mayhem is a Superhero!*

West, Kara

Meet Mia Macarooney, an ordinary eight-year-old who finds out she has an extraordinary super-secret in this first chapter book in the

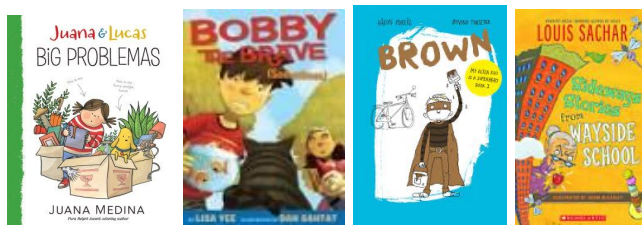
<i>Polly Diamond and the Magic Book</i>	Kuipers, Alice	brand-new Mia Mayhem series! Polly Diamond has no shortage of imagination, but when a turquoise notebook arrives for her in the mail, her creativity is catapulted to new heights. When she writes in her new notebook, the notebook writes back!
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## Mystery & Suspense



<i>Chicken Squad</i> (series)	Cronin, Doreen	The Chicken Squad solves mysteries and fights crime with their dog partner, J.J. Tull, a retired search-and-rescue canine. *Available in audio through Tales2Go.
<i>Clubhouse Mysteries</i> (series)	Draper, Sharon	Ziggy and his club, the Black Dinosaurs, build their clubhouse in Ziggy's backyard where they find a mysterious cache of buried bones.
<i>Key Hunters</i> (series)	Luper, Eric	Cleo and Evan have a secret. A collection of books so dangerous they are locked up tight. A friend has vanished inside the pages of one of them. It's up to them to find the key that will set her free.
<i>Lark</i> (series)	Deen, Natasha	These beginning chapter-books include engaging characters, generous illustrations, easy-to-follow plots, and exciting stories.

## Humor



<i>Big Problemas (Juana &amp; Lucas)</i>	Medina, Juana	Juana's life is just about perfect. She lives in the beautiful city of Bogota with her two most favorite people in the world: her mami and her dog, Lucas. Lately, though, things have become a little less perfect. *Available in audio from Audible
<i>Bobby the Brave (Sometimes) (Bobby series)</i>	Yee, Lisa	Bobby is hurt when he hears his father, a former pro-football player, say that the two of them are nothing alike, but finally summons the courage to talk about it after his public asthma attack proves how right his father is.



*Brown (My Alter Ego is a Superhero, Book 1)* Ovreas, Hakon

Guided by his grandfather's ghost, two cans of paint, and a little help from his friends, Brown can do anything! Just as long as nobody's parents find out.

*Wayside School (series)* Sachar, Louis

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School. \*Available in audio through DC Public Library Overdrive

### Graphic Novels



*Akissi: Tales of Mischief*

About, Marguerite

Akissi and friends get up to all sorts of antics around their town in the Ivory Coast.

*Guts*

Telgemeier, Raina

After a particularly bad bout of the flu in fourth grade, Raina keeps having stomach aches and intense feelings about food and germs. The thought of being near a sick person sends her into a panic, and conflicts among her friends at school and embarrassment about bodily functions in general certainly don't help matters.

*Mighty Jack series*

Hatke, Ben

When Jack trades his mom's car for a bag of seeds, he doesn't expect that planting them will grow wild creatures, including one that has kidnapped his sister. Now Jack and his neighbor Lilly must follow her to a world between worlds beyond the vines and stalks to rescue her from a goblin king.

*Star Scouts (Star Scouts series)*

Lawrence, Mike

Welcome to Star Scouts, a rollicking series about a cosmic scouting troop.

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