

Bethpage Schools
Elementary Summer Reading List 2011
BOLDED & ITALICIZED TITLES available on audio

Grade Sept. 2011	List A <i>All will read the title on grade level</i>	List B <i>Please choose one of the following</i>
3rd	<p><u>How to Be Cool in the Third Grade</u> by Betsy Duffey When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool. But it's harder than he thinks to avoid his mother's kisses at the bus stop, and his plan doesn't account for one key problem—bullies like Bo Haney. Will Robbie ever reach coolness?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Marvin Redpost: A Flying Birthday Cake?</u> by Louis Sachar • <u>Freckle Juice</u> by Judy Blume • <u>Lions At Lunchtime</u> (Magic Tree House 11, paper) by Mary Pope Osborne • <u>Next Stop, New York City! The Polk Street Kids on Tour</u> (Polk Street Special, Book 9) by Patricia Reilly Giff • <u>Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade</u> by Suzy Kline • <u>A Picture Book of Helen Keller</u> by David Adler • <i><u>Miss Daisy is Crazy (My Weird School #1)</u></i> by <i>Dan Gutman and Jim Paillot</i>
4th	<p><u>Class Clown</u> by Johanna Hurwitz Lucas Cott is one of the smartest kids in Mrs. Hockaday's third grade -- but he is also the most rambunctious. Lucas doesn't mean to be the class clown, so he promises to try to behave, even though it doesn't sound like much fun. With the best intentions, Lucas still manages to cause the unexpected. Can he convince his teacher that he means well, or will he always be just the class clown?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>General Butterfingers</u> by John Reynolds Gardiner • <u>Maxie, Rosie, and Earl—Partners in Grime (Geek Chronicles)</u> by Barbara Park • <u>Abby Takes a Stand: Scraps of Time #1</u> by Patricia McKissack • <i><u>The Kid Who Only Hit Homers</u></i> by <i>Matt Christopher</i> • <i><u>Judy Moody Saves the World</u></i> by <i>Megan McDonald and Peter H. Reynolds</i> • <i><u>Frindle</u></i> by <i>Andrew Clements</i> • <u>Who Was Ben Franklin?</u> by Dennis Brindell Fradin and John O'Brien
5th	<p><u>The Kid in the Red Jacket</u> by Barbara Park When ten-year-old Howard has to move with his family to a distant state, he is forced to live on a street named Chester Pewe, adjust to a new school, and get used to being shadowed by the little girl in a nearby house. Of course, when you're really lonely, you'll be friends with anyone—almost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>My Name is Brain Brian</u> by Jeanne Betancourt • <u>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</u> by Louis Sachar • <i><u>Honus and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure</u></i> by <i>Dan Gutman</i> • <u>Jack Sparrow: The Coming Storm</u> by Rob Kidd • <u>Who Was Anne Frank?</u> by Ann Abramson • <i><u>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</u></i> by <i>Bette Bao Lord</i> • <u>Niagara Falls, or Does It? (Hank Zipzer #1)</u> by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

3rd Grade

Marvin Redpost: A Flying Birthday Cake? by Louis Sachar

Two days after Marvin sees a glowing green thing flying in the night sky, his third-grade class is joined by a mysterious new boy.

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Lions at Lunchtime (Magic Treehouse) by Mary Pope Osborne

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie to Africa where they meet up with wonderful wild animals and where they even solve a riddle.

Next Stop, New York City! The Polk Street Kids on Tour by Patricia Reilly Giff

Ms. Rooney's named Emily their "New York City expert." But Emily doesn't know a thing about The Big Apple. Not to worry! Emily finds the answers in The Big Apple, which is full of fun and big surprises.

Horrible Harry Moves Up to Third Grade by Suzy Kline

Not much has changed since second grade: Harry is gross and horrible, and he's still Sidney's sworn enemy. Then war breaks out between the two boys, with their friend Doug caught in the middle.

A Picture Book of Helen Keller by David Adler

At age two, Helen Keller became deaf and blind. With the help of teacher Annie Sullivan, Helen learned to read, write, and do many amazing things.

Miss Daisy is Crazy (My Weird School #1) by Dan Gutman and Jim Paillot

Miss Daisy isn't like any teacher A.J. has had before. She enjoys watching TV and eating chocolate just like A. J., and she is always asking her students for help solving problems in math and spelling. Principal Klutz agrees to "rent out" the school for a night if the children read a million pages. Can they do it?

4th Grade

General Butterfingers by John Reynolds Gardiner

When three aging war heroes are forced out of their home by the wicked nephew of the now-deceased owner and former occupant of the home, eleven-year-old Walter determines not to let it happen.

Maxie, Rosie, and Earl—Partners in Grime (Geek Chronicles) by Barbara Park

At first it seems as though Maxie, Rosie, and Earl have nothing in common. But when all three kids land outside the principal's office in disgrace, they can't help comparing notes.

Abby Takes a Stand: Scraps of Time #1 by Patricia McKissack

Through the eyes of ten-year-old Abby, we see what it was like to live through the days when a black child could sit up front in a city bus but still could not get a milkshake at a downtown restaurant.

The Kid Who Only Hit Homers by Matt Christopher

When Sylvester meets George Baruth, he goes from being a terrible hitter to the boy who only hit homers! But how will he answer some of the difficult questions that go with his new talent?

Judy Moody Saves the World by Megan McDonald and Peter Reynolds
Inspired by environmental studies in school and a humiliating defeat in a Band-Aid design contest, Judy Moody revamps her family's recycling efforts and confiscates her classmates' wooden pencils. But it isn't long before Judy discovers that saving the world isn't easy

Frindle by Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

Who Was Ben Franklin? by Dennis Brindell Fradin and John O'Brien

A fun, informative introductory biography that will inspire many readers to learn more about this fascinating man.

5th Grade

My Name is Brain Brian by Jeanne Betancourt

Although he is helped by his new sixth grade teacher after being diagnosed as dyslexic, Brian still has some problems with school and with people he thought were his friends.

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.

Honus and Me: A Baseball Card Adventure by Dan Gutman

Joe feels like a real loser, until he comes across a little piece of cardboard that takes his breath away. Joe has stumbled upon the most valuable baseball card in the world! And he's about to find out what it's really worth.

Jack Sparrow: The Coming Storm by Rob Kidd

Teenage stowaway Jack Sparrow has assembled a motley crew, and they're on the quest of a lifetime. But will this ragtag team of adventurers survive their first mission, or will they succumb to the power of the sea, vicious pirates, and ancient curses?

Who Was Anne Frank? by Ann Abramson

Hitler brought Anne Frank's childhood to an end and forced her and her family into hiding. This book looks closely at Anne's life before the secret annex, what life was like in hiding, and the legacy of her diary.

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

America is indeed a land full of wonders, but Shirley doesn't know any English, so it's hard to make friends. From the star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, she learns that America can become the land of opportunity.

Niagara Falls, or Does It? (Hank Zipzer #1) by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver

On the first day of fourth grade, Hank's teacher assigns a five-paragraph essay, "What I did on my summer vacation," and he knows he's in trouble. It has always been difficult for him to read, write, and spell so he decides to "build" his assignment instead-to "-bring Niagara Falls into the classroom, water and all."

