

The Youth Desk

Third Grade Reads

Picture Books

- Allard **Miss Nelson is Missing!**
By Harry G. Allard and illustrated by James Marshall
Misbehaving students regret their wicked ways when their good-natured teacher is replaced with the witchy Viola Swamp.
- Bell **I Yam a Donkey!**
By Cece Bell
Sloppy pronunciation and poor grammar causes misunderstanding and giggles.
- Jones **The Princess Who Had No Kingdom**
By Ursula Jones and illustrated by Sarah Gibbs
Though the princess lacked worldly possessions, she made up for it in kindness.
- MacGregor **The Highest Number in the World**
By Roy MacGregor and illustrated by Genevieve Despres
A young hockey player thinks about giving up the game when she isn't given her hero's jersey number.
- Mattick **Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear**
By Lindsay Mattick and illustrated by Sophie Blackall
In 1914, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I rescues a baby bear and the rest is literary history.
- Shulevitz **How I Learned Geography**
By Uri Shulevitz
A young boy escapes the realities of being a refugee by exploring his father's world map.

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Chapter Books

- Barrows **Magic in the Mix**
By Annie Barrows
Twins Miri and Molly set off on a time-traveling adventure as a result of their magical house.
- Benton **Franny K. Stein, Mad Scientist: Frantastic Voyage**
By Jim Benton
How do you retrieve a Doomsday Device swallowed by your dog? Shrink yourself and go in and get it!
- Bruel **Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet**
By Nick Bruel
It's not easy to get a bad kitty to the vet, especially when she must get the most dreaded thing of all...a shot.

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- Calmenson **No Dogs Allowed: A Ready, Set, Dogs! Books**
By Stephanie Calmenson and Joanna Cole with illustrations by Heather Ross
Two girls who can't have dogs in their apartments find a magical way to enjoy them anyways.
- Carris **Welcome to the Bed and Biscuit**
By Joan Carris and Noah Z. Jones
Dr. Bender's animals aren't happy about the newest bundle he brings home.
- Clements **Frindle**
By Andrew Clements and illustrated by Brian Selznick
What could be so wrong with renaming things? Why can't pens be called frindles?
- Davies **The Lemonade War**
By Jacqueline Davies
Two siblings go to war with their dueling lemonade stands.
- Dicamillo **The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread**
By Kate DiCamillo and illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering
Despereaux the mouse loves music, stories, and a Princess named Pea, but is that enough to be a hero?
- Hale **The Chameleon Wore Chartreuse: A Chet Gecko Mystery**
By Bruce Hale
Chet's classmate asks him to look for her missing brother and promises him a stinkbug pie in return.
- Harley **Charlie Bumpers Vs. The Squeaking Skull**
By Bill Harley and illustrated by Adam Gustavson
Nothing beats trick-or-treating and sleepovers, but scary movies might ruin Charlie's night.
- Henkes **The Year of Billy Miller**
By Kevin Henkes
Billy starts the school year off on the wrong foot, but by the end of the year he and his parents learn many important lessons.
- Howe **Bunnacula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery**
By Deborah and James Howe
The Monroe's have a new pet, but their current dog and cat aren't sure if it's a rabbit...or vampire!
- Kirby **Captain Awesome to the Rescue**
By Stan Kirby and illustrated by George O'Connor
Bad guys beware, Eugene McGillicudy is the most awesome superhero ever.

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- Look **Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things**
By Lenore Look and illustrated by LeUyen Pham
At home he's the loud superhero Firecracker Man, but at school he never, ever, says a word.
- McDonald **Judy Moody was in a Mood**
By Megan McDonald and illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
Judy is not looking forward to third grade and everyone knows it.
- MacLachlan **Sarah, Plain and Tall**
By Patricia MacLachlan
Anna lives on the prairie and wonders what her new mother will be like.
- McMullan **The New Kid at School: A Dragon Slayers' Academy Book**
By Kate McMullan and illustrated by Bill Basso
How do you become a dragon slaying hero when you can't even stand the sight of blood?
- Sachar **Sideways Stories from Wayside School**
By Louis Sachar and illustrated by Julie Brinckloe
Humorous stories from a classroom on the thirtieth floor of a school accidentally built sideways.
- Scieszka **Summer Reading is Killing Me!: A Time Warp Trio Book**
By Jon Scieszka and illustrated by Lane Smith
Joe, Sam, and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, battling well-known children's book characters.
- Simon **Horrid Henry**
By Francesca Simon and illustrated by Tony Ross
Henry ruins his dance recital, forces his brother to eat glop, and causes mischief on a family vacation.
- Vail **Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters**
By Rachel Vail and illustrated by Matthew Cordell
The new school year is a disaster and worst of all Justin can't find his favorite stuffed animal, but he's too old for one anyways, right?
- Wight **Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom**
By Eric Wight
Franklin's alter ego, Frankie Pickle, is needed to tackle an adventure which leads him to realize his room is even too messy for him!
- Wilder **Little House in the Big Woods**
By Laura Ingalls Wilder
The first book in the Little House series, four-year-old Laura tells of her life as a pioneer with Pa, Ma, her sisters, and trusty dog, Jack.

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Graphic Novels

- Aguirre **Giants Beware!**
By Jorge Aguirre
Claudette sets out to become a giant slayer, but can she pull it off before her parents find out she's gone?
- Burks **Gabby & Gator**
By James Burks
They don't fit in with their own kind, but find acceptance in each other.
- Eaton **The Flying Beaver Brothers and the Evil Penguin Plan**
By Maxwell Eaton III
Ace and Bub's tropical island is threatened by penguins hoping to freeze their paradise.
- Holms **Babymouse Goes for the Gold**
By Jennifer L. Holm and Mathew Holm
Will hard work and determination earn Babymouse a gold medal in swimming?
- Kochalka **The Glorkian Warrior Delivers a Pizza**
By James Kochalka
The Glorkian Warrior and his talking backpack deliver a clams and peanut butter pizza.
- McCormick **Mr. Pants: Camping Catastrophe!**
By Scott McCormick and illustrated by R.H. Lazzell
Mr. Pants and his sisters test their survival skills in their hilarious 4th book.

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Nonfiction

- 323.119 Pinkney **Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down**
By Andrea Davis Pinkney
Four young black men took a stand against the injustice of segregation in America.
- 324.623 Malaspina **Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President**
By Ann Malaspina and illustrated by Steve James
On November 5, 1872, Susan B. Anthony voted in the U.S. Presidential election and broke the law.
- 379.263 Tonatiuh **Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation**
By Duncan Tonatiuh
An American citizen of Mexican and Puerto Rican heritage and her parents helped end segregation in California.

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- 398.2 Fleischman **Glass Slipper, Gold Sandal: A Worldwide Cinderella**
By Paul Fleischman and illustrated by Julie Paschkis
The stories of Cinderella from Mexico, Ireland, Zimbabwe, and more are woven together into one global tale.
- 597.3 Roy **Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands**
By Katherine Roy
Learn about the life-cycle and hunting habits of these awesome creatures.
- 796.21 Macy **Roller Derby Rivals**
By Sue Macy and illustrated by Matt Collins
The skaters are ready to roll and so are the cameras.
- 811.54 Katz **The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: Poems about the Presidents**
By Susan Katz and illustrated by Robert Neubecker
Playful political poems about president penchants and peccadilloes.
- 921 Andrews **Trombone Shorty**
By Troy Andrews and illustrated by Bryan Collier
The story of a six-year-old New Orleans trombone prodigy who grew into a Grammy-nominee.
- 921 Keller **Helen's Big World: The Life of Helen Keller**
By Doreen Rappaport and illustrated by Matt Tavares
An introduction to the impressive life of a determined woman.
- 921 Pavlova **Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova**
By Laurel Snyder and illustrated by Julie Morstad
The most famous prima ballerina of all time was hooked from the first ballet she visited with her mother.
- 921 Roget **The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus**
By Jen Bryant and illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Learn about Peter Mark Roget, the joy of learning, and the power of words.
- 921 Sagan **Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos**
By Stephanie Roth Sisson
Learn about the curious boy who brought the cosmos into homes across America.