

### SAA Grade 3 - Summer Reading List (2009)

<b>* Designates Early Third Grade Books</b>		
<i>Peeping Beauty</i>	* Auch	Poulette, an aspiring chicken ballerina, agrees to star in the fox's production of Peeping Beauty, then foils his plan to make a meal of her for the grand finale.
<i>Madeline</i>	* Bemelmans	Set in picturesque Paris, this tale of a brave little girl's trip to the hospital is as appealing today as it was in 1940. The combination of spirited heroine, timelessly appealing art, cheerful humor, and rhythmic text makes "Madeline" a perennial favorite with children of all ages.
<i>Stories Julian Tells</i>	* Cameron	Julian, that quick fibber and wishful thinker, is great at telling stories. He can make people--especially his younger brother, Huey--believe just about anything. But some stories can get you into a pack of trouble, and that's exactly where Julian and Huey find themselves all too often. An ALA Notable Children's Book.
<i>Judy Moody</i>	* McDonald	Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.
<i>The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy</i>	* Thayer	When Petey the puppy decides that he wants a boy for Christmas, he discovers that he must go out and find one on his own.
<i>The Polar Express</i>	* Van Allsburg	A magical train ride on Christmas Eve takes a boy to the North Pole to receive a special gift from Santa Claus.
<i>Frog and Toad Series</i>	* Lobel	The adventures of two best friends as they share cookies, plant a garden, and test their bravery
<i>Freckle Juice</i>	* Blume	Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.
<i>Jenny Archer series</i>	* Conford	Jenny uses her great imagination in everything she does.
<i>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</i>	* DiCamillo	After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.
<i>Magic Finger</i>	* Dahl	A magical story about a little girl who, when she's very angry, can let her magic finger take over. When she points it, be careful.
<i>A to Z Mysteries (26 in all!)</i>	* Roy	Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose help solve mysteries..from A to Z!
<b>(+) Designates Books That Have Been Class Favorites</b>		
<i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>	(+) Hahn	Molly and Michael dislike their spooky new stepsister Heather but realize that they must try to save her when she seems ready to follow a ghost child to her doom.
<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>	(+) Catling	A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.
<i>Ramona and Her Mother</i>	(+) Cleary	Ramona at 7 1/2 sometimes feels discriminated against by being the youngest in the family.
<i>Doll People</i>	(+) Martin	A story about dolls that become best friends.

<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>	(+) Estes	In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.
<b>No Mark Beside the Author's Name designates a Book is at Grade Level</b>		
<i>Piper Reed, Navy Brat</i>	Holt, Kimberly Willis	Piper is sad about leaving her home and friends behind when her father, a Navy aircraft mechanic, is transferred yet again. With help from her often-annoying sisters, she finds happiness in their new home in Florida.
<i>Ivy and Bean Series</i>	Barrows, Annie	When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected
<i>American Girl Series</i>	Various	Stories of girls growing up at different times in American History (includes Meet Samantha, Meet Kit, Meet Kaya)
<i>Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great</i>	Blume	A summer in Tarrytown, N.Y., is a lot of fun for ten-year-old Sheila even though her friends make her face up to some self-truths she doesn't want to admit.
<i>Superfudge</i>	Blume	Peter describes the highs and lows of life with his younger brother Fudge.
<i>Starring Sally J. Freedman as Herself</i>	Blume	While spending the winter of 1947-48 in Miami Beach with her family, ten-year-old Sally makes up stories, casts herself in starring roles in movies, and encounters a sinister stranger.
<i>Henry and Ribsy</i>	Cleary	At last, Henry Huggins's father has promised to take him fishing, on one condition. To go Henry must keep Ribsy out of trouble -- no chasing cats, no digging up lawns...and no getting anywhere near little Ramona Quimby, the pest of Klickitat Street.
<i>Ellen Tebbits</i>	Cleary	The part of third grade Ellen Tebbits likes most is having Austine Allen for her best friend.
<i>Muggie Maggie</i>	Cleary	Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.
<i>The Egyptian Cinderella</i>	Climo	In this version of Cinderella set in Egypt in the sixth century B.C., Rhodopes, a slave girl, eventually comes to be chosen by the Pharaoh to be his queen.
<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>	Dahl	Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family.
<i>Courage of Sarah Noble</i>	Dagleish	A little girl and her father are among the first to settle in Connecticut in 1707.
<i>Amber Brown is Not a Crayon</i>	Danzinger	The year she is in the third grade is a sad time for Amber because her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.
<i>Amber Brown Sees Red</i>	Danzinger	The year that she is in the fourth grade is a difficult one for Amber, as she tries to deal with escalating telephone fights between her divorced parents and her father's impending return to take joint custody of her.
<i>Insectlopedia</i>	Florian	Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and ladybug.
<i>Sable</i>	Hesse	Tate Marshall is delighted when a stray dog turns up in the yard one day, but Sable, named for her dark, silky fur, causes trouble with the neighbors and has to go.

<i>Bunnacula</i>	Howe	Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their founding baby bunny must be a vampire.
<i>Catwings</i>	LeGuin	Four young cats with wings search for a safe place to live.
<i>Gooney Bird Greene</i>	Lowry	A most unusual new student who loves to be the center of attention entertains her teacher and fellow second graders by telling absolutely true stories about herself, including how she got her name.
<i>Clementine (series)</i>	Pennypacker	While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
<i>Sideways Stories From Wayside School</i>	Sachar	Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.
<i>Runny Babbit</i>	Silverstein	The last of Shel Silverstein's poems with hilarious mix-ups.
<i>The Boxcar Children</i>	Warner	Four orphans take shelter in an old boxcar during a storm, and, deterred to make it their own, they turn it into a safe, cozy home.
<i>Encyclopedia Brown Series</i>	Sobol	Encyclopedia Brown solves mysteries, large and small, around his town in this series.
<i>Geronimo Stilton Mysteries</i>	Stilton	The series stars a mouse who runs the newspaper on Mouse Island--but whose true passion is writing tales of adventure.
<i>Lon Po Po: A Red Riding Hood Tale from China</i>	Young	Three sisters are endangered by a hungry wolf in this Caldecott Award winning folk tale
<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i>	Step toe	Two sisters, one mean-tempered and one sweet, go before the king who is in search of a wife.
<i>Capital Mysteries</i>	Roy	KC and her friend Marshall solve mysteries in the Nation's Capital.
<b>(m) Designates Books For Mature Readers</b>		
<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i>	(m) Atwater	The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.
<i>The BFG</i>	(m) Dahl	Kidsnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.
<i>Strawberry Girl</i>	(m) Lenski	Set in a little-known backwoods region of Florida, Strawberry Girl is the first of the Lenski regional books and the winner of the Newbery award.
<i>Pippi in the South Seas</i>	(m) Lindgren	The adventures of the strongest girl in the world, who takes her two friends with her when she travels from Sweden to visit her father, king of an island in the South Seas.
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i>	(m) Wilder	A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a prairie fire.
<i>Stuart Little</i>	(m) White	The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.