

## **Cranford Public Schools Summer Reading List Second Grade**

Aardema, Verna **Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: a Nandi Tale** - A cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought-stricken Kapiti Plain.

Adler, David **Picture Biography (series)** - Adler has written a series of easy to read biographies about historical men and women.

Allard, Harry **Miss Nelson is Missing** - The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

Blume, Judy **Freckle Juice (This Title only)** - Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Brett, Jan **Town Mouse, Country Mouse** - After trading houses, the country mice and the town mice discover there's no place like home.

Bunting, Eve **Cheyenne Again** - In the late 1880's, a Cheyenne boy named Small Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's ways.

Byars, Betsy **The Golly Sisters Go West and Others** - May-May and Rose, the singing, dancing Golly sisters, travel west by covered wagon, entertaining people along the way.

Cole, Joanna **Magic School Bus (series)** - Ms. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip through the electric field, the solar system, the water works, the human body and a bee hive and other places in this science/nature series.

Conford, Ellen **Jenny Archer** - Stymied by an assignment to write her autobiography, Jenny decides to enhance her life story by using her considerable imagination.

Dahl, Roald **Enormous Crocodile** - The enormous crocodile devises secret plans and a few clever tricks to secure his lunch only to have them foiled by his neighbors.

Delton, Judy **Pee Wee Scouts (series) Lucky Dog Days** - It is Help-a-Pet month and the Pee Wee Scouts plan a trip to the animal shelter. Molly comes up with an idea to help the pets and the Pee Wees too.

Demi **The Empty Pot** - When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty.

DePaola, Tomie **The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush** - Little Gopher follows his destiny, as revealed in a Dream-Vision, of becoming an artist for his people and eventually is able to bring the colors of the sunset down to the earth.

Ernst, Lisa Campbell **Ginger Jumps** - Ginger the dog loves performing in the circus, but she is unable to summon the courage for a new trick until she finds the little girl companion about whom she has been dreaming.

Joyce, William **George Shrinks** - Taking care of a cat and a baby brother turns into a series of comic adventures when George wakes up to find himself shrunk to the size of a mouse.

Gibbons, Gail **Deadline: From News to Newspaper** - Examines the diverse behind-the-scenes activities of a typical working day at a small daily newspaper, from morning preparations for meeting the deadline to the moment the afternoon papers leave the presses.

Howe, James **Pinky and Rex** - Rex and her best friend Pinky, each the proud possessor of twenty-seven stuffed animals or dinosaurs, find their visit to the museum and its gift shop complicated by Pinky's little sister Amanda.

Krensky, Stephen **Christopher Columbus** - A simple account of Christopher Columbus' first voyage to America

Mahy, Margaret **The Seven Chinese Brothers** - Seven Chinese brothers elude execution by virtue of their extraordinary individual qualities.

Marshall, James **The Cut Ups (series)** - Practical jokers Spud and Joe get away with every trick in the book until the day they meet a little girl named Mary Frances Hooley.

Meddaugh, Susan **Martha Speaks** - Problems arise when Martha, the family dog, learns to speak after eating alphabet soup.

Kellogg, Steven **Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale** - Recounts the life of the extraordinary lumberjack whose unusual size and strength brought him many fantastic adventures.

Kline, Suzy **Horrible Harry (series)** - Harry is a student in 2B who always seems to find trouble. See how he gets out of some tough fixes.

Kroll, Steven **The Biggest Pumpkin Ever** - Two mice, each without the other's knowledge, help a pumpkin grow into "the biggest pumpkin ever"--but for different purposes.

Munsch, Robert **Purple, Green and Yellow** - Brigid gets 500 washable coloring markers but she gets bored with them. Finally she gets super-indelible-never-come-off-till-you're-dead-and-maybe-even-later coloring markers, and what does she do with them?

Osborne, Mary Pope **Magic Tree House (series) - Afternoon on the Amazon** Eight-year-old Jack, his seven-year-old sister, Annie, and Peanut the mouse ride in a tree house to the Amazon rain forests, where they encounter giant ants, flesh-eating piranhas, hungry crocodiles, and wild jaguars.

Parish, Peggy **Amelia Bedelia (series)** - A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

Sadler, Marilyn **Alistair (series)** - Alistair, a young boy, has childhood adventures around his neighborhood.

Seuss, Dr. **I'm Not Going to Get Up Today!** - A boy is so sleepy that he vows nothing will get him out of his morning bed, neither peas and beans nor the United States Marines.

Sharmat, Marjorie **Nate the Great** - Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.

Spier, Peter **The Star Spangled Banner** - Illustrates three verses of our national anthem, written at the battle of FortMcHenry during the War of 1812.

Stevenson, James **Mud Flat Spring** - The animals of Mud Flat celebrate the coming of spring in their own ways.

Vans Allsburg, Chris **Jumanji** - Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Viorst, Judith **Alexander and The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day** - On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

Waber, Bernard **Ira Sleeps Over** - A little boy is excited at the prospect of spending the night at his friend's house but worries how he'll get along without his teddy bear.

Williams, Vera **A Chair for My Mother** - A child, her waitress mother, and her grandmother save dimes to buy a comfortable armchair after all their furniture is lost in a fire. Includes study guide.

Zelinsky, Paul **Rapunzel** - A retelling of a folktale in which a beautiful girl with long golden hair is kept imprisoned in a lonely tower by a sorceress