

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

Barrett, Judi **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** - Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers--until the weather takes a turn for the worse.

Blumberg, Rhoda **Bloomers!** - Explains how the new-fashioned outfit, bloomers, helped Amelia Bloomer, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony spread the word about women's rights.

Branley, Franklyn **The Planets in Our Solar System** - Describes the nine planets and other bodies of the solar system; includes directions for making models showing the size of the planets and their distance from the sun.

Bunting, Eve **How Many Days to America?** - Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to America where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Byars, Betsy **The Seven Treasure Hunts** - Two boys make up a series of treasure hunts for each other, with disastrous and hilarious results.

Cannon, Janelle **Stellaluna** - After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

Cherry, Lynne **The Armadillo From Amarillo** - A wandering armadillo sees some of the cities, historic sites, geographic features, and wildlife of Texas.

Cleary, Beverly **Beezus and Ramona (series)** - Four-year-old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus.

Cohen, Barbara **Molly's Pilgrim** - Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother tries to help her out by creating a doll dressed as she herself was dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom.

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.

Danzinger, Paula **Amber Brown (series)** - Amber faces some changes in her life as her best friend moves away and her parents divorce.

Delton, Judy **Back Yard Angel** - Although ten-year-old Angel loves her little brother Rags dearly, the constant responsibility of taking care of him weighs heavily on her young shoulders.

DePaola, Tomie **The Popcorn Book** - Presents a variety of facts about popcorn and includes two recipes.

DePaola, Tomie **Strega Nona** - When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Estes, Eleanor **The Hundred Dresses** - In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

Florian, Douglas **Beast Feast** - A collection of humorous poems about such animals as the walrus, anteater, and boa.

Giff, Patricia Reilly **Ronald Morgan Goes to Bat** - Although he can't hit or catch, Ronald Morgan loves to play baseball.

Goble, Paul **The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses** - Though she is fond of her people, a girl prefers to live among the wild horses where she is truly happy and free.

Huriwitz, Joanna **Aldo Ice Cream** - Nine-year-old Aldo discovers the pleasures of doing volunteer work to help the older citizens of the community and the satisfactions of earning his first money on his own for unselfish reasons.

Kimmel, Eric A. **Anasi and the Talking Melon** - A clever spider tricks Elephant and some other animals into thinking the melon in which he is hiding can talk.

Kline, Suzy **Horrible Harry (series) and the Purple People** - Horrible Harry, the class clown of Room 2B, returns to the spotlight with the Purple People, mysterious beings that only he can see.

Leedy, Loreen **Postcards from Pluto** Dr. Quasar gives a group of children a tour of the solar system, describing each of the planets from Mercury to Pluto.

Maestro, Betsy and Giulio **How Do Apples Grow?** - Describes the life cycle of an apple from its initial appearance as a spring bud to that point in time when it becomes a fully ripe fruit.

Milne, A.A. **The House at Pooh Corner** - Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Owl, Piglet, Kanga, Roo and Pooh join Tigger, who leads them into some colorful adventures.

Park, Barbara **Junie B. Jones (series) and the Smelly Bus** - In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.

Peet, Bill **Ella** - A spiteful, conceited elephant runs away from the circus and immediately regrets her course of action

Polacco, Patricia **The Keeping Quilt** - A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Prelutsky, Jack **It's Snowing, it's Snowing** - A collection of more than a dozen poems that capture the excitement of winter.

Ringgold, Faith **Tar Beach** - A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family. Based on the author's quilt painting of the same name.

Sachar, Lois **Marvin Redpost (series)** - A small incident during recess threatens to turn nine-year-old Marvin into the outcast of his third-grade class.

Scieszka, Jon **Time Warp Trio (series) 2095** - While on a field trip to New York's Museum of Natural History, Joe, Sam, and Fred travel one hundred years into the future, where they encounter robots, anti-gravity disks, and their own grandchildren.

Seuss, Dr. **Bartholomew and the Oobleck** - Bartholomew Cubbins saves the kingdom when the oobleck comes down green and sticky from the sky.

Shreve, Susan **Joshua T. Bates in Trouble Again (series)** - After finally being promoted to fourth grade in the middle of the year, Joshua is so worried about the bully who rules the fourth grade boys that he makes some unwise decisions.

Silverstein, Shel **The Missing Piece Meets the Big O** - A missing piece, looking for someone to carry it along, finally develops its own momentum.

Simon, Seymour **Our Solar System and Earth Sciences (series)** - Excellent photographs and text explain about each of the planets in the solar system and other earth sciences.

Sobol, **Encyclopedia Brown (series)** - Ten brief cases in which the reader pits his wits against those of Encyclopedia Brown, an ingenious ten-year-old detective.

Yolen, Jane **Encounter** - Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.