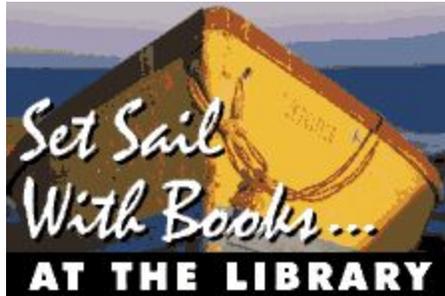


**HILLSDALE SCHOOLS SUMMER READING LIST
GRADES 3-4
2016**



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Please remember that while reading levels (RL) have been provided as a general guide, often a child's interest in a particular book will encourage them to take a challenge, while at other times he/she may wish to relax and read something for pure enjoyment. Please consider reading to your child- a good children's book can be a pleasant experience for an adult as well, and taking the time to read to your child will let him/her know that you, too, value reading. Please note: although individual titles by particular authors are listed here, all of these authors are quite prolific and their other titles are recommended as well.

HAPPY READING!

Angleberger, Tom- **Origami Yoda** (series of 6)- IL 3-6, RI 4.6

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. Includes instructions for making Origami Yoda.

Applegate, Katherine – **Roscoe Riley Rules: Never walk in shoes that talk** (series)

IL K-3, RL 2.9

Having gotten a pair of hard-to-find Walkie Talkie shoes, Roscoe is suddenly popular and wants his best friend, Gus, to join the fun, but before Gus's parents will buy him new shoes, he must wear out his long-lasting sneakers.

Aretha, David- **Baseball Geeks Adventures** (series) IL3-6, RL 4.9

"When the owner of the New York Yankees invites Joey, Kevin, and Omar to New York to watch a game in the owner's suite, the geeks start finding ways to help the Yankees win. But when people start finding out what's going on, the geeks find themselves running for their lives through the Bronx.

Barrows, Annie- **Ivy and Bean** (series) IL K-3, RL 3.2

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.

Bean, Raymond- **Benji Franklin: Kid Zillionaire** (series) IL 3-6, RL 5.3

After inventing a bestselling excuse-generating app, twelve-year-old Benjamin "Benji" Franklin became the world's youngest and, well, only ZILLIONAIRE. Unlike other fat cats, this tiny tycoon uses his wealth for the greater good instead of selfish gain -- because it's not all about the Benjamin!

Beforever American Girl (series) IL 3-6, RL 4.0

Beforever: American Girl-Addy Classic-1864 is about making connections. It's About exploring the past, finding your place in the present, and thinking about the possibilities your future can bring. And it's about seeing the common thread that ties girls from all times together. The inspiring characters you will meet stand up for what they care about most. Helping others. Protecting the earth. Overcoming injustice. Through their courageous stories, discover how staying true to your own beliefs will help make your world better today--and tomorrow.

Birney, Betty G. - **The World According to Humphrey**- IL 3-6, RL 5.8

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role to play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Blume, Judy- **Double Fudge** IL 3-6, RL 6.0

His younger brother's obsession with money and the discovery of long lost cousins Flora and Fauna provide many embarrassing moments for twelve year old Peter.

Branches (series)-IL K-3, RL 3.7

This series is part of Scholastic's early chapter book line called Branches, which is aimed at newly independent readers. With easy-to-read text, high-interest content, fast-paced plots, and illustrations on every page, these books will boost reading confidence and stamina.

Butler, Dori Hillestad- **The Buddy Files** (series)- IL K-3

Mystery fans and dog lovers will be swept up by these stories featuring Buddy, a dog lead-character who interacts with humans in surprising and funny ways. Just right for early readers and reluctant readers.

Butler, Dori Hillestad- **The Haunted Library**- IL K-3, RL 3.2

When ghost boy Kaz's haunt is torn down and he is separated from his ghost family, he meets a real girl named Claire, who lives above the town library with her parents and her grandmother. Claire has a special ability to see ghosts when other humans cannot and she and Kaz quickly form a friendship. The two join forces to solve the mystery of the ghost that's haunting the library. Could it be one of Kaz's lost family members?

Bruel, Nick- **Bad Kitty Goes to the Vet** (series)-IL- K-3, RL 4.1

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad.

Can you Survive An Interactive History Adventure- IL 3-6, RL 4.1

Readers can choose different endings for the various adventures.

Christopher, Matt- **The Dog that Pitched a No- Hitter**- IL K-3, RL 4.0

Mike's telepathic dog Harry is able to send him secret signals about the opposing players on the baseball field, but Mike's weak pitching arm requires them to find another plan to save the game.

Cleary, Beverly- **Ramona** (series)- IL 3-6, RL 5.1

Eight adventures that follow four-year-old Ramona Quimby while she grows up alongside her older sister, Beezus, through the fourth grade.

Clements, Andrew- **Frindle**- IL 3-6, RL 4.8

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.

Clements, Andrew- **No Talking** (series)- IL 3-6, RL 5.0

The noisy fifth grade boys of Laketon Elementary School challenge the equally loud fifth grade girls to a "no talking" contest.

Courtenay, L.A.- **Space Penguins: Galaxy Race!** (series)- IL K-3, RL 4.7

Rocky's reputation for death-defying aerial acrobatics gains him an invitation to participate in the galaxy's notorious Superchase Space Race.

Crawley, Dave- **Cat Poems**- IL 3-6, RL 3.0

Cats: They wake you up at dawn, nap on your lap, perch on the book you're reading, and sometimes act as though they don't know you. They are a constant source of puzzlement--and joy. In this collection of poems, Dave Crawley pays tribute to the fabulous, finicky felines he has known and loved since childhood, capturing classic cat antics with affection and humor. Tamara Petrosino's watercolor illustrations amplify the humor and depict cats' expressions, postures, and mischievous ways as only a devoted cat owner could.

Crawley, Dave- **Dog Poems**- IL 3-6, RL 3.0

In fanciful wordplay and rhyme, Dave Crawley celebrates the canine world. Dogs. They slobber you with kisses, love to sit in your lap (no matter their size), and often seem to take *you* for a walk. When you're in a "huggy mood," a dog is there to "snuggle-wuggle" and "ruzzle-wuzzle." They are devoted companions. Dave Crawley celebrates dogs from basset hounds, sheepdogs, and retrievers to Great Danes, bulldogs, oodles of poodles, and more. With spirited illustrations by Tamara Petrosino, *Dog Poems* is an affectionate and humorous look at man's best friend.

Danziger, Paula -**Amber Brown is Not a Crayon**- (series) IL 3-6, RL 3.8

Her third grade year is a sad time for Amber, as her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state.

Davies, Jacqueline- **Lemonade War** (series) IL 3-6, RL 4.1

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

DeLaurentis, Giada- **Naples!** (Recipe for Adventure series) IL 3-6, IL 4.9

"When their great-aunt comes to live with Alfie and his older sister Emilia, they learn that food can not only take you places but also bring you back home. In the first book in the series, Alfie and Emilia find themselves magically transported to Naples

DiCamillo, Kate- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**- IL 3-6, RL 4.9

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him and travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams and histories.

Florian, Douglas- **Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars**- IL K-3, RL 3.1

A collection of twenty whimsical poems about comets, the stars, moon, and the planets.

Friedman, Laurie- **Mallory** (series) IL 3-6, RL 5.0

When Mallory is appointed to the Fern Falls Elementary School Environmental Committee, which is deciding on class projects for the upcoming Green Fair, she rapidly succeeds in alienating her classmates, friends, and family by her overzealous efforts to save the planet.

Gutman, Dan - **The Babe and Me** (Baseball Card Adventure Series) IL 5-8, RL 4.5

With their ability to travel through time using vintage baseball cards, Joe and his father have the opportunity to find out whether Babe Ruth really did call his shot when he hit that home run in the third game of the 1932 World Series against the Chicago Cubs.

Gutman, Dan- **My Weird School Daze** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 3.4

Mr. Granite is assigned a new student teacher but A.J. and his friends become convinced that she is actually a vampire who lives in a cave and plays in a heavy metal band with her zombie boyfriend.

Harper, Charise- **Just Grace** (series)- IL K-3, RL 4.4

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Holm, Jennifer- **Babymouse, Queen of the World**- IL 3-6 RL 2.8

An imaginative mouse dreams of being queen of the world, but will settle for an invitation to the most popular girls' slumber party.

Holm, Jennifer-**Squish** (series)- IL3-6, RL 2.2

The young amoeba Squish, inspired by his favorite comic book hero, Super Amoeba, tries to navigate his way through school and save his friends and the world from the evils that lurk in the halls.

Holt, Kimberly Willis- **Piper Reed** (series) IL 3-6, RL 3.6

Ten-year-old Piper moves yet again when her father, who is a Chief Petty Officer in the Navy, gets assigned to Norfolk, Virginia, and although the move takes a bit of adjustment, she soon makes friends with the girl next door and catches up with old friends too.

Hopper, Ada- **The Data Set: The Sky Is Falling** (series)- IL K-3

In the third action-packed adventure of The DATA Set series, Dr. Bunsen uses his newest invention—the Bunsenmunicator 3000—to communicate with aliens.

Jeter, Derek- **Change Up**- IL 3-6, RL 4.0

Derek is sure this will be the best season yet! He has it all planned—his dad will have him start at shortstop, and the team will cruise to a championship. But sometimes life doesn't go according to plan. Change Up focuses on a key life lesson of Derek Jeter's Turn 2 FoundatiON...dealing with Growing Pains.

Kelly, David- **Ballpark Mysteries**- IL K-3, RL 3.8

An All-American combination--baseball and mysteries! Now leading off the line-up, an early-chapter-book mystery series where each book is set in a different American ballpark!

Kinney, Jeff- **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** (series)- IL 5-8, RL 5.4

It's a new school year, and Greg Heffley finds himself thrust into middle school, where undersized weaklings share the hallways with kids who are taller, meaner, and already shaving. The hazards of growing up before you're ready are uniquely revealed through words and drawings as Greg records them in his diary.

Kirby-**Captain Awesome** (series) IL K-3, RL 3.5

Second grader Eugene McGillicuddy loves comic books and superheroes so much that he invents his very own superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome! MI TEE! Along with his best friend Charlie (aka Nacho Cheese Man) and sidekick Turbo the hamster, this superpowered squad protects Sunnyview and the universe from evil through the defeat of one comical bad guy after the other.

Korman, Gordon- **Zoobreak**- IL 3-6, RL 4.9

After a class trip to a floating zoo where animals are mistreated and Savannah's missing pet monkey is found in a cage, Long Island sixth-grader Griffin Bing and his band of misfits plan a rescue.

Korman, Gordon- **No More Dead Dogs**- IL 3-6, RL 4.9

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Krulik, Nancy- **George Brown, Class Clown** (series)-IL 3-6, RL 3.4

Ten stories about George Brown, class clown, and his magic burps that seem to erupt at exactly the wrong time and foil his plans.

Look, Lenore - **Alvin Ho, allergic to Girls, School and Other Scary Things**- IL 3-6, RL 3.8

A young boy in Concord, Massachusetts, who loves superheroes and comes from a long line of brave Chinese farmer-warriors, wants to make friends, but first he must overcome his fear of everything.

Lowry, Lois- **Gooney Bird Greene** - (series)IL 3-6, RL 5.0

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.

Maddox, Jake- **Free Throw** (sports series with boy/girl appeal) - IL 5-8, RL 2.6

Since Derek is now the tallest player on his basketball team, the coach decides to have him play center but Jason, the former center, has little confidence in Derek and will not pass him the ball.

Martin, Ann M.- **Welcome to Camden Falls** (Main Street Series) IL-3-6, RL 5.9

Sisters Flora and Ruby move to Camden Falls after the death of their parents to live with their grandmother who owns a sewing shop; and the girls find it easy to make friends and feel at home.

McDonald, Megan- **Judy Moody** (series) - IL 3.6, RL 3.6

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.

McDonald, Megan- **Judy Moody and Friends**- IL K-3, RL 2.2

From Megan McDonald, the creator of the popular and award-winning "Judy Moody" series and "Stink" series, comes an all-new "Judy Moody and Friends" series, just right for newly independent readers.

McDonald, Megan - **Stink** (series) - IL K-3, RL 2.4

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents 'Day at school.

Metz, Melinda- **S.M.A.R.T.S.: and the Poison Plates** (series) – IL 3-6, RL 5.2

Kids are getting sick after lunch...and it's not because of questionable cafeteria food. It's poison! But there are only two groups tossing their cookies: the super-cool girls and the comic book buffs. Who would hold a grudge and why would they want to poison them?

Miles, Eileen- **Puppy Place** IL 3-6, RL 3.4 to 3.8

The Puppy Place--where every puppy finds the perfect home!

Mullarkey, Lisa- **Katharine the Almost Great** (series) - IL3-6, RL 3.1

Third grader Katherine turns to her idol Penelope Parks for advice on overcoming her stage fright and ends up developing a major attitude.

Mlynowski, Sarah- **Whatever After: Dream On** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 3.5

In this third adventure, Abby, her brother Jonah, and her friend Robin get sucked into the magic mirror and end up in the story of Sleeping Beauty, but when Robin pricks her finger and uses up the sleeping spell, Abby has to come up with a clever solution and a new happily-ever-after.

Nickel, Scott- **Attack of the Mutant Lunch Lady** (series) - IL K-3, RL 2.4

Buzz Beaker and his best friend, Larry, must find a way to stop the cafeteria lady, who has turned into a blob of mystery meat and is now terrorizing the students.

O'Connor, Jane- **Nancy Clancy , Secret Admirer-** (series) IL 3-6, RL 3.5 When Nancy Clancy finds out that both her guitar teacher, Andy, and her favorite babysitter, Annie, have broken up with the people they were dating, she decides to make them fall in love on Valentine's Day.

O'Ryan Ray- **Galaxy Zack: Space Camp** (series) IL K-3, RL 3.2

Zack and his friends are off to space camp on a new planet in the fourteenth Galaxy Zack adventure.

Osborne, Mary Pope- **Magic Tree House** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 3.3

Two children travel through time in a magic tree house and learn about various periods in history.

Parish, Herman- **Amelia Bedelia Chapter Books-** IL- K-3

Amelia Bedelia for beginning chapter-book readers! Meet the young Amelia Bedelia and enjoy her literal take on the world around her. With short, fast-paced chapters, tons of friends and funny situations, anything can happen and it usually does! Black and white illustrations by Lynne Avril on every page draw in even reluctant readers with visual cues.

Pennypacker, Sara- **Clementine** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 4.5

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.

Peschke, M- **Kylie Jean** (series)-IL K-3

A small town girl who believes in dreaming big! From blueberries to beauty pageants, second-grader Kylie Jean wants to be the queen of everything! But in her quest to be the best, this young southern belle learns a few lessons of her own. Although mischievous, delightful, and fun, family values and hard work shine through in every adventure.

Riordan, Rick- **The Red Pyramid** (Kane Chronicles series)- IL 4-8, RL 4.8

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

Riordan, Rick- **The Lost Hero** (Heroes of Olympus series)- IL 4-8, RL 4.5

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

Ripken, Cal Jr. – **Hothead** IL 3-6, RL 5.8

Connor Sullivan, All-Star third baseman on his Babe Ruth League team, has a terrible temper and problems at home, but when the sports editor of the school paper threatens to publish an embarrassing story about his tantrums, Connor must make a change.

Rissell, Rachel Renee- **Tales From a Not So Fabulous Life**- IL 3-6, RL 6.5

Fourteen-year-old Nikki Maxwell writes and sketches in her diary about her struggle to be popular at her exclusive new private school, and about giving up on being part of the elite group, before figuring out a way to simply be herself.

Roy, Ron - **Fireworks at the FBI** (Capital mystery series) - IL 3-6, RL 4.4

KC and her friend Marshall help the FBI solve the mystery of who hacked into the witness protection program.

Roy, Ron- **A to Z Mysteries** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 4.4

With strong stories, short chapters, large type, and a dash of illustrations, this series offers a smooth transition between full-color beginning readers and middle-grade chapter books. The unique genre identifications that group books thematically--including mystery, fantasy, fiction, true stories, humor, history, and classic--make it easy for readers to select their favorite subjects.

Roy, Ron- **Calendar Mysteries** (series) - IL 3-6, RL 4.4

Features Bradley Pinto, his twin, Brian, and friends Lucy and Nate, the younger siblings of the A to Z Mysteries kids.

Sateren, Shelley Swanson- **Adventures at Hound Hotel**- IL k-3, RL 2.0

Welcome to Hound Hotel, the perfect place to board your canine family members. Readers will enjoy meeting all sorts of dogs through the eyes of eight-year-old Alfie Wolfe, the good-hearted, funny narrator. Every dog that visits the kennel has different needs, and Alfie and his twin sister Alfreeda are ready to serve them. The problem is the twins usually disagree about what those needs are! There is one thing they always agree on, though: there's nothing better than a dog!

Selznick, Brian- **Wonderstruck**- IL 5.8, RL 5.0

Relates the stories of twelve-year-old Ben, who loses his mother and his hearing in a short time frame and decides to leave his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he has never known in New York City; and Rose, who lives with her father but feels compelled to search for what is missing in her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Sheinmel, Courtney- **Stella Batts** (series) IL K-3, RL 3.8

In this early-chapter book series, the ups and downs of Stella's life are charmingly chronicled. She's in third grade, she wants to be a writer, and her parents own a candy shop. Life should be sweet, right?

Simon, Francesca- **Horrid Henry** (series)- IL K-3, RL 2.9

Horrid Henry causes his brother Perfect Peter all sorts of problems when he behaves properly for a change, upstages Peter at a dance recital, plays pirates, and goes on a camping trip.

Smith, Roland- **Storm Runners** IL 5-8, RL 5.7

Twelve-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner," but he is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida.

Snicket, Lemony - **The Bad Beginning** (Series of Unfortunate Events) - IL 5-8, RL 6.0

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get to their fortune.

"I Survived" (series) IL 3-6, RL 4.7

History's most exciting and terrifying events are brought to life in this fictional series. Readers will be transported by stories of amazing children and how they survived!

39 Clues (series, various authors) IL 3-6, RL various

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage

Travers P.L.- **Mary Poppins**- IL 3-6, RL 4.1

It all starts when Mary Poppins is blown by the east wind onto the doorstep of the Banks house. She becomes a *most* unusual nanny to Jane, Michael, and the twins. Who else but Mary Poppins can slide *up* banisters, pull an entire armchair out of an empty carpetbag, and make a dose of medicine taste like delicious lime-juice cordial? A day with Mary Poppins is a day of magic and make-believe come to life!

Van Draanen, Wendelin -**Shredderman**- IL 3-6, RL 5.9

Someone is spray painting graffiti all over Cedar Valley and it is up to fifth grader Nolan Byrd, also known as Shredderman, to expose the vandal.

Voake, Steve- **Daisy Dawson and the Big Freeze** (series) IL K-3, RL 4.3

When one of the lambs on the farm gets lost on the other side of the river, Daisy, who can communicate with animals, and her dog Boom help return him to the flock.

Where is....? (series, various authors) IL 3-6 (also **What was..?** and **What Is...?**)

Where Is . . . aims to broaden young readers' interests about places of note. These titles offer exciting and accessible nonfiction to readers who are now ready to tackle first chapter books. One hundred and twelve pages long, they are written on a very easy reading level, feature 80 black-and-white illustrations, include extra sidebar information and timelines, and--as a special extra--a double-sided, full-color, fold-out map. Primary graders are taught to think globally; Where Is . . . ? books are their passport to the most exciting places in the world.

Who Was....? (series, various authors) IL 3.6, RL 4.4

Series of easy to read, high interest biographies on various important people, including Babe Ruth, Rosa Parks, the Beatles, etc.

Wells, Tina-**Mackenzie Blue** (series) IL3-6, RL 5.8

Seventh-grader Mackenzie Blue, also known as Zee, deals with the stresses of school when her best friend moves away, somebody steals her diary, and she gets one chance to become a rock star, requiring the smart and talented girl to seek help from her crew of friends.

White, E.B.- **Charlotte's Web**- IL 3-6, RL 5.1

Wilbur the pig is desolate when he discovers he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte decides to help him.

Florian, Douglas- **Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings** IL K-3, RL 3.9

Presents illustrated verse about various carnivorous and herbivorous dinosaurs, including the Iguanodon, Spinosaurus, and long-necked plesiosaurs.

Non-Fiction Selected Titles and Series

Basher Series- a variety of nonfiction subject matters written in an appealing and easy to understand manner.

Jenkins, Steven- **Bones: skeletons and How they Work**- IL 3-6, RL 6.1

Explores the details of human and animal bones, comparing the differences between the skeletal structure of various species, with several gatefolds that display the skeletons of many creatures.

National Geographic Animal chapter books- IL K-3, RL 4.2

Easy to read books about a wide variety of animals.

A True Book: Triceratops, and others in series-

A True Book: The Titanic Disaster, and others in series-

Amazing Animals: Dolphins, and others in series by Kate Riggs

National Geographic Kids: Everything Pets, and others in series

National Geographic: Remember Valley Forge, and others in series

Gibbons, Gail- various titles

DK Adventures: In The Shadow Of The Volcano, and others in series