

CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS -- APPROVED READING LIST (revised 2003)

GRADE 3

*The following titles are eligible for use in class instruction at this grade level. Please note that, in order to promote differentiated instruction in the classroom, there are titles included both below grade level and above grade level. If you find that some of your students have not yet read a book listed at a lower grade level and you would like to use it with them in class, you may pull from the lower grade level lists. Please **DO NOT** utilize any of these titles for instruction at a higher grade level.*

TITLE	AUTHOR	BRIEF SUMMARY	POTENTIAL PROBLEMS	READING LEVEL	INTEREST LEVEL	FICTION NONFICTION
Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon	Paula Danziger	Child has to adjust to her best friend moving. (Reading process, applications)		2.5	2-5	Fiction
Anansi and the Talking Melon	Eric A. Kimmel	Anansi is trapped inside a melon and plays a trick on an elephant. (Folktale)		3.0	K-3	Fiction
Bells of Christmas	Virginia Hamilton	A young boy describes a family Christmas celebration (1890) in Springfield, OH.		3.5	3-6	Fiction
Big Bad Bruce	Bill Peet	A witch brings a bully (bear) down to size. (Bullying)	Witch character	4.1	1-3	Fiction
Bones: Our Skeletal System	Seymour Simon	Description of the bones in our body, (Science, body parts)		4.0	K-3	Nonfiction
The Bracelet	Yoshiko Uchida	A Japanese American child is sent to an internment camp during World War II.		3.5	1-4	Fiction
Buttons for General Washington	Peter and Connie Roop	The reconstruction of a possible mission of a 14-year-old spy during the Revolutionary War. (Biographical, historical)		2.9	2-4	Fiction
Chalk Box Kid	Clyde Robert	A child creates a garden in an unusual place. (Character traits)		2.7	2-5	Fiction
Donavan's Word Jar	Monalisa DeGross	Story of the importance of words. (Vocabulary words)		3.0	2-5	Fiction
Drinking Gourd	F. N. Monjo	A young boy helps his family escape to freedom in Canada. (Slavery, Reading application-text to text)	Slavery	3.0	2-4	Fiction
Flight: The Journey of Charles Lindbergh	Robert Burleigh	Story of the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. (Biography)		2.5	K-3	Nonfiction

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Freckle Juice	Judy Blume	A boy wants freckles and uses various potions to make them appear. (Reading Process)		3.1	2-5	Fiction
Fredrick Douglass	Margo McLoone	The famous African-American orator who spoke out against slavery. (Biography)		2-3	1-5	Nonfiction
Hundred Penny Box	Sharon Bell Mathis	Boy tries to persuade his mother not to throw out his great-great aunt's things. (Family life, hundred days)		4.1	1-4	Fiction
If You Sailed On the Mayflower	Ann McGovern	The story of the Pilgrims, the Mayflower voyage and the first Thanksgiving. (History)		3.0	2-5	Nonfiction
Josefina Story Quilt	Elanor Coerr	While traveling west in 1850, a young girl makes a quilt relating the experiences of the journey. (History)		2.7	2-4	Fiction
Keep the Lights Burning Abbie	Peter Roop	In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper forcing his daughter to keep the lights working alone. (History)		5.1	2-4	Fiction
Little	John Peterson	Tiny people live in the walls of a house. (High-interest)		3.3	2-5	Fiction
Long Way to America	Joan Sandin	A family immigrates to America. (Immigration)		2.7	2-4	Fiction
Marvin Redpost: Why Pick On Me? (series)	Louis Sachar	The class bully is picking on Marvin and so is everyone else. (Bullying, text to self)		2.7-3.6	1-4	Fiction
Max Malone Makes Million	Charlotte Herman	A young boy tries to figure out a way to get rich. (Economics)		3.6	2-4	Fiction
Molly's Pilgrim	Barbara Cohen	Young girl brings her doll to school dressed like the pilgrim's from her culture. (Historical, point of view, heritage)		3.0	K-3	Fiction
My America Series	Various authors	"Journals" of daily life during different events in history. (Journal writing, historical)		3.0	2-5	Fiction

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Nettie's Trip South	Ann Turner	A young girl comes to grips with slavery after viewing a slave auction. (History)	Slavery	3.6	2-5	Fiction
Patchwork Quilt	Valerie Flournoy	A girl helps her grandmother make quilt using material from the family's clothes. (Text to text comparison)		3.7	K-3	Fiction
Rag Coat	Lauren Mills	A girl wears a coat made of scraps to school and shares the story of the coat with her classmates. (Text to text comparison)		3.9	K-3	Fiction
Ramona (series)	Beverly Cleary	Ramona's adventures from kindergarten to the third grade. (Character development)		3-5.5	2-5	Fiction
Recycle	Gail Gibbons	The process of recycling from start to finish. (Environment)		3.0	K-3	Nonfiction
Rip-Roaring Russell & Russell Sprouts	Johanna Hurwitz	Young boy's adventures with his family and friends. (Character traits)		3.8	2-5	Fiction
Sam Johnson and the Blue Ribbon Quilt	Lisa Ernst	Sam learns that he likes to sew but is not accepted when tried to join a quilting club. (Reading applications text to self)		3.8	K-3	Fiction
Sam, Bangs and Moonshine	Evaline Ness	A girl learns the difference between real life and make believe. (Character development)		3.6	2-4	Fiction
Samuel Eaton's Day	Kate Waters	Recreation of a child's life among the Pilgrims. (Text to text, text to self)		2.0	2-5	Fiction
Sara Morton's Day	Kate Waters	Recreation of a child's life among the Pilgrims. (Text to text, text to self)		2.3	2-5	Fiction
Skylark	Patricia MacLachlan	Sequel to Sarah, Plain and Tall. (History)		3.2	4-7	Fiction
Stellaluna	Janell Cannon	A fruit bat's adventures of survival and friendship. (Science)		3.5	K-3	Fiction

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Stone Fox	John Reynolds Gardiner	Story of a boy determined to win a race and \$500. (Map skills, conflict resolution)		4.0	4-7	Fiction
Stories Julian Tells	Ann Cameron	7-year-old Julian and his brother have a series of adventures together. (Culture)		2.3	K-4	Fiction
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Deborah Hopkinson	Story of a slave girl who uses a quilt as a map to the underground railroad. Based on a true incident. (History, character traits)		3.8	1-4	Fiction
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble	William Steig	A donkey is lost when he turns into a pebble and is unable to turn back. (Story elements)		4.0	K-3	Fiction
Tapenum's Day	Kate Waters	Recreation of a young boy's day as a Wampanoag Indian in the 1600's. (Historical fiction, text to self, text to text)		4.0	2-5	Fiction
Taste of Blackberries	Doris B. Smith	A young boy deals with grief and pain when his best friend dies. (Character development)	Deals with the death of a child	4.0	2-5	Fiction
Wall	Eve Bunting	A boy and his father visit the Vietnam War memorial and find the name of his grandfather. (Text to world)	Death, war	2.4	1-4	Fiction
Wanted Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman	Ann McGovern	An account of Harriet Tubman's fight for freedom and the Underground Railroad. (Biography)		3.8	2-5	Nonfiction
Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox	A young boy tries to learn the meaning of "memory" to aid an elderly friend. (Text to self, text to world, helping others)	Deals with Alzheimer's	3.5	K-4	Fiction
Wump World	Bill Peet	Wump world is unspoiled until the monsters come and bring pollution. (Science- environment)		3.0	K-3	Fiction