

**Summer Reading**  
**North Colonie Elementary Schools**  
**Students Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

**Recommended by:**  
**North Colonie Teachers**  
**New York State Reading Association**  
**American Library Association**

**Fiction**

<b>Stories Julian Tells series</b>	Ann Cameron
<b>Ramona stories</b>	Beverly Cleary
<b>Polk Street School series</b>	Patricia Reilly Giff
<b>Nate the Great series</b>	Marjorie Sharmat
<b>Magic Treehouse series</b>	Mary Pope Osborne

**Cam Jansen Mysteries series**      David Adler

Cam Jansen can recall a scene with amazing accuracy. Her visual memory and sleuthing skills, as well as her good sense and good friends, allow her to solve many mysteries.

***My Name Is Yoon***      Gabi Swiatkowska

Amusing detail captures Yoon's transition from a shy newcomer to a happy schoolgirl who is willing, at last, to write the American version of her beloved Korean name.

***Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!***      Mo Willems

A persistent pigeon asks, pleads, wheedles, connives, negotiates, demands, and uses emotional blackmail to get behind the wheel.

\* ***Invisible Stanley***      Jeff Brown

Being invisible helps Stanley help others. He helps a shy man propose by saying, "marry me" for him, and he steadies the bike of a young new rider so the older kids don't laugh.

\* ***Bunnicula***      James Howe

Wait a minute! A rabbit with fangs and odd markings on his back that look a little like a cape. Could it be a vampire bunny!

***Snowed in with Grandmother Silk***      Amanda Harvey

A beginning chapter book with big print, humor, and a situation children can appreciate; Ruddy and his grandmother become best friends after being stranded by a surprise storm that leaves them without electricity or a telephone.

## **Non-fiction**

### ***Face the Wind***

Vicky Cobb

Children are asked to think like scientists as they are led through experiments and discussion about wind. The simple text and dynamic illustrations invite participation.

### ***Players in Pigtails***

Shana Corey

This energetic, joyful tribute to the real-life All American Girls Professional Baseball League follows a girl's triumphant entrance into the game when the major leagues are opened to women during World War II.

### ***Crafts from Paper-Mache***

Bridgestone Books

There are six titles in this series; each providing detailed, step-by-step instruction for crafts that can be made by elementary aged children.

### ***Surprising Sharks***

Nicola Davies

Bright colors, big print, and breezy writing are appealing features in this introduction to the great white, dwarf lantern, sand tiger, and other amazing sharks.

### ***What Do You Do with a Tail like This?*** Steve Jenkins

An innovative guessing book is a fun, playful science lesson about 30 animals' body parts – legs, ears, eyes, mouths, noses, feet and tails. Spare text.

## **Fantasy/Science Fiction**

### ***Droon series***

Tony Abbott

Twenty-six books make up this fantasy series. The events move quickly as readers learn about a new land with its own geography, history and rules. Easy-to-read!

### ***Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs***

Jan Barrett

This story starts on a regular Saturday morning with pancakes and ends with a story that stretches across oceans and deserts into Chewandswallow, a most extraordinary town.

### ***Cat Wings***

Ursula LeGuin

A sweet fantasy involving three tabby siblings whose mother sends them away from the city slums. Whimsical and funny.

## **Folklore**

### ***Bruh Rabbit and the Tar Baby Girl***

Virginia Hamilton

A retelling of a Gullah version of the beloved Tar Baby story, Bruh Rabbit once again fools the luckless Bruh Wolf.

### ***A Pride of African Tales***

James Ransome

A collection of African tales representing a range of cultures, including an Anansi trickster tale. A fun way to explore human folly.

***Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet***

Neil Phillip

Themes from Mexico and the Southwest come together in these retellings selected by an experienced anthologist. A young reader might want to learn one of the stories to share orally around a campfire.

**Poetry**

***Pierre***

Maurice Sendak

Pierre, a young boy, rejects authority in order to assert his independence.

***New Kid on the Block***

Jack Prelutsky

Funny and weird words along with many pictures make this a great poem book!