

Summer 2009 Elementary Reading List

1. **Bringing the rain to Kapita Plain; a Nandi tale-** a cumulative rhyme relating how Ki-pat brought rain to the drought stricken Kapiti Plain.
2. **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.
3. **The little scarecrow boy-** Early one morning, a little scarecrow whose father warns him that he is not fierce enough to frighten a crow goes out into the corn field alone.
4. **Harold and the purple crayon-** Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.
5. **Chicka chicka boom boom-** An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.
6. **Blueberries for Sal-** Little Sal and Little Bear both lose their mothers while eating blueberries and almost end up with the other's mother.
7. **Officer Buckle and Gloria-** The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
8. **No, David!-** A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly admonished, but finally he gets a hug.
9. **Sylvester and the magic pebble-** In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.
10. **Tornado-** As they wait out a tornado in the storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.
11. **The chocolate touch-** A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.
12. **How to eat fried worms-**Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.

- 13. Not my dog**- Eight-year-old Ellie has to give up her life-long dream of getting a puppy after her parents agree to take in the dog that Great-aunt Margaret can no longer keep.
- 14. Tea with milk**- After growing up near San Francisco, a young Japanese woman returns with her parents to their native Japan, but she feels foreign and out of place.
- 15. The true story of the 3 little pigs**- The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.
- 16. She's wearing a dead bird on her head**- A fictionalized account of the activities of Harriet Hemingway and Minna Hall, founders of the Massachusetts Audubon Society, a late nineteenth century Audubon Society that would endure and have impact on the bird protection movement.
- 17. Black cowboy, wild horses: a true story**- A black cowboy is so in tune with wild mustangs that they accept him into the herd, thus enabling him to singlehandedly take them to the corral.
- 18. Uncle Jed's barbershop**- Despite serious obstacles and setbacks Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.
- 19. Dumpling soup**- A young Asian American girl living in Hawaii tries to make dumplings for her family's New Year's celebration.
- 20. Grandfather's journey**- A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.
- 21. Raising sweetness**- Sweetness, one of eight orphans living with a man who is an unconventional housekeeper, learns to read and writes an important letter to improve their situation.
- 22. I have heard of a land**- Describes the joys and hardships experienced by an African-American pioneer woman who staked a claim for free land in the Oklahoma territory.
- 23. A medieval feast**- Describes the preparation and celebration of a medieval feast held at an English manor house entertaining royal guests.

- 24. The incredible journey**- A Siamese cat, an old bull terrier and a young Labrador retriever travel together 250 miles through the Canadian wilderness to find their family.
- 25. The summer of the swans**- A girl gains new insight into herself and her family when her mentally handicapped brother gets lost.
- 26. Dear Mr. Henshaw**- In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school and generally finding his own place in the world.
- 27. Frindle**- 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.
- 28. Bandit's moon**- Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquin Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold mining region during the mid-1800s.
- 29. Shadow spinner**- When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.
- 30. The view from Saturday**- Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
- 31. Holes**- As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.
- 32. Summer reading is killing me!**-At the beginning of summer vacation Joe, Sam and Fred find themselves trapped inside their summer reading list, involved in a battle between good and evil characters from well-known children's books.
- 33. Baseball in April and other stories**- A collection of eleven short stories focusing on the everyday adventures of Hispanic young people growing up in Fresno, California.

34. The witch of Blackbird pond- a story about witchcraft in puritan New England.

35. Shabanu- When eleven-year-old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.