

HAI SLN RECOMMENDED READING LIST 2007
Grade 3 and Grade 4

Any available unabridged edition of a title is acceptable.

- Adler, David A. **Joe Louis, America's Fighter**. Holiday House, 2005. When Joe Louis fought to win the World Heavyweight Championship against Nazi medalist Max Schmeling in 1938, he won an important victory not only for himself and for African-Americans, but also for all Americans.
- Asch, Frank. **Star Jumper: Journal of a Cardboard Genius**. Kids Can Press, 2006. Alex plans to leave planet Earth and his annoying little brother in Star Jumper – the spaceship he designed and built entirely of cardboard, duct tape, and old items from the basement.
- Atwater, Richard. **Mr. Popper's Penguins**. First published 1938. The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortune of Mr. Popper. Newbery Honor book.
- Avi. **Poppy's Return**. HarperCollins, 2005. In this ongoing Dimwood Forest adventure, Poppy travels to her childhood home to save the other mice there from destruction by a bulldozer. *Series*
- Barretta, Gene. **Now and Ben: the Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin**. Holt, 2006. The impact Benjamin Franklin's numerous inventions still have on our world today are recounted in an informative, entertaining picture book format.
- Bateman, Theresa. **Keeper of Soles**. Holiday House, 2006. A shoemaker repeatedly outwits a black-robed figure who knocks on the shoemaker's door and demands his soul.
- Birney, Betty. **Friendship According to Humphrey**. Putnam, 2005. When Humphrey the hamster returns to Mrs. Brisbane's class after the winter break, he finds a new class pet. *Series*
- Blume, Judy. **Double Fudge**. Dutton, 2002. 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. *Series*
- Boniface, William. **The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary Boy: the Hero Revealed**. HarperCollins, 2006. Ordinary Boy is the only person in Superopolis that doesn't have superpower, which definitely means trouble when he finds himself in the clutches of arch villain Professor Brain-Drain.
- Brown, Calef. **Flamingos on the Roof: Poems and Paintings**. Houghton, 2006. Vibrant paintings and zany poems combine to tickle the reader's imagination with such things as alligator gatorpillars, snow flurry curry, and lightbulbs on a birthday cake.
- Brown, Don. **Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein**. Houghton, 2004. Albert Einstein, a subject uncommon to young readers, is introduced in this picture book that portrays how his brilliance often caused him to be the odd boy in school and in life.
- Bunting, Eve. **Reggie**. Cricket, 2006. Eight-year-old Alex is determined to keep the toy mouse he finds tied to a balloon, even after posters appear asking for its return, but when his dog Patch disappears, Alex discovers what it is like to lose something you love more than anything.
- Butcher, Nancy. **It Can't Be Done, Nellie Bly! A Reporter's Race Around the World**. Peachtree, 2003. In this factual account, newspaper reporter, Nellie Bly, races another reporter to travel around the world in fewer than eighty days.

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- Byars, Betsy. ***The Black Tower***. Sleuth Viking, 2006. Herculeah Jones gets involved in another dangerous mystery. *Series*
- Byrd, Robert. ***The Hero and the Minotaur***. Dutton, 2005. This re-telling follows the Greek hero Theseus as he overcomes challenges on the road, defeats the Minotaur, and becomes the wise and just ruler of Athens.
- Child, Lauren. ***Clarice Bean Spells Trouble***. Candlewick Press, 2005. Spelling causes lots of trouble for Clarice. *Series*
- Child, Lauren. ***The Princess and the Pea***. Hyperion, 2006. In this re-telling of the well-known fairy tale, a young girl feels a pea through twenty mattresses and twenty featherbeds and proves she is a real princess. The miniature castle illustrations distinguish this version.
- Cleary, Beverly. ***Ribsy***. First published 1964. When Ribsy gets lost from his family at the shopping center, he begins humorous escapades and wanderings in his quest to find his family. *Series*
- Clements, Andrew. ***Room One: A Mystery or Two***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Ted Hammond works to solve the mystery of the face he sees in an upper window of an abandoned house while being concerned about the possibility of his one-room schoolhouse being forced to close for lack of enough pupils.
- Clements, Andrews. ***A Million Dots***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Illustrations and fun facts demonstrate what one million dots look like.
- Coombs, Kate. ***The Secret-Keeper***. Atheneum, 2006. Kalli is entrusted with everyone's secrets until the potter's son reveals the best secret of all.
- Coren, Stanley. ***Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses?*** Kids Can Press, 2006. Everything you want to know about how dogs think, talk, and see the world can be found in this short, illustrated book in a question and answer format.
- Coville, Bruce. ***Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher***. Jane Yolen Books, 1991. In the sequel to *The Monster's Ring*, Jeremy purchases a strange egg which turns out to be a dragon that only he and Mary Lou can see. *Series*
- Crowell, Cressida. ***How to Speak Dragonese***. Little, Brown, 2005. Young Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III of the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans must save his dragon, Toothless, and himself from an island dungeon, ruthless kidnappers, and a frenzy of hungry Sharkworms. *Series*
- Dahl, Roahl. ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***. First published 1964. Charlie finds the winning ticket in a Wonka Bar and is rewarded for his kindness.
- Davies, Nicola. ***Extreme Animals: the Toughest Creatures on Earth***. Candlewick, 2006. This amazing natural history book reveals how animals adapt to and survive the harshest of conditions that would kill any human.
- DiSalvo, Dyanne. ***The Sloppy Copy Slipup***. Holiday House, 2006. Brian has to think fast to salvage the situation when he has not done his sloppy copy writing assignment for the second time and faces another zero in Miss Fromme's class.
- Dooling, Michael. ***Young Thomas Edison***. Holiday House, 2005. This short biography in picture book format chronicles the life of Thomas Edison and his many inventions.
- Dunrea, Olivier. ***Hanne's Quest***. Philomel, 2006. On an island off the coast of Scotland, a young hen must prove herself pure, wise and brave in a quest to help save the family farm.

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- Florian, Douglas. **Zoo's Who: Poems and Paintings**. Harcourt, 2005. Short poems and many illustrations combine in a tribute to favorite zoo animals.
- Friedman, Laurie and Tamara Schmitz. **In Business with Mallory**. Carolrhoda, 2006. Mallory learns a hard lesson when she starts a business in order to make enough money to buy the "perfect purse" that her parents have refused to buy for her. *Series*
- Gardiner, John R. **Stone Fox**. First published 1980. Willie hopes to win the purse in a dog sled race in order to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm.
- Giovanni, Nikki. **Rosa**. Holt, 2005. Beautiful illustrations enhance this account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955. Caldecott Honor Medal 2006.
- Greenwald, Sheila. **Rosy Cole's Memoir Explosion**. Farrar, 2006. Rosy is surprised when her friends are not thrilled with her memoir project for school. *Series*
- Greenwood, Marie. **Explorer**. Dorling Kindersley, 2006. All types of explorers from the earliest world navigators to astronauts are introduced through colorful photographs and entertaining text.
- Grimes, Nikki. **Thanks a Million**. Greenwillow, 2006. The importance of being thankful and expressing our gratitude are demonstrated in sixteen different ways through poetry.
- Gutman, Dan. **The Homework Machine**. Simon & Schuster, 2006. When three classmates of 5th grade computer geek, Brandon, find out that he has invented a machine that does homework in his own handwriting, they all use it secretly to disastrous consequences.
- Haas, Jessie. **Jigsaw Pony**. Greenwillow, 2005. Twins Kiera and Fran have never agreed on anything until their father surprises them with a pony.
- Hamilton, Virginia. **The Girl Who Spun Gold**. Scholastic, 2000. This beautifully illustrated folk tale is a West Indian variant of the Rumpelstiltskin story.
- Hansen, Rosanna. **Panda: A Guide Horse for Ann**. Boyds Mills, 2005. In this photo essay, Panda, a miniature horse and guide animal for Ann, helps her in her daily life.
- Harris, John. **Strong Stuff: Herakles and his Labors**. J. Paul Getty Museum, 2005. Each of the twelve labors of the mythological "he-man", Hercules, is presented in humorous fashion in this fun picture book -- complete with commentary, comic book style illustrations, and all the gory details.
- Hatkoff, Isabella. **Owen and Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship**. Scholastic, 2006. Baby hippo Owen and 130-year-old giant tortoise Mzee bond and become unlikely, but fast friends at Haller Park in Kenya.
- Herzog, Brad. **T is for Touchdown: A Football Alphabet**. Sleeping Bear, 2004. Full-page colorful illustrations highlight an alphabetical introduction to both the nuts and bolts and history of football.
- Hobbs, Valerie. **Sheep**. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2006. A young border collie is sold when his sheep-ranching family falls on hard times, leading him to a series of new owners, new names, and a mixed-bag of new adventures.
- Holm, Jennifer. **Babymouse Beach Babe**. Random House, 2006. Clever black and white drawings, splashed with pink, tell a new story about the adventures of Babymouse and her little brother on summer vacation with her family. *Series*

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- Holt, Kimberly Willis. ***Mister and Me***. Penguin, 1998. In a small Louisiana mill town in 1940, Jolene does not want her Momma to marry the logger who is courting her, but even her bad behavior does not drive him away.
- Hopkins, Lee Bennett. ***Oh, No! Where Are My Pants? And other Disasters: Poems***. HarperCollins, 2005. Poetry describing those "disaster days" when things go badly is sure to hit home with every reader.
- Howe, James. ***Bunnica Meets Edgar Allan Crow***. Atheneum, 2006. An overly-alarmed Chester the cat predicts a gruesome fate for the pets in the Monroe household when a writer of juvenile horror fiction and his bird companion stay overnight. *Series*
- Hurwitz, Johanna. ***PeeWee's Tale***. SeaStar, 2000. Pee Wee is an extraordinary guinea pig who learns to read from the newspaper scraps in his cage and finds himself in New York City's Central Park where he needs survival skills. *Series*
- Jenkins, Emily. ***Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic***. Schwarz & Wade, 2006. Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.
- Jenkins, Steve. ***Prehistoric: Actual Size***. Houghton, 2005. Actual life-size illustrations show portions of prehistoric animals and give facts about them.
- Keating, Frank. ***Theodore***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. Told in first person and illustrated with full-page oil paintings, this short biography features the highlights of Teddy Roosevelt's life.
- Kehret, Peg. ***The Ghost's Grave***. Dutton, 2005. Apprehensive about spending the summer in Washington State with his Aunt Ethel when his parents get an overseas job, twelve-year-old Josh soon finds adventure when he meets the ghost of a coal miner.
- King-Smith, Dick. ***The Golden Goose***. Knopf, 2005. A golden goose seems to have magical powers which bring much good luck and joy to a farmer and his family.
- Kline, Suzy. ***Herbie Jones Moves On***. Putnam's, 2005. Readers will be surprised by the ending of this book as Herbie and his friend Raymond, whose family is moving, try to thwart the sale of Raymond's house. *Series*
- Krull, Kathleen. ***A Woman for President: The Story of Victoria Woodhull***. Walker, 2004. This is a picture biography about the first woman to own a newspaper, to address Congress, and to become the first female candidate for the presidency of the United States, all before American women won the right to vote.
- Kudlinski, Kathleen. ***Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!*** Dutton, 2005. Information is presented which examines how different the facts often are from what scientists have believed to be true.
- Kurlansky, Mark. ***The Story of Salt***. Putnam, 2006. This fascinating look at salt's essential role in human life examines its effect on various civilizations throughout history
- Levine, Gail Carson. ***Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg***. Disney, 2005. The fairy Prilla is on a quest to save Never Land despite her feelings of inadequacy and frustration over being a "no-talent fairy."
- Lin, Grace. ***The Year of the Dog***. Little, Brown, 2006. Frustrated at her seeming lack of talent for anything, a young Taiwanese American girl sets out to apply the lessons of the Chinese Year of the Dog to her own life.

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- Look, Lenore. ***Ruby Lu Empress of Everything***. Atheneum, 2006. Ruby Lu's life becomes challenging after her deaf cousin arrives from China.
- Lowry, Lois. ***Gooney Bird and the Room Mother***. Houghton, 2005. In this second story about Gooney Bird Greene, the heroine saves the day by finding her class a surprise room mother. *Series*
- Lubar, David. ***Punished!*** Darby Creek, 2006. Because he was playing tag in the reference section of the library, Logan is punished by Professor Wordsworth, who puts a spell on him that is broken only by finding anagrams, palindromes, and oxymorons.
- MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Grandfather's Dance***. Joanna Cutler Books, 2006. Cassie shares the love and comfort of family as the several generations of the Witting family gather for Anna's wedding in this conclusion to the popular *Sarah Plain and Tall* series. *Series*
- Mannis, Celeste. ***Snapshots: The Wonders of Monterey Bay***. Viking, 2006. In fabulous double-page photographs, poetic verse, and informative text, the reader is introduced to the amazing Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary on California's coast.
- Markle, Sandra. ***Outside and Inside Mummies***. Walker, 2005. This illustrated volume explores a variety of mummies and the new technologies developed to help study them.
- Markle, Sandra. ***Little Lost Bat***. Charlesbridge, 2006. A baby Mexican free-tailed bat lives in a cave in Texas and manages to survive after losing its mother.
- Mayer, Marianna. ***Pegasus***. Morrow Junior Books, 1998. Young hero Bellerophon and his legendary winged-horse Pegasus battle the fierce Chimera monster in this beautifully illustrated story from Greek mythology.
- McCully, Emily. ***Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor***. Farrar, 2006. Margaret E. Knight's inventions ranged from foot warmers to the first paper bag machine and won her the title "Lady Edison".
- McDonald, Megan. ***Judy Moody Around the World in 8 ½ Days***. Candlewick, 2006. Judy Moody's new friendship causes problems with her old friends as they try to work together on a school project. *Series*
- McDonough, Yona. ***Hammerin' Hank: The Life of Hank Greenberg***. Walker, 2006. This picture book biography of Hall of Fame baseball player Hank Greenberg has a winning combination of illustrations and text.
- Micklos, John. ***No Boys Allowed: Poems About Brothers and Sisters***. Boyds Mill, 2006. This book of short poems celebrates the rivalry and the love between siblings.
- Mills, Claudia. ***Perfectly Chelsea***. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2004. Nine-year-old Chelsea's experiences, which include a fight with her best friend, making mistakes in the handbell concert, and saying goodbye to the only church minister she has ever known, help her to accept that things change and that people, including herself, are not perfect.
- Morpurgo, Michael. ***McElderry Book of Aesop's Fables***. Simon & Schuster, 2004. Lively language enriches twenty-one favorite fables—perfect for reading aloud and sharing.

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- Nagda, Ann Whitehead. ***Meow Means Mischief***. Holiday House, 2003. A stray kitten turns out to be the perfect way to help Rana make friends in her new school and to feel more comfortable with her grandparents, who are visiting from India while her parents are away.
- Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***Roxie and the Hooligans***. Atheneum, 2006. Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.
- Nicola-Lisa, W. ***How We Are Smart***. Lee & Low, 2006. Famous people are smart in many different ways – eight to be exact according to the author.
- Nolan, Lucy. ***On the Road***. Marshall Cavendish, 2005. A dog who thinks her name is “Down Girl” goes on a car ride to the beach, goes camping in the woods, and reluctantly pays a visit to the vet with her master, “Rruff”. *Series*
- Osborne, Mary Pope. ***Pompeii Lost & Found***. Knopf, 2006. This fresco-illustrated book answers questions about the effect of the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius on the people of Pompeii, including Pompeiian life before the disaster.
- Pennypacker, Sara. ***Clementine***. Hyperion, 2006. Free-spirited Clementine is an ingenuous third grader with a talent for disaster and a good heart.
- Polacco, Patricia. ***Something About Hensley's***. Philomel, 2006. Old John, the manager of Hensley's General Store, sells just about anything a person could want, but also freely supplies kindness and a helping hand to the townsfolk.
- Pomerantz, Charlotte. ***Thunderboom! Poems for Everyone***. Front Street, 2005. There is a poem for everyone in this diverse collection of poetry – some short, some long, some funny, some not.
- Prelutsky, Jack. ***What a Day it Was at School!: Poems***. Greenwillow, 2006. Homework, backpacks and field trips are some of the topics that make this a fun poetry collection for students.
- Rapport, Doreen. ***Dirt on Their Skirts: the Story of the Young Women Who Won the World Championship***. Dial, 2000. Margaret experiences the excitement of watching the 1916 championship game of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball league.
- Rosen, Michael J. ***Balls!*** Darby Creek, 2006. This illustrated book includes history, science, records, and some well-rounded trivia about some of your favorite sports balls.
- Ryder, Joanne. ***A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo***. Simon & Schuster, 2006. In a factual, yet entertaining account, two orphaned polar bear cubs are rescued and flown to the San Diego Zoo where they find both safety and care in their new home.
- Rylant, Cynthia. ***The Journey: Stories of Migration***. Blue Sky, 2006. Six migratory animals from the insect, mammal, bird, and fish groups make incredible migrations from one habitat to another every year.
- Scieszka, Jon. ***Oh Say, I Can't See***. Penguin, 2005. Samantha, Joe, and Fred time warp to Revolutionary War days where they must convince George Washington and his men to cross the Delaware. *Series*
- Shaughnessy, Dan. ***The Legend of the Curse of the Bambino***. Simon & Schuster, 2005. A dad tells his daughter about the legendary curse Babe Ruth put upon the Red Sox.

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- Simon, Seymour. **Horses**. HarperCollins, 2006. Horse-lovers will enjoy this book of photographs and accompanying text which provides interesting information about horses.
- Singh, Vandana. **Younguncle comes to Town**. Viking, 2006. Sarita, Ravi, and the baby enjoy Younguncle's fabulous stories and adventures in this chapter book set in India.
- St. George, Judith. **The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence**. Philomel, 2006. The Declaration of Independence travels through time and space from one resting spot to the next in this chronicle of its path.
- Star, Fleur. **Rain Forest: Around the Clock with Animals of the Rain Forest**. Dorling Kindersley, 2006. With fascinating facts and elaborate photography, many rainforest animals are tracked over a twenty-four hour period.
- Stewart, Melissa. **A Place for Butterflies**. Peachtree, 2006. Using specific species of butterflies, the author effectively explains how the actions and inactions of humans affect the butterfly populations in the United States.
- Tang, Greg. **Math Potatoes**. Scholastic, 2005. Colorful rhymes and riddles help make math more accessible and fun.
- Truss, Lynne. **Eats, Shoots & Leaves : Why, Commas Really Do Make a Difference!** Putnam, 2006. Forgetting to include a comma or placing one in the wrong spot can completely change the meaning of a sentence – with hilarious consequences.
- Turner, Pamela S. **Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog**. Houghton, 2004. This is the true story of a dog who accompanied his master to and from a Tokyo train station for a year and, after his master died, continued to wait for him there every day for many years.
- Urbigkit, Cat. **Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs: How They Guard Sheep**. Boyds Mills, 2005. Guardian dogs are trained to guard farm animals and protect them from outside dangers.
- Van Draanen, Wendelin. **Shredderman: Meet the Gecko**. Random House, 2005. Nolan, a true hero, helps his favorite TV hero outsmart a reporter who has been stalking him. *Series*
- Wiley, Margaret. **Clever Beatrice and the Best Little Pony**. Atheneum, 2004. Clever Beatrice seeks out the village breadmaker to come up with a plan to protect her pony.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. **The Castle in the Attic**. First published 1985. A miniature castle comes to life for ten-year-old William when he shrinks to fit into its adventures.
- Wisniewski, David. **The Secret Knowledge of Grown-ups: The Second File**. HarperCollins. 2001. Creative reasons behind rules made by grownups for children are laugh-out-loud funny.
- Yolen, Jane. **Mightier Than the Sword: World Folktales for Strong Boys**. Silver Whistle, 2003. A collection of 14 folktales from around the world demonstrates the triumph of brain over brawn and strength in compassion and kindness.
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