

Manhattan Beach Unified School District
2020 Summer Pleasure Reading
Pleasure reading recommended by MBUSD Library Resource Specialists
For Students Entering Grade 3

Picture Books

The Word Collector, by Peter H. Reynolds (2018)

Some people collect rocks, some collect coins, but Jerome collects words, such as “molasses,” “kaleidoscope,” and “whisper.”

Last Stop on Market Street, by Matt de la Peña (2015)

Sometimes we take the little things for granted. Every Sunday, CJ and his Nana take the bus down Market Street, but on this day, CJ is not happy about it. Nana opens CJ’s eyes to the beauty around him and helps him appreciate the people and things they see along the way.

The Great Kapok Tree, by Lynne Cherry (1990)

When a man sent to cut down a kapok tree takes a nap, a series of rainforest animals tries to convince him to leave the tree standing. As the snake hisses in his ear, the tree is his home and is essential to many creatures, including a monkey, a toucan, and even a jaguar.

Snack Attack! by Terry Border (2019)

A humorous adventure that takes place in a kitchen with a cheese doodle, a pretzel, a cookie, and a monster kid! No snack is safe when a hungry youngster comes home from school.

Chapter Books

Sheep, by Valerie Hobbs (2006)

A border collie narrates his life story, from a tragic event as a pup through various adoptive families, always in search of his true calling as he runs and runs to find it.

Wondrous Rex, by Patricia MacLachlan (2020)

Responding to a disorganized writer’s ad for an assistant, a dog named Rex helps seven-year-old Grace work through her writer’s block while teaching her the power of

tidying up. A magical and funny tale about the joy found in using words, sharing stories, and loving a truly wondrous dog.

Chapter Books in a Series

The Adventures of Sophie Mouse, by Poppy Green

Hattie in the Spotlight (2020)

Sophie Mouse continues her adventures with a theater production for the whole town. Can Sophie help Hattie overcome her shyness so that the show can go on?

The Fantastic Frame, by Lin Oliver

Danger! Tiger Crossing (2018)

Paintings don't just gobble people up without some explanation, or do they? A thrilling chapter-book series that combines fast-paced adventure with full-color art.

Wayside School, by Louis Sachar

Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom (2020)

It has been almost twenty-five years since the third ***Wayside School*** book was published, and the wait was well worth it! The fourth entry in the series finds Mrs. Jewls's students busily collecting toenail clippings while preparing for an Ultimate Test (which includes everything you have ever learned in your whole life) in the face of the Cloud of Doom.

The Best of Iggy, by Annie Barrows (2020)

Iggy is a mostly good nine-year-old. When he gets in trouble three times, he does not at all regret two of the occasions but is very, very sorry for the third one. This is the first book in a new series.

Masterpiece Adventures, by Elise Broach

A Trip to the Country for Marvin and James (2020)

In this celebration of friendship and family, a playful boat ride in the country turns into an unexpected adventure for Marvin and his best friend, James the beetle.

Bea Garcia, by Deborah Zemke

The Tree and Me (2019)

Bea Garcia draws pictures of everything, and her pictures appear throughout each of the ***Bea Garcia*** books. Can Bea's drawings help save the big, beautiful tree outside her classroom window?

Poetry

The Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems, selected by Paul B. Janeczko (2019)

Would you like to know how to scare monsters, walk on Mars, or be a tree in winter? Look no further than this themed collection of more than thirty poems.

Nonfiction

16 Words: William Carlos Williams and "The Red Wheelbarrow," by Lisa Jean Rogers (2019)

William Carlos Williams, physician and poet, was inspired to create his most famous poem by observing everyday things in the garden of his neighbor Thaddeus Marshall. This book brings poetry reading and poetry writing within reach.

Samuel Morse, That's Who! The Story of the Telegraph and Morse Code, by Tracy Maurer (2019)

In a world of instant messages, kids are still fascinated by codes that made communications faster. Learn about Samuel and his code that is still used today.

Bones in the White House: Thomas Jefferson's Mammoth, by Candice Ransom (2020)

An account of the third American president's lesser-known contributions as a supporter of natural history exploration describes how Thomas Jefferson's quest to find an intact mastodon skeleton significantly advanced the evolving science of paleontology.

What Miss Mitchell Saw, by Hayley Barrett (2019)

Born in 1818 to a family of Nantucket Quakers, Maria Mitchell became the first American woman to work as a professional astronomer. She is known for discovering a comet that still bears her name. Includes rich astronomy vocabulary and substantial back matter.