

Harry C. Sharp Elementary School

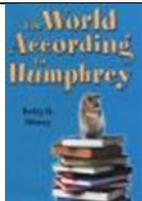
Summer Reading List

Before Entering Fourth Grade

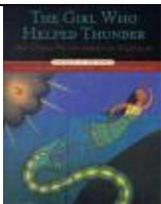


Abbot: *Secrets of Droon* series *fantasy*

Take along with a trio of best friends who stumble upon the magical world of Droon.



Birney: *The World According to Humphrey* c2005 *fiction, humor*
Humphrey, a classroom hamster, surveys his surroundings and finds ways to help the children in the class.



Bruchac: *The Girl Who Helped Thunder and Other Native American Folktales* c2008 *folklore*

A collection of illustrated Native American folktales.



Clements: *Lunch Money* c1994 *school, humor*

Hart is a popular boy who sometimes "goofs off". When he hits the music teacher with a rubber band, he is put in charge of the holiday concert. Both Hart and his teacher learn lessons.



Fleming: *The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School* c2007 *fiction, school*

Mr. Jupiter becomes the 4th grade teacher of an unruly class with surprising results.



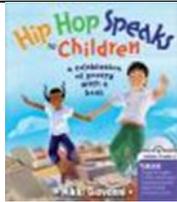
Grimes: *Talkin' About Bessie* c2002 *biography, ethnic diversity*

How Bessie Coleman became the first African-American woman to become a licensed pilot as told by her family and friends.

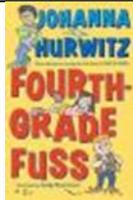


Gutman: *My Weird School* school, humor

A fun series of books about school life that appeal to reluctant readers.



Hip Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat
c2008 poetry



Hurwitz: *Fourth Grade Fuss* c2004 school story

Julio and his friends enjoy their fourth grade activities - the yard sale, ice skating, and a surprise party; but the students get serious when they have to study for end-of-the-year statewide tests.



Kehret: *Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays* c1999
animals, non-fiction

Tells the story of 8 dogs who were saved from the animal shelter and went on to better lives.



Klingel: *Go Fly a Kite! (And Other Sayings We Don't Really Mean)*
c2008 idioms, figures of speech

Explains the meaning of many common idiomatic expressions used in English.

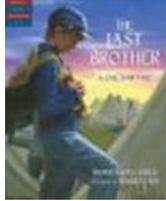


Mazer: *Amazing Days of Abby Hayes* series fiction



Myers: *Blues Journey* c2003 poetry, ethnic diversity

Presents blues lyrics that chronicle the history of the African-American experience, and includes information about the development of blues music.

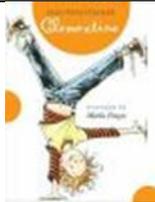


Noble: *The Last Brother* (Tales of Young America series) c2006
historical fiction

Gabe becomes a bugler in the Civil War to protect his only surviving brother.

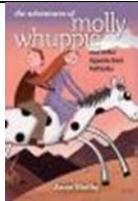


Osborne: *Magic Tree House* series *time travel, fiction*
Explore the world with Jack and Annie.



Pennypacker: *Clementine* c2006 *fiction, series*

Clementine is a funny, energetic, third grader with a talent for getting in trouble and a heart of gold.



Shelby: *Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales* c2007

A collection of fourteen that combine traditional Appalachian folktales with contemporary themes.



Van Draanen: *Shredderman* series *fiction*

Discover how Nolan Byrd goes from being the number one nerd at Cedar Valley Elementary to a world famous superhero.



Wiles: *Each Little Bird Sings* c2005 *family life, grief, fiction*

Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.
