EAST ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summer Reading 2016 (Revised)

K-5



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Dear Parents,

Again this year, our district elementary school librarians have selected book titles for the 2016 Summer Reading for your child or children to enjoy. Research has proven that the more students read, the more proficient they become in reading and writing.

This year, the theme is **On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!** This year's national theme is fitness, health and wellness which are tie ins to the Olympics scheduled in the summer of this year. These books can be located in the East Orange Public library. If the book titles are not available, other books are available written by the identified authors. Of course, if all else fails, the librarian at the East Orange Public Library will be able to assist your child and suggest alternative titles.

The Required reading for rising students going into grades 3, 4, and 5 are highlighted with accompanying activities to be completed and returned to each student's newly assigned teacher in the fall. Required reading books can be found in this Summer Reading Packet.

Because it's important to reinforce reading, thinking and creativity, a list of *Suggested Fun Independent Reading Activities* are also included for your child's pleasure. These suggested activities will bring what your child has read to another level of reasoning.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together in helping your child to not only develop a love of reading, but the ability to think above and beyond.

Sincerely,

Gayle W. Griffin

Dr. Gayle W. Griffin

Required Summer Reading

Grade 1 Rising to Grade 2 in September

Lobel, Arnold: Frog and Toad Together.



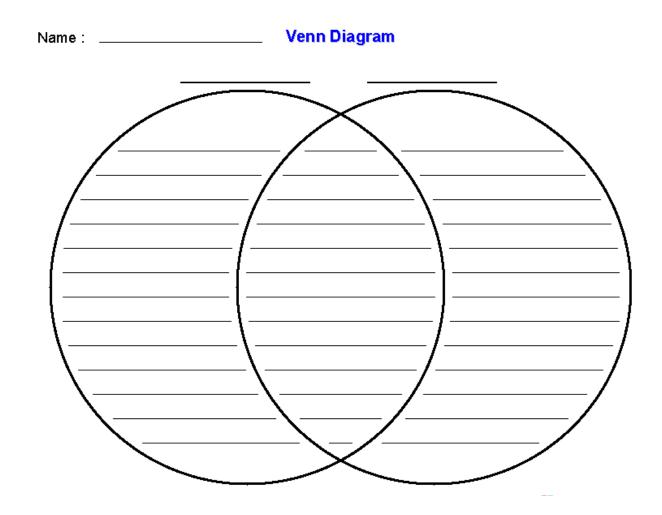
Frog and Toad are the best of friends. They do things together. They help each other when things go wrong. They have cookies together. They read together. They even have heart-pounding adventures together. But mostly, they are the best of friends.

<u>Activities</u>

Use the Venn Diagram to compare and contrast frog and toad. How are they alike?

You may make your own Venn Diagram, if you'd like. On the top left box write frog. On the top right, write toad.





<u>Think:</u> How are Frog and Toad different and how are they alike? Write one to two paragraphs to explain the question, using your Venn Diagram.

Short Writing Assignment: One page

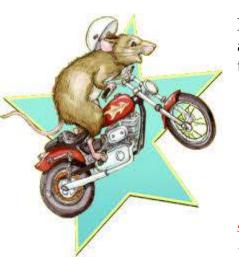
What would you plan to do if you could spend an entire day with Frog and Toad? Include the following vocabulary words in <u>your</u> essay: garden, seeds, afraid, squirmed, rescued, humongous.

Follow-up with a picture cover about your story. HAVE FUN!

Required Summer Reading

Grade 2 Rising to Grade 3 in September

cleary, Beverly: The Mouse and the Motorcycle



Young Ralph lives in a knothole in roon 215 of the Mountain View Inn. Then Keith and his parents check-in and they've brought something new; a toy motorcycle that's just the right size for an adventureous mouse.

Activities

Word Find: Motorcyle comes from the Latin root words, *motor*, *meaning* "to move," and cycle, *meaning* "wheel or circle." Think of or find ten (9) words that have motor or cycle for root words in a dictionary and make a list of these words. Think about their meanings.

Motor	Motorcade



Some vocabulary words that you will find in this story. Croquet, antimacassar, momentum, predicament, cautiously, indignant, gesture, jauntily, anxious, oblivious, doubt, genuinely, eaves, pandemonium, scheme, peculiar, crucial, curious, staunchly, roused You may want to look these words up before you begin. Using higher level vocabulary will when writing will make your writing more interesting.

Activity #2

Acoustic Poem

An Acoustic poem is a poem where each line starts with a letter that spells out the subject of the poem. Acoustic poems usually don't rhyme. Write an **Acoustic Poem** for **motorcycle**.

М	Sample for Insect I can see an insect
0	Never touch a bee
Т	Spiders have compound eyes
0	<i>Every insect has three body parts</i>
R	Caterpillars can turn into a chrysalis
С	The insect is asleep in the cold
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Activity #3

WRITE YOUR OWN ENDING TO THE STORY

After reading the book: <u>The Mouse and the Motorcycle</u>, you found some interesting higher level thinking vocabulary. On the previous page there were 20 selected words. Choose seven (5) of those words to write a new ending to the story.

Required Summer Reading

Rising 3 to Grade 4

Dahl, Roald: The BFG





obvious-easily found gravely-serious dignified-having or showing honor petrified-very scared transfigured-change in form absurd-wildly untrue brooch-ornamental pin vying-to compete forlorn-feeling sad reverberated-echo contraption-gadget; device grotesque-ugly thrashing-to move about violently aghast-horror proceed-continue

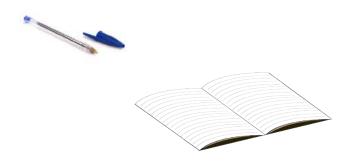
crevice-narrow opening caused by a crack regarded-to show respect snozzcumber-what the BFG eats composure-calmness ingenuity-mental skill or quickness sheer-in a complete manner; altogether peculiar-strange ecstasy-overwhelming emotion desolate-abandoned and lonely curtsey-salutation made by bending the knee lavatory-restroom dormitory-building with many bedrooms glimpse-take a brief look diabolical-evil

BFG Follow-up Journal Activities

Use a small notebook to complete your summer reading tasks after reading The BFG.

- 1. **Write a Summary.** A summary is a shortened version of a longer reading that tells the basic ideas for reading.
 - Keep your summary short.
 - Write about the main idea.
 - Solution
 - What is the moral of the story?

Organize your summary. Who is the main character? What did the character want? What was the problem? How did the character try to solve this problem? WRITE YOUR SUMMARY.



- 2. What is your opinion of the book? Now you can give your thoughts about the story. Was it exciting? Did you like reading it? What special things did you like? Did you like the style the author used to write the book? Were the characters nice? WRITE DOWN YOUR THOUGHTS.
 - Next, you need to include your recommendation. What age level would like to read this book? (Write all answers in sentences)
 - Would you tell others to read it? Why or why not? Give The BFG a rating....4 star for excellent, 3 star for good, and 1 star for not so interesting.

Can You Create a Dream for your friend which the BFG could blow into your bedroom? Write or draw your dream inside your thought bubble. You may draw your own dream bubble in your journal.





Required Summer Reading

Rising 4 to Grade 5

Christopher Paul Curtis: The Mighty Miss Malone



Know Your Vocabulary

Use context clues to write the meaning of the following words as you encounter them as you read.

- grandiose (p.4)
- exalted (p.4)
- patriarch (p.4)
- disposition (p.10)
- verbose (p.11)
- epiphany (p.23)
- integrity (p.143)
- pulverize (p.70)
- unconsolable (p.131)
- relented (p.144)

- peril (p.144)
- missive (p.146)
- percolating (p.193)
- calamity (p.209)
- The Mighty Miss Malone Follow-up Journal Activities
- When the Malones move to Flint, Deza doesn't get to say goodbye to Clarice Johnson or Mrs. Needham. Ask students to write a good-bye letter from Deza's perspective.
- Think about the meaning of the phrase, "Every cloud has a silver lining." Write an essay about the silver lining in the clods over the Malone family. Which character contributed the most to the silver lining.
- Make a brochure about the "Health Hazards" of the great Depression.
- Deza's mother has a birthday party for Deza and invites other residents in the rooming house where they live in Flint in 1937. Think about the gifts that Deza receives, and the kinds of things she values. Make a birthday card that Deza might have received from her mother or one of the other residents of the rooming house.

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING 2016



PreK

• Adhikary, Anita B. *Y Is for Yoga*. Mascot Books, 2012. An A–Z guide to yoga poses and vocabulary.

Kindergarten

• Emberley, Rebecca, and Ed Emberley. *If You're a Monster and You Know It*. Orchard Books, 2010. If you're a monster and you know it, and you really want to show it, snort and growl, stomp your paws, twitch your tail, and wiggle and wriggle along—as only a monster can.

- Emberley, Rebecca, and Ed Emberley. *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*. Two Little Birds, 2013. An illustrated version of the traditional song, using bright, bold colors and patterns.
- Yoo, Taeeun. *You Are a Lion! And Other Fun Yoga Poses*. Nancy Paulsen Books, 2012. Readers pretend to be many different animals through yoga poses.
- Aliki, **A Weed Is a Flower.** The story of George Washington Carver, a slave who became a scientist and helped improve the South's agriculture
- Sisson, Stephanie Roth. **Star Stuff**. Young Carl Sagan visits the 1839 World's Fair and decides to devote his life to understanding space.



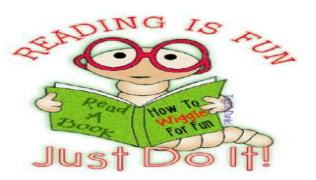
Grade 1

- Baker, Keith. *Hickory Dickory Dock*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2007. Rhythmic text expands on the Mother Goose rhyme, including a variety of animals that react as the clock strikes 1 through 12.
- Calle, Ramiro. *Yoga in the Jungle*. Cuento de Luz, 2014. At the American embassy in India, Ravi, the gardener's grandson, shows Tony the animals of the jungle and the yoga poses that imitate them.
- Conway, David. *The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster*. Tiger Tales, 2012. Miss Muffet is bored and wanders into the other pages of the book to try different nursery rhymes.
- DaCosta, Barbara. Nighttime Ninja. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2012.
 A young ninja creeps through a silent house on a mission.
- Tuell, Todd. *Ninja, Ninja, Never Stop!* Harry N. Abrams, 2014. Lively rhymes follow a young ninja's day.
- Van Dusen, Chris. *The Circus Ship*. Candlewick, 2009. A rhyming picture book about the unique bonds of friendship and community.
- Beliveau, Kathy. *The Yoga Game by the Sea*. Simply Read Books, 2015. 32 Entertaining rhymes, enchanting riddles, and whimsical illustrations create a rich, multilayered experience.
- de Brunhoff, Laurent. *Babar's Yoga for Elephants*. Harry N. Abrams, 2006. Beloved elephant Babar narrates this guide to yoga.
- Tougas, Chris. *Dojo Daycare*. Owlkids Books, 2014. Ninja moms and dads leave their little ninjas at a day care, where the children proceed to wreak havoc until it is time to go home
- Rockwell, Lizzy. **The Busy Body Book**: *A Kid's Guide to Fitness*. Dragonfly Books, 2008. This action-packed guide to fitness explains how the parts of your body work to keep you moving and what you need to do to keep going strong.
- Shannon, David. **Duck on a Bike.** The rest of the animals on the farm think Duck is crazy to be riding around the farmyard on a bike. Those webbed feet weren't made for pedaling! But as soon as some local kids park their bikes by the barn, Duck's incredulous friends jump at the chance to give biking a whirl.

- Ehlert, Lois. *Snowballs*. Pull on your mittens and head outside for a snowball day. Grab some snow and start rolling. With a few found objects--like buttons and fabric and seeds--and a little imagination, you can create a whole family out of snow.
- Gilpin, Caroline, Crosson. **Abraham Lincoln.** The fascinating life and legacy of one of the greatest U.S. presidents.
- Bridges, Ruby & Maccarone, Grace. Let's Read About....Ruby Bridges. How young Ruby helped end secregation.
- Brown, Monica. **Side By Side/Lado A Lado.** A colorful bilingual account of the lives of Delores Huerta and Cesar Chavez.
- Ochiltree, Diane, **Molly, by Golly**! The story of Molly Williams, the first known female firefighter in U.S. history
- Winter, Jonah. **Sonia Sotomayor.** The story of Sonia Sotomayor's journey from a South Bronx childhood to U.S. Supreme Court Justice.
- Levinthal, David. Who Pushed Humpty Dumpty? And Other Notorious Nursery
- *Tale Mysteries*. Schwartz & Wade, 2012. Police detective Binky investigates the theft of a golden goose, the poisoning of Snow White, and other fairy-tale crimes.



• Spier, Peter. Circus! 1995. 48 p. An transformed bit



Peter **Spier's** Dragonfly Books, empty field is by bit when the

circus comes to town.

- Baptiste, Baron. *My Daddy Is a Pretzel: Yoga for Parents and Kids*. Barefoot Books. A child whose father teaches yoga introduces yoga moves for the occupations of the other parents.
- Various authors. **Lego Ninjago series.** Multiple titles. Scholastic, This series of readers features the Lego Ninjago characters.
- Willems, Mo. Elephant and Piggie series. Multiple titles. Disney-Hyperion, 2007–2015. A series of readers starring the lovable Elephant and Piggie.
- Ehlert, Lois. *Circus*. HarperCollins, 1992. Glowing colors against a dramatic black background practically leap off the page as Ehlert presents an array of performers at a circus.
- Stevens, Janet, and Susan Stevens Crummel. *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2001. One day, the dish runs away with the spoon and doesn't come back, so the other characters set out to find them.
- Fox, Diane. **The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, the Exploding Eggs, the** *Wolf, and Grandma*. Scholastic, 2014. The dog doesn't understand what the cat likes about the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood.
- Johnson, Crockett. *Harold's Circus*. Harold uses his purple crayon to create a circus.
- Park, Barbara. Junie B. Jones Is Captain Field Day. The irrepressible Junie B. Jones thinks she has kindergarten field day all figured out. She's determined to captain Room 9 to victory over Room 8. There's one big problem though—Room 9 is on a losing streak and Junie B. is partly to blame.
- Corey, Shana. *Players in Pigtails*. The story follows the athletic passions of Katie Casey, a girl who prefers "sliding to sewing, batting to baking, and home-runs to homecoming." She finally gets her chance to play in the big leagues when Phillip Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs, forms the all-girl league during World War II.

• Rogers, Kenny and Schlitz, Don. The Greatest.

Based on the lyrics to Kenny Rogers' poetic song, *The Greatest* follows the thoughts of a young boy alone on the baseball field with his bat and ball. Through the play-by-play narration, readers realize the boy imagines himself to be the "greatest player of them all" in a clutch at bat.

- Roberts, Brenda C. Jazzy Miz Mozetta. Farrar Straus Giroux, 2004. "On a beautiful evening. Miz Moetta puts on her red dress and blue shoes and dances the jitterbug just like she did many years before."
- Gates, Mariam. *Good Night Yoga: A Pose-by-Pose Bedtime Story*. Sounds True, 2015. This beautifully illustrated, full-color book tells the story of the natural world as it closes down for the night, while teaching children a simple flow of yoga postures inspired by their favorite characters from nature.
- Archer, Dosh. *Urgency Emergency! Itsy Bitsy Spider*. Albert Whitman, 2013. A new take on the old tale starts with the spider arriving at the hospital with a mysterious head wound.
- Carney, Elizabeth, **Mummies.** A riveting introduction to an ancient tradition.
- Ruurs, Margriet. **My Librarian Is a Camel.** Eye-opening glimpse at libraries around the world where books are delivered by elephants, donkeys, and even wheel barrows etc.



Suggested Summer Reading Activities * Be a Reading Star*

K-Grade 2 Reading Activity

Writing helps a child become a better reader, and reading helps a child become a better writer.

What you'll need:

- Pencils, crayons, or markers
- Paper or notebook
- Chalkboard and chalk

What to do:

- Ask your child to dictate a story to you. It could include descriptions of your outings and activities, along with mementos such as fall leaves and flowers, birthday cards, and photographs. Older children can do these activities on their own.
- Use a chalkboard or a family message board as an exciting way to involve children in writing with a purpose.
- Keep supplies of paper, pencils, markers, and the like within easy reach.
- Encourage beginning and developing writers to keep journals and write stories. Ask questions that will help children organize the stories, and respond to their questions about letters and spelling. Suggest they share the activity with a smaller brother, sister, or friend.
- Respond to the content of children's writing, and don't be overly concerned with misspellings. Over time you can help your child concentrate on learning to spell correctly.

When children begin to write, they run the risk of criticism, and it takes courage to continue. As parents we must help our children find the courage. We can do it by expressing our appreciation of their efforts.

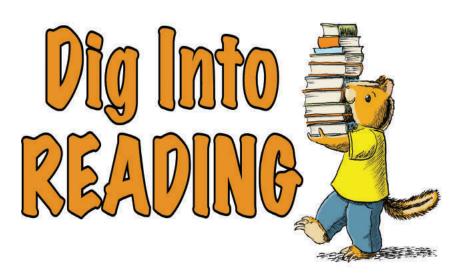
Grade 3

- Barber, Tiki, and Ronde Barber. *By My Brother's Side*. Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2004. Twin brothers and professional football players Tiki and Ronde Barber recall a childhood bicycle accident and knee injury that kept Tiki out of sports for a long time.
- Downs, Mike. *You See a Circus, I See …* Charlesbridge, 2006. A young acrobat shows his friends around the big top.
- Barnwell, Ysaye M. *No Mirrors In My Nana's House*. A little girl discovers the beauty in herself-not looking in the mirror, but in her Nana's eyes.
- Krishnaswami, Uma. *The Happiest Tree: A Yoga Story*. Lee & Low Books, 2002. Eightyear-old Meena thinks that she is too clumsy to appear in the school play until she discovers a new confidence by practicing yoga.
- West, Tracey. **Hiro's Quest series.** Multiple titles. Scholastic, 2010. A ninja-in-training must call on his skills, some of which he didn't know he possessed.
- Bruchac, James, and Joseph Bruchac. *Native American Games and* Stories. Fulcrum, 2000. Readers will be able to pore over intriguing stories, immerse themselves in Native American understandings, and play fun-filled games as they learn how global thought and beliefs can transfer into their own lives.
- Evans, Nate, Paul Hindman, and Vince Evans. **Humpty Dumpty Jr.: Hardboiled Detective series.** Multiple titles. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2008. Follows the adventures of Humpty Dumpty Jr., a crime-fighting detective in New York City.
- Metzger, Steve. *Detective Blue*. Orchard Books, 2011. With the help of his nursery rhyme friends, Little Boy Blue, who now runs a detective agency, solves the mystery of the missing Miss Muffet.
- Schwartz, Cory Rosen. *The Three Ninja Pigs*. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2012. The wolf gets more than he bargained for after the three pigs learn martial arts.
- Slobodkina, Esphyr. *Circus Caps for Sale*. HarperCollins, 2004. 48 p. A peddler takes the opportunity to sell his caps in a circus, but a mischievous elephant seems to be his most interested customer. Originally published in 1967 as *Pezzo the Peddler and the Circus Elephant*.
- Doak, Robin, S. Malala Yousafzai. Discover how the young Yousafzai stood her ground for her beliefs.
- Nelson, Kadir. Nelson Mandela. The story of a young boy who grew up to become president of South Africa..

- Ryan, Pam, Munoz. **When Marian Sang.** The moving and beautifully illustrated story of Marian Anderson who became a world renowned singer despite racism.
- Robinson, Sharon. Jackie Robinson: American Hero. The sports hero who brought about the desegregation of Major League Baseball.



• Winter, Jeanette. **Biblioburro: A True Story from Columbia.** A man and his books bring joy to children in remote villages.



- Bertrand, Diane Gonzales. **My Pal, Victor/Mi amigo, Víctor**. Raven Tree Press, 2004. Dominic talks about the activities he enjoys with his best friend, Victor: jokes and stories, sleepovers, rides at the amusement park, swimming. Only the ending reveals that Victor uses a wheelchair.
- MacLean, Kerry Lee. *Peaceful Piggy Meditation*. Albert Whitman, 2004. Pigs balance a hectic life with meditation.
- MacLean, Kerry Lee. **Peaceful Piggy Yoga.** Albert Whitman, 2014. Complete, kid-friendly instructions for classic yoga poses.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. **Night of the Ninjas**. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1995. 80 Siblings Jack and Annie are transported back to ancient Japan, where they must learn the secret of the ninja warriors.
- Osborne, Mary Pope, and Natalie Pope Boyce. *Ninjas and Samurai*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2014. A nonfiction companion to Mary Pope Osborne's *Night of the Ninjas*.
- Rosen, Michael J. *Balls! Round* 2. Darby Creek, 2008. Discusses the history and science of all types of balls, including several that are unusual.
- Schwartz, Corey Rosen. *Ninja Red Riding Hood*. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2014. 40 p. (978-0399163548). The traditional tale takes a twist after Red Riding Hood studies martial arts.
- Seuss, Dr. *If I Ran the Circus*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1956. A young boy lets his imagination run wild as he envisions a circus in an empty lot.
- Latimer, Alex. *The Boy Who Cried Ninja*. Peachtree, 2014. A hilarious book about Tim's family's reactions to his unlikely explanations for strange happenings around the house.

- McCully, Emily Arnold. *Mirette on the High Wire*. Puffin Books, 1997. 32. In nineteenth-century Paris, Mirette convinces the Great Bellini, who is staying at her mother's boarding house, to teach her the art of walking on a high wire.
- Maddox, Jake. Jake Maddox Girl Sports Stories series. Multiple titles. Stone Arch Books. Girls star in this series; each book focuses on a different sport.
- Petrillo, Genevieve. **Keep Your Ear on the Ball**. Tilbury House, 2009. Davey, a new student who is blind, refuses all help from his sighted classmates, even while playing kickball at recess. The students figure out a way to help Davey help himself—and keep his independence—by using his hearing to full advantage.
- Scieszka, Jon, editor. *Guys Read: The Sports Pages*. Walden Pond Press, 2012. Ten sports-centered stories by well-known authors.
- Time for Kids. **The Book of How: All About Sports**. Time for Kids, 2014. Answers to a variety of intriguing sports-related questions.
- Say, Allen. **El Chino**. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more unique athletebiography than the story of Bong Way "Billy" Wong, the American-born son of Chinese immigrants who became a matador in Spain. The journey takes readers from Billy's youth in Arizona, where he was a high school basketball star to his career as an engineer and the vacation in Spain that changed his life.
- Burleigh, Robert and Johnson, Stephen. **Hoops.** Poetry comes alive on the basketball court. Feel the rough roundness of the ball. Celebrate the soaring freedom of the dunk. Savor the moment when all eyes focus on the long three-pointer.



Grade 5

- Barber, Tiki, and Ronde Barber. **Go Long!** Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2011. 160 When Coach Spangler leaves at the start of their second year of junior high school, 13-year-old twins Tiki and Ronde wonder if his replacement, history teacher Mr. Wheeler, can coach the Eagles to another winning football season.
- Chung, Arree. **Ninja**! Henry Holt, 2014. A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent. He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear—a true ninja can overcome all challenges.
- Lupica, Mike. **Comeback Kids series.** Penguin, 2007–2012. Normal kids overcome obstacles and become the heroes of their teams.
- Philbrick, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty*. Scholastic, 2001. At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.
- Various authors. Lay-Ups and Long Shots. Darby Creek, 2008. An anthology of fictional short stories about a variety of sports.
- Christopher, Matt. **Sports Classics series.** Multiple titles. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, This chapter book series highlights a variety of popular sports.
- Green, Tim. **Football Genius series.** Multiple titles. HarperCollins, 2008–2014. This series follows Troy White, who can predict any football play before it happens.
- Climo, Shirley. *Atlanta's Race*: A Greek Myth. Clarion Books, 1995. Abandoned as a baby by her royal father (because she's not a boy) and adopted by a hunter, Atalanta grows up to be a fleet-footed, strong, independent-minded young woman. Her many triumphs in athletic competitions throughout the land gain the attention of the king.
- Gutman, Dan. *The Million Dollar Kick*. Most kids would be excited about the opportunity to kick a soccer ball in a million dollar contest. Not Whisper Nelson, a self-conscious, awkward 13-year-old. The last time she played she was in the third grade when she was humiliated after scoring a goal for the opposing team.
- Spinelli, Jerry. *Maniac Magee*. Little, 1999 This Newbery Award winner focuses on Maniac Magee, a boy who becomes legendary for his running abilities. In fact, he ran 200 miles to get away from his warring aunt and uncle and finally stops when he gets to Two Mills, where he helps a



town overcome racism and finds a place to call home.

- Golenbook, Peter and Bacon, Paul. *Teammates*. This is the moving story of how Jackie Robinson became the first black player on a Major League baseball team when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1940s, and how on a fateful day in Cincinnati, Pee Wee Reese took a stand and declared Jackie his teammate.
- Santat, Dan. The Adventures of Beekle, The Unimaginary Friend. "An Imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable—he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world."



Suggested Summer Reading Activities

Grade 3-5 Activity

Suggested Activity

Imagine what you could do with an imaginary friend or a real friend. One creative and active thing you could do is make a kite, a "Flutter Kite", decorate it, and fly it with an imaginary friend or someone you know.

- 1. Get a piece of paper (letter size is good).
- 2. Draw a kite shape on it.
- 3. Color/decorate it.
- 4. Cut it out.
- 5. Attach a ribbon or string (about 12 -18 inches long) by taping it to the back of the kite about 2 inches from the bottom of the kite.
- 6. Now, hold onto the string. Put your hand about half way up the string, and move it as you walk quickly or run. Your kite will "flutter" (move gently in the breeze).
- 7. This kite is not for high flying, but for gentle exercise and fun with your friend, imagined or real. Have fun.



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