

LUNCHTIME READERS 2015

3rd Grade Book List

CHOCOLATE FEVER by: Robert Kimmel Smith Lexile 680 Pages: 100

Henry Green is a boy who loves chocolate in any form and likes to eat it for breakfast lunch and dinner until one day strange things start happening to him. From eating too much chocolate, Henry makes medical history with the only case of Chocolate Fever ever. Henry finds himself caught up in a wild and hilarious chase, climaxed by a very unusual hijacking. Will Henry's brown bumps help him foil some hijackers and also teach him a valuable lesson about self-indulgence?

MATILDA by: Roald Dahl Lexile: 840 Pages: 240 with Illustrations

Matilda is a sweet, exceptional young girl, but her parents think she is a nuisance. She expects school to be different but there she has to face Miss Trunchbull, a kid hating terror of a headmistress. When Matilda is attacked by the Trunchbull she suddenly discovers she has a remarkable power. It'll take a superhuman genius to give Miss Trunchbull what she deserves and Matilda may just be the one to do it.

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE by: Kate DiCamillo Lexile: 610 Pages: 151

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni's mother walked out on her seven years ago, and she's been asking about her ever since – so that she won't forget her mom. But when she moves to Naomi, Florida, and befriends a lively stray dog, the canine helps her meet some unusual characters who teach her about love, life, and forgiveness.

A CRICKET IN TIMES SQUARE by: George Selden Lexile: 740 Pages: 144

Chester Cricket, Tucker Mouse, and Harry Cat meet at the Bellini's newsstand in New York's Times Square subway station when young Mario Bellini finds the cricket in a pail of trash. The lonely boy decides to keep Chester as a pet, and a series of adventures ensue.

NO TALKING by: Andrew Clements Lexile: 820 Pages: 160

Dave Packer's fifth-grade classmates are so boisterous and difficult to quiet down that the teachers have dubbed them "The Unshushables." Dave has just read about Mahatma Gandhi and learned that the man practiced silence one day a week to bring order to his mind. Though Dave likes to talk nonstop, he's determined to give it a try. Read this book to see what happens when the boys challenge the girls to a 48-hour no-talking contest!

THE MIXED UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL FRANKENWEILER by: E.L. Konigsberg

Lexile: 700 Pages: 188

Claudia Kincaid decides to run away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Knowing that her younger brother Jamie has money, she invites him along. Claudia and Jamie find themselves caught up in the mystery of a statue that the museum purchased for a bargain price of \$225. The statue is possibly worth millions. Or is it? Her quest leads her to Mrs. Basil Frankenweiler, the remarkable old woman who sold the statue, and to some equally remarkable discoveries about herself.

TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING by: Judy Blume Lexile: 470 Pages: 144

Life with his little brother, two-year-old Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing mashed potatoes on the walls at Hamburger Heaven, or trying to fly, he's never far from trouble. He's an almost three-year-old terror who gets away with everything, and Peter's had it up to here!

When Fudge walks off with Dribble, Peter's pet turtle, it's the last straw. Peter has put up with Fudge for too long. Way too long! How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change?