

*Summer Reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade!*  
*St. Martin of Tours School*

***FAST & FUN***



*39 Clues* \*\* (various authors) Action-packed adventures of the Cahill children as they rush around the world seeking clues.

*Akiko on the Planet Smoo* \*\* by M. Crilley. Fourth-grader Akiko, finds herself on a rescue mission to save a kidnapped alien prince.

*Alvin Ho* \*\* by L. Look. Alvin is allergic to everything: school, girls, birthday parties, camping, science projects. How will he survive?

*Go Big or Go Home* by W. Hobbs. A rare meteorite crashes into Brady's bedroom.

- *The Candymakers* by W. Mass. Four children vie to make the best new candy, but mysterious things happen along the way.
- *Choose your Own Adventure* series \*\*. The reader decides the plot twists.
- *Moving Day* (Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls series) \*\* by M. Cabot. Fourth grader Allie has a set of rules to get her through any situation.
- *No Talking* by A. Clements. Fifth grade boys challenge the girls to a no-talking contest. Recommend all titles by this author.
- *Yotsuba&!* \*\* by A. Kuroda. At times a silly graphic novel, about a young girl, born an alien, who is adopted by a human father.

**OLDIES BUT GOODIES AND AUTHORS NOT TO BE MISSED**



*The Borrowers* \*\* by M. Norton. A world in which tiny people live hidden from humankind beneath the floorboards of a country house in England.

*Chronicles of Narnia* \*\* By C.S. Lewis

*The Dark is Rising* \*\* by S. Cooper. On his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, Will discovers he is the last of the Old Ones, dedicated to fighting the forces of evil.

- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. By E. L. Konigsburg
- A girl and her little brother run away to the New York Museum of Art.

- *The Little House on the Prairie* \*\* by L. Wilder.
- *Lizard Music* by D. Pinkwater. Praise for the author...."A writer for smart kids. . . . Pinkwater writes for, and about, people who are not ashamed to look at life a little differently."
- *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing.* \*\* by J. Blume. Peter has his hands full with his younger brother, Fudge.
- *Tuck Everlasting* by N. Babbitt. To live forever--isn't that everyone's ideal?

\*\* = Part of a Series

### MORE CHALLENGING READS



*Ella Enchanted* by G. Levine. Ella struggles against a curse that causes her to obey any order given.

*Gregor the Overlander* \*\* by S. Collins. Gregor falls into an underworld, where he meets giant spiders, rats, and cockroaches; a world on the brink of war.

- *Into the Wild* \*\* by E. Hunter. The first book in the series about 4 cat clans whose peace is at risk when the warrior code is threatened.
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by B. Selznick. An orphan boy, lives in a Parisian train station, and crosses paths with an eccentric girl and a mysterious toymaker.
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* \*\* by T. Stewart. Four genius children are selected for a secret mission.
- *The Fairy tale Detectives* (Sisters Grimm series) \*\* by M. Buckley. Two sisters learn of an alternate world in which fairy tales are a fact.
- *The Spiderwick Chronicles* \*\* by T. DiTerlizzi. The world of fairies, pixies, hobgoblins, and trolls.
- *Whales on Stilts* by M.T. Anderson. Friends learn that a mad scientist plans to conquer the world using mind-controlled whales on stilts with laser-beam eyes.
- *The Willoughbys* by L. Lowry. Melodrama ensues as four children, abandoned by their parents, attempt to become the kind of "good" children found in classic books.
- \*\* = Part of a Series