

## HANAHAU'OLI SCHOOL

## SUMMER READING LIST

## **For Newly Independent Readers**

Chapter Books--Addictive Series--Graphic Novels

### Give them all a try this summer!

# Check these out! I bet you'll like

The Beast of Blackslope by Tracy Barrett Xena and Xander have a special talent for sleuthing; after all, their ancestor is Sherlock Holmes! A new series in which two sharp kids revisit Holmes' casebook with surprising results.

The Case of the Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett Twelve-year-old Steve Brixton is mistaken for a real detective and must elude police, librarians and the scary Mr. E as he hunts for a secret code. The first in what is sure to be a popular series!

Crunch by Leslie Connor When a sudden energy crisis leaves their parents stranded, Dewey and his siblings are responsible for running the household, farm, and an increasingly booming bicycle repair business on their own. A great story about family & community working together.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie by Julie Sternberg What to do when everything goes as wrong as pickle juice on a cookie? Nine-year-old Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to life without her beloved babysitter Bibi.

Saint Louis Armstrong Beach by Brenda Woods A moving novel that takes you to New Orleans before, during and after Hurricane Katrina. The narrator, 12-year-old Saint Louis, is a talented, African American boy with a love for his neighborhood and hope for the future.

**Sheep** by Valerie Hobbs After a fire destroys his farm, a young border collie finds himself alone and searching for the life he once knew. Through a series of owners and adventures, he learns about life as he seeks a home.

The Trouble With Chickens by Doreen Cronin J.J. Tully, a former search and rescue dog just wants to relax after a noble career but he is lured out of retirement when some chicks go missing. An irresistible new series.

# Cool Series - Read them ALL!

Clementine by Sara Pennypacker As Clementine says, "Spectacularful ideas are always sproinging up in my brain." If you like to laugh then Clementine's your girl!

**Roscoe Riley** by Katherine Applegate Roscoe has a good heart but just can't seem to stay out of trouble. This series is a sure-fire winner!

Jake Drake and Keepers of the School series by Andrew Clements I love Andrew Clements so I can't wait to read these series!

Mrs. Piggle Wiggle by Betty McDonald Children with bad habits visit Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle in her odd house where her magic helps the most incurable kids. My fave as a kid!

#### Phineas L. MacGuire by France O'Roark Dowell

Phineas, a likable nerd, thrives on scientific thinking. Budding scientists will find instructions for their own experiments at the end of this entertaining book.

#### Stink by Megan McDonald

Judy Moody's pesky younger "bother", Stink — encyclopedia in hand, zany schemes in mind, and comical comebacks at the ready, comes into his own with this kid-friendly series.

**Time Warp Trio by Jon Scieszka** A book from his magician uncle transports Joe and his friends back in time. Join these crazy kids on their swashbuckling adventures, fraught with dangers.

Zeus: King of the Gods by George O'Connor These graphic-novels begin with the daddy of all Greek gods. Drawing from primary documents, O'Connor reconstructs and retells classic Greek tales of monsters, romance, and not a few huge explosions. This is the perfect fusion of super-hero aesthetics and ancient Greek mythology. Boys (and girls!) will love them!

# Can't Miss AWESOME AUTHORS!

#### Judy Blume (judyblume.com)

The irrepressible Fudge, Frecklejuice, and The Pain and the Great One are just some of her many books. Judy Blume doesn't disappoint!

#### Matt Christopher (mattchristopher.com)

Matt Christopher is *the* guy readers turn to for fast-paced, sports novels.

#### **Beverly Cleary (beverlycleary.com)**

Prolific doesn't begin to describe this fabulous lady. She has created lasting and endearing characters that kids can relate to and come back to again and again.

#### **Andrew Clements (andrewclements.com)**

Clements' school stories such as Frindle and Janitor's Boy keep kids enthralled. Check out his new series too.

#### Roald Dahl (roalddahl.com)

Called the most successful children's writer in the world, he created *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, The BFG* and *Boy*. Fasten your seatbelts for a fun ride!

#### Sid Fleischman (sidfleischman.com)

Fleischman's collection of entertaining and thought provoking books are timeless. He and his son, writer Paul Fleischman, are the only father and son to receive Newbery awards. Go to his website to learn more!

#### Dan Gutman (dangutman.com)

Gutman is the author of countless books about sports, school, and other topics of great interest to kids. Find your favorite!

#### Carl Hiaasen (carlhiaasen.com)

Scat, Flush, Hoot! These are just three of the many wonderful books written by Hiaasen, whose stories resonate with environmental themes. His books rock!

#### **Chris Van Allsburg (chrisvanallsburg.com)**

A phenomenal talent, his books always intrigue, delight, and occasionally haunt. Definitely check out his website!

#### Louis Sachar (louissacher.com)

Award-winning author of the Marvin Redpost and Wayside School series, as well as Holes, which won the National Book Award and the Newbery Medal.



# HOT LINKS to get you SURFING & READING

#### guysread.com - Guys Read

Guys Read is a web-based literacy program for boys founded by author and First National Ambassador of Young People's Literature, Jon Scieszka. Their mission is to help boys become self-motivated, lifelong readers.

#### gws.ala.org - ALA's Great Websites for Kids

Great Websites for Kids is a compilation of exemplary websites geared to children from birth to age 14. Suggested websites are evaluated by members of the Association for Library Service to Children, using established criteria. Explore animals, the arts, history, literature, mathematics, science and more!

#### Goodsitesforkids.org/literacy.htm#kidlit

**Good sites for kids** is an incredible library of online resources organized by topic as well as age level. This link is to the children's literature section under "Literacy Sites." You could spend days here!

Commonsensemedia.org/book-lists - Common Sense Media Book Lists From classics to best sellers, kids are bound to find something to bury their nose in when you visit the "best books" lists at CSM.

#### Kidsites.com

Since 1997, KidSites' mission has been to find and provide reviews for the best sites for kids on the Internet. From animals to art, and sports to crafts, you'll find links here to loads of safe internet fun.

**Storynory.com** Listening to audio stories helps develop attention and imagination, and stimulates a love of words and books. But above all, it's terrific entertainment! Storynory is an online treasure trove of audio stories, original stories, fairy tales, adapted myths, and histories and poetry. Each week a new story is posted. Give it a listen!

Enjoy reading this summer!