

This summer read some...

RES Staff Favorites:

now and then

Mrs. Pierson-Ugol- The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh, Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech, Something Upstairs by Avi, Little Bear books by Else Holmelund Minarik , Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White, White Lilacs by Carolyn Meyer

Mrs. Wessman Huber- Love That Dog by Sharon Creech (now) and Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (then) My mom and I read it together when I was younger.

Mrs. Smith- The Biggest Bear by Lynd Ward

Mrs. Sharlow- My son's was The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper. So I loved it too. I love the message it gives to always be positive "I think I can". He also loved Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. My daughter's favorite book was Pretzel by H.A. and Margaret Rey. My daughter loved Raggedy and Andy books. The chapter books that I read were Beverly Clearly books-Ramona-Henry and Nancy Drew mysteries by Carolyn Keene. I also love the Sally books-Sally Goes To the Beach and Sally Goes to the Vet by Stephen Huneck.

Mrs. Valvo-The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett (then) and Charlotte's Web by E.B. White (now)

Mr. Farina- Where The Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak and the entire The Indian in the Cupboard series by Lynne Reid Banks

Mrs. Fischler- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan , Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Suess, and Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

Mrs. Imwalle- Thank you Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco (now), Heidi by Johanna Spyri (then)

Mrs. Dufault- Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

Mrs. Grimes- Frederick by Leo Lionni and I Am by Eleanor Schick

Mrs. Jones- My Father's Hands by Joanne Ryder and a book that I liked to read to my daughter was Papa Please Get the Moon For Me by Eric Carle

Mrs. Zorzy-The Case of the Hidden Staircase (Nancy Drew Mystery) by Carolyn Keene (then), When the Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant (now)

Mrs. D'Agostino- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Mrs. Rimkunas- Blue Willow by Doris Gates (then), Holes by Louis Sachar and Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech (now)

Mr. Carbone- The Little Engine That Could (original version) by Watty Piper Microbe Hunters by Paul de Kruif - for 3rd and 4th graders - This is an old book (written in the 1920's) but very well written. There are sections on discoveries by various scientists.

Mrs. Glynn- All the Nancy Drew books (Carolyn Keene)- then How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman. That's because I love to travel and I love to cook!

Ms. Sakonchick- As a child one of my favorite books was It's Not Easy Being a Bunny (by Marilyn Sadler) with PJ Funnybunny. PJ decides that he has too many brothers and sisters to compete with, and leaves his bunny hole to find a new home. PJ tries to live with all sorts - the skunks, the bears, the pigs, the possums, and eventually decides that being a bunny wasn't so bad after all. I remember making my dad read me the book... over and over... until he eventually recorded himself reading the book to me, so I could sit with the book and listen to the tape of it ... over and over. PJ tried to start a new life because he didn't quite fit in. I think we all feel like that sometimes. What I loved was that when he left his family and saw what else was out there, he realized how good the life he had actually was.

Now, I love to read Bill Peet's books, especially Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent.

Cyrus the sea serpent is shy and kind, unlike a sea serpent should be. Instead of going around scaring sea voyagers and sinking ships, he ends up heroically saving some voyagers through a deadly storm. Bill Peet's books are fun and his characters have unexpected personalities. I like that the characters in his stories go against stereotypes. I also like that Bill Peet is not as well known as an author. His stories spark curiosity and leave you with a smile. I find that once I share a Bill Peet book with students, it opens their eyes to a unique author.

Mrs. Richard- A Time for Andrew (A ghost story) by Mary Downing Hahn, The Grand Escape by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor and The School Mouse by Dick King-Smith

Mrs. Quinn- picture book: Quilt Maker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau chapter book : A Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Mrs. Templeton- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White and The Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett