

Sizzle on the Grill



| AUTHOR | TITLE NESCDC Recommended / Suggested Summer Reading for GRADE 3 | LEXILE | AWARDS, OTHER NOTES |
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| Arbogast, Joan Marie | <i>Buildings in Disguise: Architecture That Looks Like Animals, Food and Other Things</i> An eye-catching collection of buildings in varied shapes such as teapots, watermelons, and windmills. Locations in the United States are indicated. (48 pages) | not available | Nonfiction Architecture |
| Barrett, Judi | <i>Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs</i> Delicious food rains from the sky in the town of Chewandswallow until weather takes a turn for the worse. (32 pages) | AD 730 | Fiction Humorous |
| Barrett, Judi | <i>Pickles to Pittsburgh:</i> Kate dreams about Chewandswallow, where it rains sandwiches and snows popcorn. However, time changes things, and when Kate returns twenty years later, she finds a different place. Discover the reason for the creation of the Falling Food Company and its impact on world hunger. (32 pages) | AD 810 | Fiction Mysteries and Wonder |
| DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne | <i>Spaghetti Park</i> Angelo and his grandfather help clean up a local park and create a bocce ball court for the neighborhood. (32 pages) | not available | Realistic Fiction Urban |
| DiSalvo-Ryan, DyAnne | <i>Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen</i> Uncle Willie invites his nephew to spend the day helping him at the local soup kitchen. As Uncle Willie gathers donated food from the neighborhood for the hungry, his nephew learns many lessons. Detailed illustrations on every page show the spirit of the kitchen, who paid a visit, and the inner workings of a successfully run organization. The positive message focuses around the value and importance of volunteering. (32 pages) | 450 | Realistic Fiction Urban |
| Gibbons, Gail | <i>Ice Cream, the Full Scoop</i> Ice cream history, ingredients in ice cream, the production of ice cream, including a step-by-step tour of an ice cream factory. (32 pages) | not available | Informational Picture Book |
| Gibbons, Gail | <i>The Honey Makers</i> The structure of the honeybee, hive, and colony, the types of bees and their jobs, how the bee makes honey, and how beekeepers are involved in extracting the honey are clearly explained. (32 pages) | 770 | Nonfiction Science |
| Lord, John Vernon | <i>The Giant Jam Sandwich</i> When wasps invade Itching Down, the villagers collaboratively find an ingenious way to solve the problem. They trap them in a giant sandwich! Nonsense and verse. (32 pages) | NP | Fiction Fantasy Problem Solving |
| Maass, Robert | <i>When Summer Comes</i> Beautiful, outstanding, memory-evoking photos that depict summer scenes engaging all of the senses from the time school lets out until the time it begins again. (32 pages) | AD 510 | Nonfiction |



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| Meacham, Edie M. | Roodey's Junk Food Summer This fictional piece explodes with magic, humor and important values from beginning to end. Addressing childhood obesity and diabetes, it sheds light on the importance of taking responsibility for your own actions, the dangers of inactivity and overeating! (50 pages) | not available | Fiction Nutrition |
| Moore, Lilian | Mural on Second Avenue, And Other City Poems A collection of poems that capture various aspects of life in the city. (32 pages) | NP | Poetry Urban Nonfiction |
| Polacco, Patricia | The Bee Tree Mary Ellen would rather be "outdoors running and playing" than indoors with a book. Understanding her feelings, her grandfather suggests that they find a bee tree. (32 pages) | AD 680 | Fiction |
| Pollack, Barbara | Our Community Garden In this special garden, each child plants an item that reflects a personality and/or an ethnic heritage. The garden provides a venue for all the children and their families to gather and celebrate. (32 pages) | not available | Realistic Fiction Science Gardening, Nature Ethnicity |
| Robinson, Sharon | Safe at Home After the death of his father, Elijah Breeze, a ten-year-old African American boy, moves back to New York City with his mother and attends a summer baseball camp as he tries to make new friends and adapt to urban ways. (148 pages) | 600 | Realistic Fiction Urban Literature |
| Rylant, Cynthia | The Relatives Came When the relatives arrive for a summer visit from Virginia everyone has a boisterous, affectionate, wonderful time! (32 pages) | AD 940 | Realistic Fiction Caldecott Honor ALA Notable Book |
| Soto, Gary | Chato and the Party Animals Chato has been a party animal since he was a kitten. When he finds out his best friend has never had a birthday party, he throws an incredible party for him, but forgets to invite him! Surprises unfold! (32 pages) | AD 440 | Fiction-Fantasy Multicultural |
| Soto, Gary | Chato's Kitchen Chato, the cat, has new neighbors and invites them over for a dinner, hoping to "enjoy" these tasty mice! A surprise twist occurs, and the mice not only bring a dish to share, but their friend, a dachshund! (32 pages) also in Spanish | 740 | Fiction- Fantasy ALA Notable Book Parents' Choice Award |
| Steig, William | Pete's a Pizza A father pretends to turn his son into a pizza, trying to help his son out of a bad mood. Families can adapt this "game" for their own children! (32 pages) | AD 500 | Family Realistic Fiction |
| Tamar, Erika | The Garden of Happiness The people in the multicultural neighborhood clear a garbage filled lot in a rundown section of New York City and plant the vegetables that remind them of the places of their childhoods. (40 pages) | 590 | Multicultural Urban Fiction |
| Tuft, Llynne and Tessa DeCarlo | The Grapes Grow Sweet: A Child's First Harvest in Wine Country Five year old Julian tells the story of the grape harvesting process, as he is finally able to participate in it with his family! (40 pages) | not available | Farming Social Studies Science |





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| Ureel, Jessica | <i>The Peanut Pickle: A Story About Peanut Allergy</i> Six year old Ben is severely allergic to peanuts and peanut butter. Ben learns the precautions he needs to take to keep himself safe in common social situations. (32 pages) | not available | Informational Realistic Fiction |
| Wiesner, David | <i>June 29, 1999</i> Holly Evans' science experiment causes giant vegetables to appear! (32 pages) | AD 750 | Fiction Surrealistic |
| Woodson, Jacqueline | <i>We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past</i> This heartwarming story of an urban African American family gathering each year, the building up of the family's history, food connections and humorous interjections (32 pages) | AD 710 | Realistic Fiction Family Tradition |

| KEY | |
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| AD | Adult Directed |
| BR | Beginning Reader |
| NP | Non-prose (poetry) |
| Lexile Level | Difficulty of Text |

