

# Year Three

## Science and Nature Study

In Year Three, students will study astronomy using *A Child's Introduction to the Night Sky* and marine biology with *Pagoo*, *Holiday Shore* and a few more supplemental books.

## History and Geography

Students will work through the last section of *A Child's History of the World*, moving through the Renaissance and through modern times. Supplemental books needed for this year include more books by Diane Stanley as well as *From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World* by James Rumford.

Year Three begins the study of American history with American History Overview I. This overview is a chronological study of American history through picture books. The following are just a few of the many books used in this scope and sequence:

### American History Survey I

*Exploration and Conquest: The Americas After Columbus* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro

*Squanto's Journey* by Joseph Bruchac

*The New Americas: Colonial Times* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro

*Struggle for a Continent: The French and Indian Wars* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro

*Benjamin Banneker: Pioneering Scientist* by Ginger Wadsworth

*Big George: How a Shy Boy Became President Washington* by Anne Rockwell

*Locomotive* by Brian Floca

The following books are suggested for independent reading, but are not required: *A Lion to Guard Us* by Clyde Robert Bulla, *Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman* by Dorothy Sterling, *The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk* by Donald J. Sobol and *Pearl Harbor* by Stephen Krensky

## **Geography**

In geography this year, students will read about the Great Lakes from *Paddle-to-the-Sea*, how to use maps and globes and follow the story of Magellan's explorations.

## **Literature & Poetry**

Students in Year Three will read poetry by Robert Louis Stevenson, selected poems from Longfellow and excerpts from Shakespeare in Miriam Weiner's *Shakespeare's Seasons*. Literature selections include such works as *American Tall Tales*, *Book of Greek Myths*, *Heidi*, *The Trumpet of the Swan*, *Farmer Boy* and *Understood Betsy*.

## **The Arts**

Artists Studied: Sir Edwin Henry Landseer, Rosa Bonheur and Pierre-Auguste Renoir

Composers Studied: Franz J. Haydn, Antonio Vivaldi and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov