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Dear Third Grade Families,

Attached is your child's summer reading log, an optional choice board, a bookmark, and a list of books your child may find helpful when choosing books to read this summer. **As you get ready for Grade 3, we ask that you try to read every day for 20 minutes.** Children who read throughout the summer gain skills and develop a better understanding of language and the world around them. Please encourage your child to experience the joy of reading, the doorway to all other learning. The attached Summer Reading List represents a variety of reading levels and interests. The intent is to give you and your child some suggestions when making reading choices.

Key things to remember in supporting your child are:

- **Allow your child to choose the books he or she reads.** Studies have shown the benefits of choice in reading development. Expose your child to a wide variety of reading materials, but let him or her be the final decision-maker.
- **Do not worry if your child chooses some books "below" his or her reading level or reads a book over again.** This will reinforce decoding and comprehension skills. Given choice and positive encouragement, your child will also choose more challenging books.
- **Make available all kinds of reading materials of different genres,** including magazines, picture books (at any age), chapter books, nonfiction, and, yes, even appropriate comic books and graphic novels. Remember, you want them to love reading - they will branch out and try many things.
- **Encourage and support your child's participation in the public library summer reading program** and other reading incentive programs available at bookstores.
- **Be a role model for your child** by reading yourself, provide lots of positive encouragement and interest in their reading, and set aside time each day for the family to read.
- **Reading is most effective when adults provide guidance and make sure that kids understand what they're reading.** If possible, ask questions about what your child is reading - who, what, where, when, why and how; summarize or ask your child to summarize; and reread hard-to-understand passages. Essentially, make reading a more interactive process to boost fluency and comprehension.

Have a wonderful summer filled with reading! We can't wait to see you in the fall.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team



## SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

### Fiction

- Auch, Mary Jane I was a Third Grade Spy (3.3)
- Bauer, Marion Dane Blue Ghost (2.9)
- Barnes, Derrick Crown An Ode to the Fresh Cut
- Blume, Judy Freckle Juice (3.1)
- Blume, Judy Pain and the Great One (3.1)
- Blume, Judy SuperFudge (3.4)
- Cameron, Ann More Stories Julian Tells (3.1)
- Cleary, Beverly Ramona (5.5)
- Costa Bates, Janet Seaside Dreams
- Dagleish, Alice The Courage of Sarah Noble (4.2)
- Dahl, Roald Fantastic Mr. Fox (4.1)
- Dahl, Roald Magic Finger (3.1)
- DeLaCriox, Alice The Hero of Third Grade (3.6)
- DiCamillo, Kate Because of Winn Dixie (4.5)
- Diaz, Junot Island Born
- Duffey, Betsy How to Be Cool in Third Grade (3.5)
- Fleishman, Sid Bandit's Moon (4.5)
- Fleishman, Sid The Whipping Boy (3.9)
- Hermes, Patricia Westward to Home: Joshua's Diary (3.1)
- Kellog, Steven Best Friends (3.4)
- LaGuin, Ursula Catwings (4.3)
- Lowry, Lois Gooney Bird Green (2.8)
- MacLachan, Patricia Sarah Plain and Tall (3.4)
- MacLachan, Patricia Through Grandpa's Eyes
- McKissack, Patricia The Honest-to-Goodness Truth
- Smith, Robert Kimmell Chocolate Fever (4.1)
- Sheth, Sheetal Always Anajali (2.1)

### Non-Fiction/Informational Text (N-F)

- Ballard, Robert Finding the Titanic (3.8)
- Calmenson, Rosie A Visiting Dog's Story (3.5)
- Coren, Stanley Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses
- Nahum, Andrew Flying Machine (Eyewitness Books) (7)
- Prager, Ellen Earthquakes (3)
- Simon, Seymour Hurricanes (3)
- Simon, Seymour Paper Airplane Book (3.9)
- St George, Judith So You Want To Be an Inventor
- St George, Judith So You Want To Be President

### Poetry (P)

- Dakos, Kalli If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand (5.3)
- Florian, Douglas Beast Feast: Poems and Paintings (3.9)
- Florian, Douglas Bing Bang Boing (3.7)
- George O'Connell, Kristine Toasting Marshmallows: Camping Poems
- Janeczko, Paul Dirty Laundry Pile
- Prelutsky, Jack Something Big Has Been Here (4.5)
- Prelutsky, Jack The Beauty of the Beast: Poems of the Animal Kingdom (2.3)
- Sliverstein, Shel Where the Sidewalk Ends

### Biography (B)

- Adler, David Picture Book of .....(series) (3.5 – 5.5)
- Burleigh, R. Black Whiteness: Admiral Bird Alone In the Antarctic (3.5)
- DePaola, Tomie Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi (3)
- DePaola, Tomie Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland (3)
- Harness, Cheryl The Revolutionary John Adams
- McCurdy, M. Trapped by the Ice Shackleton's Amazing Artic Adventure (4.5)
- Old, Wendie To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers (3.5)
- Wetterrer, Margaret Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express (3.3)


### Adventure/Mystery

- Bonsall, Crosby The Case of the Hungry Stranger (2.6)
- Erickson, John Hank the Cow Dog (4.9)
- Leppard, Jois Gladys Mandie and the Secret Tunnel (4.6)
- Lewis, Beverly Chicken Pox Panic (2.8)
- Lisle, Janet Taylor The Gold Dust Letter (3.6)
- Parrish, Peggy Key to the Treasure (3.2)
- Roy, Ron Capital Mysteries (3.6)
- Stanley, George The Case of the Left Handed Envelope (2.4)
- Torrey, Michelle Doyle and Fossey, Science Detectives (3.8)
- Stilton, Geronimo Cat and Mouse and a Haunted House (3.4)

### Series

- Adler, David Cam Jansen series (3.2 – 3.9)
- Brown, Jeff Flat Stanley Series (4)
- Christopher, Matt (sports) books
- Cole, Joanna Magic School Bus series (3.7 – 4.4)
- Conford, Ellen Jenny Archer (2.9 – 3.6)
- Danzinger Amber Brown (3.7)
- McDonald, Megan Judy Moody and Stink series (3.1 – 3.6)
- Osbourne, Mary Pope Magic Tree House (2.6 – 4.6)
- Peterson, John The Littles Series (2.5 – 3.9)
- Smith, Alexander McCall Akimbo
- Stilton, Geronimo Geronimo Stilton series (3.1 – 3.7)
- Warner, Gertrude Boxcar Children (3.9)
- Wilder, Laura Little House series (4.4 – 5.5)




 Summer Reading Log


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★ = Have someone else choose a book for you to read.

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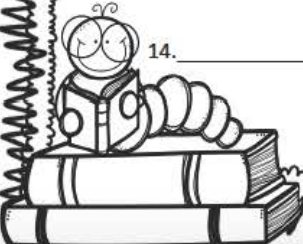
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# Reading Fun

Read a book in a fort	Read a book about space	Read in a bookstore	Read to a friend	Read with a flashlight
Read before breakfast	Read a nonfiction book	Read to a pet	Read jokes to your family	Read under a tree
Read a magazine	Read in a silly voice	Read a friend's favorite book	Read after lunch	Read a how-to book
Read a recipe and make something tasty	Read a poem	Listen to a book	Read aloud like a robot	Read a book about animals
Ask someone to read to you	Read outside on a blanket	Try a new book series	Read about someplace you want to visit	Read in a library



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