

# Required 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading



## 5 Books

Fortunately, books for young readers are often still wholesome and uncomplicated. Since some children of this age cannot read everything by themselves, some of the books listed should still be read to them. Having the child sit close enough to see the pictures, and some may want to track with the words as you read to them. This intimate experience of reading together is an important facet of reading, and a particular joy to parent and child. It should be the best time of your day! It is important to give children dominion in the area of reading. This will contribute in important ways to their future success in, and enjoyment of the written word. Aside from having your child read to himself/herself, you may choose to read one-on-one to him/her, or the parent may read to the assembled family. Please keep in mind that a child's listening vocabulary is much higher than his/her reading vocabulary. Thus, you can read a book to him/her which is far above her own reading level, and he/she will be able to understand it. Some of the books on the enclosed reading list may not be able to be read by your child. You may choose certain selections for family read-aloud, or suggest that an older sibling read to an emerging reader. When reading to children, it is critical to keep the length appropriate. After reading a short passage, we suggest that you informally ask your child to tell back what he or she has heard, in order to improve comprehension, sequencing, synthesis, concentration, and enjoyment. You may also want to take a turn to narrate! Do not do this in a heavy-handed way, but rather with joy and enthusiasm, informally. Do not make it into a chore, or necessarily do it every time, or the child may come to not enjoy it. **There are obviously many more good books that are available. This list is only the beginning!** Your librarian can assist you if you tell the type of literature you desire. The terminology they will best understand is "classic literature." Remember that, with regard to all book suggestions, it is always your responsibility as the parent to assess a book's suitability for you and your family. We have included books which employ fantastical themes, due to the fact that we encourage children to enjoy the proper use of imagination. This is an important aspect of development, and one in which parents are urged to give their child guidance. That is, your child will be looking to you to help define the lines of fantasy verses reality and the proper guidelines therein. Some of these books may not be available in libraries, but it is always a good idea to request that they purchase them. There is a current trend in public libraries to purge many of the good, old classics. By requesting them, this is a way that we can change our culture for the good. If they are not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores. Enjoy!

On the sheet enclosed, please keep track of the books your child reads, or those that you have read to him or her this summer. You will give this record to your child's teacher at the beginning of school. Thank you.



## Summer Reading List for Rising Third Grade Students

Various authors	<i>Childhood of Famous Americans Series</i>
Aardema, Verna	<i>Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain and Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears</i>
Anderson, William	<i>Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Biography</i>
Barklem, Jill	<i>The Big Book of Brambly Hedge</i>
Bond, Michael	<i>A Bear Called Paddington</i>
Brett, Jan	<i>The Mitten and The Hat</i>
Bunting, Eve	<i>Dandelions</i>
Byars/Simont	<i>My Brother and Ant</i>
Byers, Betsy	<i>Tornado</i>
Cari, Mary Jane	<i>Children of the Covered Wagon</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Ramona Quimby, Age 8, Beezus and Ramona, Henry Huggins, and Ribsy</i>
Coer/Bolognese	<i>Buffalo Bill and the Pony Express, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i>
Coles, Robert	<i>The Story of Ruby Bridges</i>
Collins, Carolyn	<i>The World of Little House</i>
Dagliesh, Alice	<i>The Columbus Story, the Courage of Sarah Noble, America Travels and other non-fiction titles</i>
DeAngele, marguerite	<i>Henner's Lydia</i>
DeJong, Meindert	<i>The Wheel on the School</i>
de Kay, James T.	<i>Meet Christopher Columbus</i>
DePaolo, Tomie	<i>26 Fairmont Avenue</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats, The Moffat Museum</i>
Flournoy, Valerie	<i>The Patchwork Quilt, Tanya's Reunion</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>All titles- historical non-fiction</i>
George, Jean Craighead	<i>All Upon a Stone, The Tarantula in my Purse and other non-fiction titles</i>
Gleiter/Thompson	<i>First Biographies: Booker T. Washington</i>
Goldsmith/Habba	<i>Mark Twain at Work!</i>
Graham, Kenneth	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>
Hall, Donald	<i>Lucy's Christmas</i>
Hopkinson/Fancy	<i>Pioneer Summer</i>
Haywood, Carolyn	<i>Betsy series of books, Eddie books &amp; others</i>

Hutchins	<i>Sugar Creek Gang Series</i>
Hunter, Edith	<i>Child of the Silent Night</i>
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Rikki Tikki Tavi</i>
Krensky/Dodson	<i>Ben Franklin and His First Kite</i>
Larkin/Magnuson	<i>Helen Keller and the Big Storm</i>
Lamorrisse, Albert	<i>The Red Ballon</i>
Little, Jean	<i>Emma's Magic Winter</i>
Lionni, Leo	<i>Frederick, Swimmy and other titles</i>
Lovelace, Maud Hart	<i>Betsy Tacy Books</i>
Macaulay, Susan Schaeffer	<i>Something Beautiful from God</i>
MacLachlan, Patricia	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall and other titles</i>
McCloskey, Robert	<i>Homer Price</i>
Milne, A.A.	<i>The House at Pooh Corner</i>
Milton, Joyce	<i>Whales: The Gentle</i>
Monjo, F.N.	<i>The Drinking Gourd</i>
Morey, Walt	<i>Gentle Ben</i>
Richardson, Arleta	<i>In Grandma's Attic Series</i>
Sharmat, M.	<i>Nate the Great Series</i>
Sharp, Margery	<i>The Rescuers</i>
Shea, George	<i>First in Flight</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>The Giving Tree and other books</i>
Steig, William	<i>Abel's Island</i>
Slobodkina	<i>Caps for Sale</i>
Sobol	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i>
Titus, Eve	<i>Basil of Baker Street (The Great Mouse Detective Series)</i>
Tresselt, Alvin	<i>Autumn Harvest, Hide and Seek Frog and other titles</i>
Warner, Gertrude	<i>Boxcar Children</i>
White, E.B.	<i>Trumpet of the Swan</i>
Yashima, Taro	<i>Umbrella</i>
Yolan, Jane	<i>Owl Moon</i>
Ziefert, Harriet	<i>A New Coat for Anna</i>
Zolotow, Charlotte	<i>Mr. Rabbit and the Lovely Present</i>