



Rising Third Grade Summer Reading

5 books read by the Child / 1 Read to the Child

Since most children of this age cannot read everything for themselves, the books listed will include some that should be read to them. Even when students are able to read, some books should still be read aloud, as [research](#) has proven that reading aloud into adulthood has a beneficial effect. Keep in mind that a Listening Vocabulary is almost always much higher than a Reading Vocabulary. Thus, you can read aloud a book that is above current school reading level, and most children will be able to understand it. After reading a short passage (and reading the illustrations as well), 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. Picture narrations are also a fun way to enliven the story while increasing comprehension.

The following is not an exhaustive list, but rather some of our particular favorites! There are obviously many more good books that are available. If you seek advice from a librarian, note that the terminology most librarians will best understand is “classic literature,” which for our purposes we call [“living” books](#). 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 the 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 versus reality and the proper guidelines therein.

If a title is not in your local library, you may want to check used bookstores, both [physical](#) and [virtual](#). A great summer activity is to visit some of the physical bookstores in your area and see what they have to offer. A must-see is The Story Shop in Monroe, Georgia! Do not neglect the [power](#) of [audiobooks](#), as they are great opportunities for everyone to listen and bond as a family. They can also help with books set in a different locale, as the narrators are often from that particular culture. 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.



Summer Reading List for Rising 3rd 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 (and others)</i>
Brink, Carol Rylie	<i>Caddie Woodlawn</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>
Dalgliesh, 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 (and many others)</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Moffats, The Moffat Museum</i>
Flournoy, Valerie	<i>The Patchwork Quilt, Tanya's Reunion</i>
Fritz, Jean	All titles- historical non-fiction
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 & others</i>
Hutchens, Paul	<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>
Lamorisse, Albert	<i>The Red Balloon</i>

Lenski, Lois	<i>Strawberry Girl</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, Sylvester and the Magic Pebble, The Real Thief, and others</i>
Slobodkina	<i>Caps for Sale</i>
Sobol, Donald	<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>