

## Incoming 3rd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Summer provides many opportunities for parents and young children to enjoy unforgettable books together. A suggested list of titles is listed below. Parents of elementary students may also want to consult one of the *Read-Aloud Handbooks* by Jim Trelease for additional selections. We also encourage you to visit your local public library. Be sure to fill out the elementary reading log and bring it to school when you return in September in order receive a summer reading certificate.

Title	Author	Synopsis	Genre
The Beauty of the Beast: Poems of the Animal Kingdom	Jack Prelutsky	Lots of different animal poems	Poetry
If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand	Dakos	Funny poems about life in school	Poetry
This Land Is Your Land	Woody Guthrie	Woody Guthrie's famous song about the USA with great pictures	Poetry
The Ballot Box Battle	Emily Arnold McCully	A girl helps Elizabeth Cady Stanton fight for women's right to vote.	Picture Book
Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story Told in Nine Innings	Deborah Hopkinson	In 1907, Alta Weiss, at the age of seventeen, pitched for the Vermillion Independents, a baseball team. The rest of the team were men.	Picture Book
When Marian Sang	Pam Munoz Ryan	Marian Anderson sang with her eyes closed but opened the eyes of others to the need to abolish segregation and prejudice.	Picture Book
Verdi	Janell Cannon	The story of the little yellow python who doesn't want to grow up	Picture Book
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Susan Jeffers	Enjoy the words of Chief Seattle as he describes how the Native Americans feel about the Earth.	Picture Book
The Library	Sarah Stewart	Elizabeth likes to read so much, she starts her own public library.	Picture Book
Dumpy LaRue	Elizabeth Winthrop	The main character is a pig who wants to dance but meets many obstacles.	Picture Book
Players in Pigtales	Shana Corey	Learn about the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame".	Picture Book
Hurricane	David Weisner	A fictional book about two brothers who weather a hurricane together.	Picture Book
And Still the Turtle Watched	Sheila MacGill-Callahan	In this Native American story, a turtle watches the river below. Over the span of time it observes many ecological changes with a great deal of sadness.	Picture Book
Bony-Legs	Cole	Sasha fools the nasty witch, Bony-Legs	Chapter Book (Baba Yaga)
Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom	Kline	Harry and his friends go to an amusement park. Number nine of the Horrible Harry books.	Chapter Book
In a Dark, Dark Room	Schwartz	Short ghost stories. Includes the woman who removes her head	Chapter Book
The Lucky Baseball Bat	Christopher	Can Marty win without his lost lucky bat?	Chapter Book
The Minstrel in the Tower	Skurzynski	Roger & Alice, seeking help for their ill mother, are taken by bandits.	Chapter Book Medieval Adventure
Smasher	King-Smith	When Mrs. Buzzard wants to banish Smasher the dog, Farmer Buzzard hides him.	Chapter Book
Tornado	Byars	While waiting in the tornado cellar, Pete tells stories of his dog who arrived in a tornado.	Chapter Book
The Heart Of Cool	McEwan/Boynton	When Bobby North comes to his new school, he discovers that some of his favorite things	Chapter Book

		are not cool. What is cool is Harry Haller.	
The Stories Julian Tells	Ann Cameron	Julian, that quick fibber, is great at telling stories. He can make people...especially his younger brother, believe just about anything.	Chapter Book

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Ace, the Very Important Pig	King-Smith	How does a pig named Ace wind up on television?	Medium Hard for entering grade 3
Bunnacula: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	Howe	Harold Dog and Chester Cat try to warn the family about the new vampire rabbit.	Medium Hard for entering grade 3
Catwings Return	Le Guin	Two winged cats visit their mother in the city and rescue their baby sister from wreckers	Medium Hard for entering grade 3
Tenth Good Thing about Barney	Viorst	Remembering Barney, a wonderful cat. Good to read after losing a pet.	Medium Hard for entering grade 3

SERIES BOOKS: We suggest any book in the following series:

**The Bailey School Kids** by Dadey & Jones

**Marvin Redpost** by Louis Sachar

**Amber Brown** by Paula Danziger

**Nate the Great** by Marjorie Sharmot

**Kids of the Polk Street School** by Patricia Reilly Griff

AUTHORS: We suggest any book by one of these authors:

**Novels:**

Andrew Clements

Betsy Byars

Roald Dahl

**Picture Books:**

Jon Scieska

Patricia Polacco

Judith St. George/ David Small

Seymour Simon (non-fiction)

**Another place to find book ideas is at:**

<http://www.greatschools.org/students/books/456-books-for-kids-grades-k-5.gs>