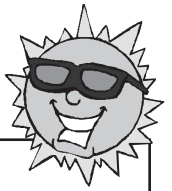




Third Grade Suggested Summer Reading List



Note: The following books are only suggestions. Please feel free to add any books that are appropriate for your reader. The staff in the children's area of the public library will also have many wonderful suggestions for you.

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. If your child is already reading, have him or her read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.

School Stories

- *Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story* by Janet Beeler Shaw
- *Ramona Quimby Age 8* by Beverly Cleary

Animal Stories

- *The Adventures of Paddington* by Michael Bond (book and tape series)
- *Babe: The Gallant Pig* by Dick King-Smith
- *Catwings* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- *The Lion's Whiskers: An Ethiopian Folktale* by Nancy Raines Day
- *Rats on the Roof and Other Stories* by James Marshall

Books About Friends

- *The Candy Corn Contest* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *Pinky and Rex* by James Howe

Historical Fiction

- *Ben and Me* by Robert Lawson
- *Changes for Addy* by Connie Rose Porter (and other American Girl books)
- *If You Grew Up with George Washington* by Ruth Belov Gross
- *Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express* by Margaret K. Wetterer
- *Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda Told Me* by Simms Taback
- *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco
- *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- *Teammates* by Peter Golenbock

Folktales

- *Iktomi and the Berries: A Plains Indian Story* by Paul Goble
- *Mirandy and Brother Wind* by Patricia C. McKissack

- *Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Northwest* by Gerald McDermott
- *The Talking Eggs* by Robert D. San Souci

Great Series Books

- Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish
- American Girl series
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol
- Eyewitness Science Explorers
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline
- Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Nancy Drew Notebooks by Carolyn Keene early series
- Pee Wee Scouts by Judy Delton
- Polk Street School by Patricia Reilly Giff

Award Winners

- *The Cat Who Went to Heaven* by Elizabeth Jane Coatsworth
- *Doctor De Soto* by William Steig
- *How Much Is a Million?* by David M. Schwartz
- *Jumanji* by Chris Van Allsburg
- *Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Mirette on the High Wire* by Emily Arnold McCully
- *Prehistoric Pinkerton* by Steven Kellogg
- *Rabbit Hill* by Robert Lawson
- *The Village of Round and Square Houses* by Ann Grifalconi

Enjoy!