

Suggested Summer Reading for Incoming Third Graders

FICTION

The following authors have written fiction or storybooks you may enjoy reading or having read aloud to you. Choose a book you are comfortable reading independently and have fun! Books that you would like but are hard for you to read by yourself make great family read alouds.

Adler, David – The “Cam Jansen” mysteries.

Alexander, William – Ambassador

Andersen, Hans Christian – The Steadfast Tin Soldier; Thumbelina; & other stories.

Appelt, Kathi – The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp

Barkley, Callie – Critter Club Books

Barnett, Mac – The Terrible Two Books

Baum, L. Frank – The “Wizard of Oz” series.

Blume, Judy – The One in the Middle Is the Green Kangaroo; Freckle Juice; Superfudge.

Bond, Michael – The humorous “Paddington Bear” stories.

Bridwell, Norman – Clifford the Big Red Dog; & others.

Brooks, Walter – The “Freddy the Detective” series.

Bulla, Clyde Robert – Viking Adventure; & many other stories.

Cleary, Beverly – The “Henry Huggins” and the “Ramona” books.

Christopher, Matt – Baseball Flyhawk; Face-off; Jinx Glove; & many other sportsbooks.

Clifford, Eth – The “Flatfoot Fox” mysteries.

Coven, Wanda – Heidi Heckelback Books

Cowell, Cressida – How to Train Your Dragon Books

Davis, Jim – The “Garfield” series.

DeAngeli, Marguerite – Thee Hannah; & other historical fiction.

DiCamillo, Kate – The “Mercy Watson” series., Because of Winn-Dixie

Erickson, John R. – The “Hank, the Cow Dog” series.

Fleischman, Sid – the “McBroom” tall tales.

Gaiman – Fortunately, the Milk

Gannett, Ruth Stiles – My Father’s Dragon; & sequels.

Godden, Rumer – The Doll’s House; & other titles.

Grabenstein, Chris – The Lemoncello Books

Henkes, Kevin – Chester’s Way; Jessica; Sheila Rae, the Brave; & others.

Howe, James – The “Pinky and Rex” stories; the “Bunnacula” mysteries.

Hurwitz, Johanna – Class Clown; Hot & Cold Summer; Baseball Fever; & others.

King-Smith, Dick – Ace; Babe; Pigs Might Fly; & other humorous animal stories.

Kline, Suzy – The “Herbie Jones” and the “Horrible Harry” books.

Lawson, Robert – Rabbit Hill; The Tough Winter.

Lin, Grace – Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Lindgren, Astrid – Pippi Longstocking; & sequels.

MacDonald, Betty – The “Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle” stories.
MacLachlin, Patricia – Sarah Plain and Tall; & others.
McDonald, Megan – The “Judy Moody” series.
Milne, A. A. – The “Winnie the Pooh” books.
Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds – Emily’s Fortune
Norton, Mary – The Borrowers; & sequels.

Osborne, Mary Pope – The “Magic Tree House” adventures.

Papademetriou, Lisa – A Tale of Highly Unusual Magic
Park, Barbara – The “Junie B. Jones” series.
Peet, Bill – Huge Harold, Big Bad Bruce; & many other wonderful books.
Pilkey, Dav – Captain Underpants Books
Polacco, Patricia – Babushka’s Doll; The Butterfly; & other titles.

Rose, Caroline Starr – May B.
Rylant, Cynthia – The “Henry & Mudge”; “Poppleton”; “Mr. Putter & Tabby”; & “Thimbleberry” series.

Scieszka, Jon – The Time Warp Books
Selden, George – The Cricket in Times Square; & sequels.
Selznick, Brian – The Invention of Hugo Cabret.
Sharmat, Marjorie – The “Nate the Great” mysteries.
Smith, Janice Lee – The Kid Next Door and Other Headaches: Stories about Adam Joshua.
Sobol, Donald – The “Encyclopedia Brown” mysteries.
Steig, William – Abel’s Island; Sylvester and the Magic Pebble; & other titles.
Stilton, Geronimo – Geronimo Stilton Books

Thurber, James – Many Moons.
Titus, Eve – The “Basil of Baker Street” detective series.

Van Allsburg, Chris – Jumanji; & others.

White, E. B. – Stuart Little; The Trumpet of the Swan.
Wilder, Laura Ingalls – The Little House” series.
Williams, Margery – The Velveteen Rabbit.

Yolen, Jane – King long Shanks; Sleeping Ugly, the “Piggins” mysteries; the “Commander Toad” stories.

MYTHS, LEGENDS, AND FOLKLORE

Myths and legends and fairytales are wonderful both in collected volumes or in illustrated picture books. Check out some of these titles.

Baumgartner, Barbara – Crocodile! Crocodile!; Good as Gold.
D’Aulaire, Ingri – Trolls; Greek Myths; Norse Gods and Giants.
Favorite Tales from Grimm, illustrated by Mercer Mayer.
Not One Damsel in Distress, collected and told by Jane Yolen.
Random House Book of Fairy Tales, adapted by Amy Ehrlich, illustrated by Diane Goode.



BRINGING LIFE TO LEARNING

Aardema, Vera – Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears; & many others.
Brett, Jan – Beauty and the Beast; The Mitten; & others.
Brown, Marcia – Stone Soup; Once a Mouse; & others.
Demi – One Grain of Rice; The Girl Who Drew a Phoenix; & others.

Galdone, Paul – The Gingerbread Boy; The Monkey and the Crocodile; & others.
Kimmel, Eric – Anansi and the Talking Melon; The Gingerbread Man; & many others.
San Souci, Robert – The Talking Eggs; Cendrillon; & many others.
Zemach, Margot – The Three Wishes; & others.

POETRY

Don't forget poetry. Check out the 811 and 821 section in the library and look for books written and or edited by Douglas Florian; Eloise Greenfield, Nikki Grimes; Lee Bennett Hopkins; Myra Cohn Livingston; Eve Merriam; Jeffrey Moss; Jack Prelutsky; Shel Silverstein; James Stevenson; Jane Yolen; & others.

NON FICTION

The "Fact" or "Non-Fiction" books are wonderful, but too numerous to mention. Find a book on a subject that interests you—science, biography, history, sports, art, and music—and READ, READ, READ!

Barton, Chris – The Day-Glo Brothers
Pallotta, Jerry – Who Would Win? Series
Roth, Susan L. – Parrots over Puerto Rico

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bell, Cece – El Deafo
Various Authors - Explorer Books