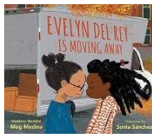


Summer Reading Suggestions for Incoming Third Grade

<p><i>Khalil and Mr. Hagerty and the Backyard Treasures</i> by Tricia Springstubb</p> <p>This sweet intergenerational story celebrates how simple shared experiences can bring people together. As Khalil digs for buried treasure and Mr. Hagerty digs for vegetables, the pair finds a new friendship.</p>	<p><i>Road Trip with Max and Mom and Weekends with Max and His Dad</i> by Linda Urban</p> <p>His parents live apart and that takes some getting used to, but Max has unique and fulfilling relationships with both his mom and dad.</p>
<p><i>Fruit Bowl</i> by Mark Hoffman</p> <p>We love a good double-duty read-aloud for second-grade books. This one shares plenty of facts about fruits vs. vegetables, but also has broader themes of inclusion and open-mindedness. Tomato lobbies for a spot in the fruit bowl even though the other fruits say he doesn't belong.</p>	<p><i>Weekends with Max and His Dad</i> by Linda Urban</p> <p>His parents live apart and that takes some getting used to, but Max has unique and fulfilling relationships with both his mom and dad.</p>
<p><i>Life</i> by Cynthia Rylant</p> <p>A gorgeous story told through the eyes of animals that reminds us that life is full of change and wonder.</p>	<p><i>Eleanor</i> series by Julie Sternberg</p> <p>Follow along with Eleanor as she navigates friendship, awkward situations, and the growing pains of youth.</p>
<p><i>Quiet Please, Owen McPhee!</i> by Trudy Ludwig</p> <p>From the team who created <i>The Invisible Boy</i> (a classroom must-have for all ages) comes this title perfect for discussions about listening. Owen McPhee talks ALL the time, but when he gets laryngitis, he learns that being quiet can be powerful, too.</p>	<p><i>Dragons in a Bag</i> series by Zetta Elliot</p> <p>When his mom drops him off with Ma, a mysterious character from her own childhood, Jaxon has no idea he'll travel into the world of magic and end up in charge of baby dragons. We love this new urban fantasy series.</p>
<p><i>A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars</i> by Seth Fishman</p> <p>This story tackles the mind-boggling concept of huge numbers. A wonderful book for science, math, or read-aloud.</p>	<p><i>The Magnificent Makers</i> series by Theanne Griffith</p> <p>This series stars third graders Violet and Pablo as they take science-themed adventures that include transport by magical science instruments to a challenge-filled Maker Maze, a guide that reminds us of Miss Frizzle, and fun project directions for home.</p>
<p><i>The Carver Chronicles</i> series by Karen English</p> <p>These engaging realistic fiction stories star the diverse students at Carver Elementary.</p>	<p><i>Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face</i> series by John Dougherty</p> <p>These British imports, will appeal to students who like wacky humor. Stinkbomb and his messy little sister Ketchup-Face get themselves into madcap adventures in this fun series of 3rd grade books.</p>

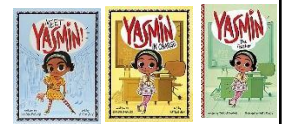
***Evelyn Del Rey is Moving Away* by Meg Medina**

It's moving day for Daniela's best friend and neighbor, Evelyn Del Rey. Daniela narrates their final moments together in heart-wrenching detail as she lists all the reasons she'll miss her friend.



***Yasmin* series by Saadia Faruqi**

Yasmin has plenty of spirit and a talent for looking on the bright side. This chapter book series starter adds to the small-but-growing list of kid lit titles starring contemporary Muslim Americans.



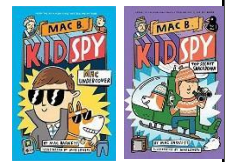
***Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol* series by Andres Miedoso**

Desmond stays busy investigating paranormal activity in his town. His friend Andres admires his bravery, but prefers less excitement. This engaging and funny illustrated series is great for hooking new chapter book readers.



***Mac B., Kid Spy* series by Mac Barnett**

Mac Barnett tells his childhood story—as a spy for the Queen of England. It's a spoof, of course, but there are real themes here, too. This series would be a great fit for advanced but reluctant readers.



***Stella Diaz Has Something to Say* by Angela Dominguez**

Like many of today's third-graders, Stella Diaz is busy figuring out how to navigate two cultures and two languages. We love the relatable, diverse cast of characters.



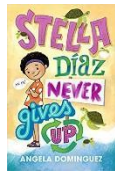
***The Unicorn Rescue Society* series by Adam Gidwitz**

In this engaging and highly readable series, Elliot and Uchenna join their odd teacher, Professor Fauna, on quests to protect mythical creatures.



***Stella Diaz Never Gives Up* by Angela Dominguez**

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***The Zach and Zoe Mysteries* by Mike Lupica**

Boys and girls alike love this series full of sports, action and mystery starring fraternal twins Zach and Zoe.

