



Shelton School and Evaluation Center, Summer 2020 Book Suggestions For Students Entering Third Grade

Students in the same grade read at many different levels. This list includes suggested authors, titles, and series to help parents choose books that match their children's reading levels, interests, and family values. Researchers have found that children are more likely to finish books they choose and that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps prevent "Summer Slide." Students who practice reading maintain and build their skills.

While there are no written summer requirements for students entering third grade, Shelton wants students to **read at least 15 minutes a day**. This could mean reading to an adult, listening to an adult or older sibling read, or listening to the audiobook while following along in the book.

The list below is only a beginning. Parents will find more lists at the public library, the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of American Library Association (www.ala.org/alsc/), Texas Library Association (www.txla.org/reading-lists), Reading Rockets (<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme>), and many other sites.

Please note: Many of the picture books, readers, chapter books, and chapter book series listed are available in audio formats. An asterisk (*) next to a title indicates it is available in audio. Many audiobooks can be streamed from your public library through their free OverDrive program. Audiobooks are available for purchase on audible.com, which is owned by Amazon and which offers a free one-month trial. Reading Level (RL) is approximate and is taken from Follett's Titlewave.com website.

Readers/Beginning Chapter Book Series

Adler, David A. **Don't Throw it to Mo! or Pass the Ball, Mo!** (Realistic) RL 1.9
Arnold, Tedd. **Fly Guy** (Humor) RL 1.8+ (Some in audio)
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King & Kayla*** (Mystery) RL 1.3+
DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink and Gollie*** (Realistic) RL 2.5
Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge*** (Realistic) RL 2.3
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. **Nate the Great*** (Mystery) RL 2.0+
Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate*** (Realistic) RL 1.5+
Willems, Mo. **Piggy and Elephant** (Humor) RL .9+

Picture Books (Notable Children's Books, ALSC Committee, 2018-20)

Blackall, Sophie. **Hello Lighthouse** (Caldecott Medal Award) RL 2.3
Clark-Robinson, Monica. **Let the Children March*** RL 3.8
Deedy, Carmen. **The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*** RL 3.4
Gerstein, Mordicai. **The Boy and the Whale** RL 2.2
Luyken, Corinna. **The Book of Mistakes** RL 3.7
Maillard, Kevin Noble. **Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story** RL 2.6
(Sibert Award)
McKissack, Patricia C. **What is Given from the Heart** RL 4.0
Mora, Oge. **Thank You, Omu!*** (Caldecott Honor Book) RL 2.8
Morales, Yuyi. **Dreamers*** (Pura Belpré Illustrator Award) RL 2.9
Moris, Richard. **Bear Came Along** (Caldecott Honor Book) RL 1.9
Pizzoli, Greg. **The Book Hog** (Geisel Honor Book) RL 1.8
Ruzzier, Sergio. **The Party and Other Stories** (Geisel Honor Book) RL 2.6
Snyder, Laurel. **Charlie & Mouse*** (Geisel Award) RL 2.1
Woodson, Jacqueline. **The Day You Begin*** RL 1.8

Chapter Book Series

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean*** (Realistic) RL 3.2+
Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley (Some in audio)** (Humor, Fantasy) RL 3.5
Bruei, Nick. **Bad Kitty** (Humor) RL 4.3
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Buddy Files** (Mystery) RL 2.9 - 3.2
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Haunted Library** (Mystery) RL 3.3 - 3.6

Cronin, Doreen. **Chicken Squad*** (Humor) RL 3.3
 DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson*** (Humor) RL 2. +
 DiCamillo, Kate. **Tales from Deckawoo Drive*** (Humor) RL 2.3+
 Elliott, Rebecca. **Branch: Owl Diaries** RL 3.3
 Florence, Debbi Michigo. **Jasmine Togouchi** (Realistic) RL 2.0 - 3.2
 Grimes, Nikki. **Dyamonde Daniel*** (Friendship) RL 2.2 - 3.9
 Gutman, Dan. **Baseball Card Adventure*** (Time-Travel) RL 3.9+
 Hale, Shannon and Dean. **The Princess in Black*** (Fantasy) RL 2.3+
 Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory*** (Realistic with Fantasy) RL 1.8+
 Howe, Deborah and James. **Bunnicula*** series (Humor) RL 4.4+
 Klise, Kate. **The Three Ring Rascals*** (Realistic) RL 3.2+
 Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 3.7
 McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody*** (Realistic) RL 3.0+
 McDonald, Megan. **Stink*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.4 +
 Medina, Juana. **Juana & Lucas*** (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.9
 Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House*** (Time-travel) RL 3.1+
 Pilkey, Dav. **Dog Man Graphic Novels** (Humor) RL 2.5 - 3.7
 Potter, Ellen. **Piper Green and the Fairy Tree*** (Realistic) RL 3.0+
 Roy, Ron. **A to Z Mysteries (Some in audio)** (Mystery) RL 3.0+
 Sacher, Louis. **Marvin Redpost*** (Humor) RL 3.9
 Sobol, Donald. **Encyclopedia Brown*** (Mystery) RL 4.0 - 4.9
 Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived*** (Historical) RL 4.1+
 Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **Boxcar Children*** (Mystery) RL 3.0+
 Warner, Sally. **Ellray Jakes*** (Realistic) RL 2.5+

Good Family Read Alouds

Birdsall, Jeanne. **The Penderwicks*** series (Realistic) RL 5.3
 Colfer, Chris. **The Land of Stories*** series. (Fantasy) RL 5.5 - 6.7
 Creech, Sharon. **Saving Winslow*** (Realistic) RL 4.2
 Jenkins, Emily. **Toys Go Out*** series (Fantasy) RL 3.7
 Kelly, Lynne. **Song for a Whale*** (Realistic) RL 5.6
 Selfors, Suzanne. **The Imaginary Veterinary*** series (Fantasy, Adventure) 4.2+
 Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Appleblossom the Possum*** (Fantasy) RL 4.9
 Urban, Linda. **Weekends with Max and His Dad*** (Realistic) RL 4.1
 Willems, Mo. **The Story of Diva and Flea** (Animal Fantasy) RL 4.3

Biography

(Various Authors) **Who Is, Who Was, or What Is?** Series (**Some in audio**)

DePaola, Tommy. **26 Fairmount Avenue*** RL 4.4

Levy, Debbie. **I Dissent - Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark** RL 2.4

Meltzer, Brad. **I am Gandhi** or other books from **Ordinary People Change the World** series. RL 2.3+ (**Some available in audio**)

Sanchez Vega, Ma Isabel. **Little People Big Dreams** series. RL 2.4 - 4.6