

## Summer Reading Suggestions 2020

### For Students Entering Third Grade

The goal of summer reading is to read for enjoyment. The following suggested titles contain exquisite picture books from leading authors as well as beloved series (marked with an asterisk). In addition to the titles on this list, please also check-out additional books by these authors.

In order to gauge if a book is “just right” for your child to read independently, we recommend the “five finger test.” If your child has difficulty decoding five or more words on a page and it affects his/her comprehension, the book is probably too difficult for your child to read independently at this time. Enjoy reading these types of texts with your child!

Happy reading!

Home of the Brave (Allen Say)

\*The Stories Julian Tells (Ann Cameron)

The Hundred Dresses (Eleanor Estes)

Starry River of the Sky (Grace Lin)

Auntie Yang's Great Soybean Picnic (Ginnie Lo)

Four Feet, Two Sandals (Karen Lynn Williams)

Brother's in Hope (Mary Williams)

Thank you, Mr. Falker (Patricia Polacco)

Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures and Verse (Walter Dean Myers)

\*The Secrets of Droon (Tony Abbott)

Freckle Juice (Judy Blume)

The Magician's Boy (Susan Cooper)

Diary of a Spider Doreen Cronin)

I, Too, Am America (Langston Hughes)

Gooney Bird Greene (Lois Lowry)

\*Magic Tree House (Mary Pope Osborne)

One World, Many Religions (Mary Pope Osborne)

Grandfather's Journey (Allen Say)

\*Encyclopedia Brown (Donald Sobol)

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation (Duncan Tonatiuh)

Falling for Rapunzel (Leah Wilcox)

\*Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds (David Adler)

\*Roscoe Riley Rules: Never Glue Your Friends to Chairs (Katherine Applegate)

The Blue Ghost (Marion Dane Bauer)

Abe Lincoln's Hat (Martha Brenner)

\*The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (Doreen Cronin)

\*Leroy Ninker Saddles Up (Kate DiCamillo)

\*Andrew Lost (J.C. Greenberg)

\*Marvin Redpost, Kidnapped at Birth? (Louis Sachar)

\*Bunnicula (James Howe)

Sheep (Valerie Hobbs)

\*Horrible Harry and the Green Slime (Suzy Kline)

\*Judy Moody (Megan McDonald).

\*Stink the Incredible Shrinking Kid (Meghan McDonald)

\*Jigsaw Jones and the Case of the Groaning Ghost (James Preller)

During the year, third graders will learn about changemakers around the world and their role as activists and pacifists. Here are names of a few peacemakers your child can read about using biographies or articles online.

- 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama
- Dorothy Day
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Mother Teresa
- Susan B. Anthony
- Tegla Loroupe
- Cesar Chavez
- Sonia Sotomayor