



**Summer Reading for Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Summer of 2021**

**We hope to see each rising third-grade student come prepared and ready to discuss the following:**

1. Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls. We encourage parents and students to read and discuss this book together. The ideas contained in this book relate to the virtues work we have done throughout the year.
2. as many FICTION and NONFICTION books as you can read!

The recommended book lists below have been created to spark the love of reading. We want each student to challenge him/herself to read as many different books from various genres over the break and record each book on the reading log which can be downloaded from the website. Let's have some fun and get lost in our books this summer!

Encourage your child to extend his/her thinking and participate in some of the reading activities included on the website. You will also find a list of journal prompts to respond to in the summer journals received on the last day of school!

Please send any pictures of your child enjoying his/her reading to [dbelliveau@portergaud.edu](mailto:dbelliveau@portergaud.edu). We would love to showcase our summer readers around the Lower School when we return to school in the fall!

Each year the SC Association of School Librarians presents a Book Award to the favorite picture, children's, junior and young adult book as voted upon by the children of South Carolina. The lists of the 2021-2022 nominees can be [viewed here!](#) Mrs. Benson would love to have as many students as possible vote in the **Picture Book** and **Children's Book** Award categories next school year. To be qualified to vote, a student has to have read **five** books from the list. So please consider these as options to our Reading List. *Keep in mind, the Children's Book list has a range of 3rd through 6th grade novels and mature content may vary.*

Reading lists have been sent to the Charleston County Library branches, and the local Barnes & Noble stores.

**When we return to campus in August,** students should bring all reading logs, completed activities, and journals. We also hope everyone brings a gently used/brand new copy of a favorite book read from over break. We will be collecting books and donating them to the Palmetto Project. We can't wait to share all of our favorite summer reads!

**Some 3rd Grade FICTION Series:**

*Pages & Co. by Anna James*

*Unicorn Rescue Society by Adam Gidwitz*

*Cam Jansen by David A. Adler*

*Planet Omar by Zanid Mian*

*Fantastic Frame by Lin Oliver*

*Jake the Fake by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach*

*A Dyamonde Daniel by Nikki Grimes*

*Zach and Zoe Mysteries by Mike Lupica*

*I Survived by Lauren Tarshis*

**Some 3rd grade FICTION titles:**

The Magnificent Makers #1: How to test a friendship by *Theanne Griffith*  
Donut Feed the Squirrels by *Mika Song*  
Bug Boys by *Laura Knetzger*  
Fantastic Mr. Fox by *Roald Dahl*  
Clean Getaway by *Nic Stone*  
The Phantom Tollbooth by *Norton Juster*  
The First Rule of Punk by *Celia C. Perez*  
The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail by *Richard Peck*

**Some 3rd grade NONFICTION titles/series:**

I Am Every Good Thing by *Derrick Barnes*  
She Persisted in Sports by *Chelsea Clinton*  
Worst of Friends by *Suzanne Tripp Germaine*  
Humongous Fungus by *DK*  
Castles by *DK*  
The National Parks by *DK*  
Bee Fearless: Dream Like a Kid by *Mikaila Ulmer*  
Chasing Space Young Reader's Edition by *Leland Melvin*  
DK Eyewitness Book Series by *Juliette Clutton-Brock*  
Who was? Who is? *various authors*  
Eyewitness Juniors

**In addition to summer reading, please take the time to review the words your child practiced in second grade. This will help him/her to be better prepared for reading in third grade. Students should know how to READ and SPELL the following words:**

about	again	all	also	among	as	been
boy	call	day	done	every	eye	first
full	how	girl	give	gone	great	its
it's	knew	know	live	love	many	may
me	most	much	new	often	oh	once
one	only	other	our	own	part	pull
push	said	say	says	such	than	too
watch	way	where	which	whose	why	