Cannon School Summer Reading
3rd Grade

**Required reading:** *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.

All books below are suggestions. What is important is that students keep reading!

**Funny**
- Doodle Adventures by Mike Lowery
- The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths
- Hamster Princess Harriet by Ursula Vernon
- Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
- Wayside School by Louis Sachar

**Fantasy**
- Dragonbreath by Ursula Vernon
- Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George
- Whatever After by Sarah Mlynowski
- The Imaginary Veterinarian by Suzanne Selfors
- Dragon Keepers by Kate Klimo

**Animals**
- Dolphin Rescue by Catherine Nichols
- World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney
- Vet Volunteers by Laurie Halse Anderson
- National Geographic Chapters series on real life animals

**Realistic**
- Just Grace by Charise Mericle Harper
- Year of... Anna Wang by Andrea Cheng
- STAT: Standing Tall and Talented by Amar’e Stoudemire
- Alvin Ho by Lenore Look

**Adventure & Mystery**
- I Survived series
- Secret Agent Jack Stalwart by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- Mac B. Kid Spy by Mac Barnett
- The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg
- Nick and Tesla’s High-Voltage Danger Lab by Bob Pflugfelder
- Ranger in Time by Kate Messner

**Biographies**
- The Story Of: A Biography Series for New Readers

**Poetry**
- Lemonade by Bob Raczka
- Soccerverse by Elizabeth Steinglass
- Follow the Recipe by Marilyn Singer

- Set a goal for yourself: 20-30 minutes a day, maybe more.
- Make reading fun by doing Summer Reading Bingo. Complete a row, get a prize. Do all the spaces, earn a dress down day.
- Summer goal: read every day for 20-30 minutes. We are not recording our minutes this summer. Read because it will help you grow!
- If you’d like to record how much you read this summer, check out your public library’s summer reading incentive program.
- The beginning of 3rd grade reading level expectation is a Level P. Please see the back for more information.
- Read books that you like, but also pick out new types of books like poetry, nonfiction, and biographies.
For 3rd Grade

**LEVEL P means:**
- Complex sentence structures
- Flashbacks
- Text read on literal and figurative level
- Themes about relationships, death, moral issues
- Several episodes in the story
- Characters revealed through dialogue and action instead of by author narration
- Tricky phrases, not just words (raining cats and dogs)

**Make sure to:**
- Reread to improve fluency and change their voices to show expression
- Read new books silently without pointing to the words but can read aloud fluently
- Use strategies to figure out a hard word (go back and reread, use picture clues, find smaller words inside the bigger word, etc.)
- Stop at the end of the chapter and ask what is happening at that point of the story
- Retell, summarize, and analyze the story to comment on events or characters
- Ask to make predictions: What do you think will happen next? Why?
- Ask: What does this story remind you of?
- What do you think the character is feeling? Why?
- Understand dialogue and the use of quotation marks (" ")