



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL

RIISING THIRD GRADE SUMMER READING 2023

Summer Library Hours

Tuesdays and Wednesdays
8:00 - 1:00

Rising
3rd
Grade

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FICTION

Field Trip Mysteries by Steven Brezenoff

Four fun kids find themselves in the middle of a mystery on every school field trip they take!

Kylie Jean series by Marci Peschke

Second-grader Kylie Jean wants to be the queen of everything! But in her quest to be the best, this young southern belle learns a few lessons of her own.

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Third graders, Dink Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway are good friends and neighbors that love nothing more than a good mystery.

Nancy Clancy series by Jane O'Connor

Nancy and her friend Bree fancy themselves as detectives, like their fictional hero, Nancy Drew.

Ballpark Mysteries series by David A. Kelly

Baseball fans will love this series! Each book is packed with action, mystery, and plenty of baseball.

Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner

Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially pass the test because he is always getting distracted by squirrels in his exercises. Ranger takes us back in time through Messner's historical fiction series.

My Weird School Daze series by Dan Gutman

This series gets its zest from AJ's lively commentary on school life.

Shaquille O'Neal series by Shaquille O'Neal

O'Neal's series will inspire children to play fair and have fun while fostering a love of reading.

Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald

From bad moods to saving the world, solving mysteries to predicting the future, Judy's many memories - and moods - provide hours of entertainment.

This reading list is only book suggestions, not required reading. Students may choose AR books that are not listed.

Puppy Place series by Ellen Miles

Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. They want a puppy of their own more than just about anything. They know dogs are a lot of work. But their mom still doesn't think their family is ready for a puppy.

Stink series by Megan McDonald

Stink is really smart and really funny. He is a math maniac, a science star, and an encyclopedia enthusiast who loves discovering the world around him.

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis

Each book tells a thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a child who lived to tell the story.

Whatever After series by Sarah Mlynowski

When siblings are transported into classic fairy tales through a magic mirror in their basement they accidentally alter the stories and have to find away to set things right. It is easy to fall in love with these fractured-fairy-tale adventures!

GRAPHIC NOVELS

- *Geronimo Stilton* series by various authors
- *Real Pigeon* series by Andrew McDonald
- *Bird and Squirrel* by James Burks
- *I Survived* graphic novels by Lauren Tarshis

BIOGRAPHIES

For the Right to Learn: Malala Yousafzai's Story by Rebecca Langston-George

In a world where women were supposed to be quiet, Malala Yousafzai refused to be silent and spoke out against the Taliban.

There Goes Ted Williams: The Greatest Hitter Who Ever Lived by Matt Tavares

Ted Williams was an ordinary kid who wanted one thing: to hit a baseball better than anyone else. So he practiced his swing every chance he got. And then practiced it some more. From his days playing ball in North Park as a kid to his unmatched .406 season in 1941 to his stints as a fighter pilot in World War II and Korea, the story of Teddy Ballgame is the story of an American hero.

Why nonfiction? Reading nonfiction for pleasure helps students build vocabulary, critical thinking, and analytical skills that are essential in our information-heavy society. Young readers are curious and love to share facts about information in which they are passionate. As they continue the transition from learning to read to reading to learn, it is essential that they are immersed in a wide range of nonfiction texts on different levels and subjects.

BIOGRAPHIES

Who Was/Is series by various authors

A series of illustrated biographies for young readers featuring significant historical figures, including artists, scientists, and world leaders.

Mermaid Queen: The spectacular true story of Annette Kellerman, who swam her way to fame, fortune, & swimsuit history!

An illustrated biography of Annette Kellerman, who overcame a childhood illness to become internationally recognized for her swimming, for the invention of water ballet, and the introduction of the modern swimsuit.

NONFICTION

What was... series by various authors (970 Wha)

This series covers the world's most important historic events. These books address everything from revolutionary battles to natural disasters

Flower Talk (How Plants Use Color to Communicate) by Sara Levine

Did you know plants can talk? It's true! Plants use the colors of their flowers to communicate with animals. Learn the secrets of flower talk from a narrator with an inside scoop!

Who was... series (Biography Section)

The *Who Was* series tells incredible stories of innovators, sports figures, artists, authors, musicians, presidents, legends and trailblazers.

| Topics | Dewey Decimal Classification |
|---------|------------------------------|
| Space | 520 |
| Weather | 550 |
| Animals | 590 |
| Sports | 790 |

Reading is a Key to Your Child's Success!

It is our hope that you will continue to immerse your child in literature over the summer break. In reading, the proverb practice makes perfect reigns true. Research indicates that in learning to read - just reading - is the most powerful contributor to the development of accurate, fluent, high-comprehension reading. It is also proven that at every age level, reading more pages in school and at home is directly associated with higher reading scores. We can say with confidence that the actual time spent reading is the best predictor of a child's reading achievement - the more students read, the better readers they become.

ACCELERATED READER LINK (For Home Testing)

<https://global-zone53.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/77937>

AR BOOKFINDER LINK

<https://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

This link will allow you to check the books from home that have may AR tests. This link will also provide the book level and the point value assigned.

PARENTS:

Trinity's Lower School implements the Accelerated Reader program as a tool to monitor independent reading. AR is a computer based program that assesses student reading comprehension. The quick generally five to ten question assessment, presents questions followed by four possible answers, allowing the children to begin learning the importance of weighing options and making informed decisions. Students are awarded points based on the number of questions answered correctly.

The teacher and the librarians are able to use this information, combined with many other tools, to assist the children in making appropriate book choices as well as identifying student growth in comprehension.

Students in the third grade are encouraged to reach **50 points** in the Accelerated Reader program during the 2023-2024 school year (**August 9th - May 17th**).

THIRD GRADE SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS

- Read 3 books on the child's independent reading level and take the corresponding AR tests.
- One of the three books must be a biography or nonfiction book.

The library will be closed August 7th and August 8th for professional development.

The library will reopen on Wednesday, August 9th.

Summer At The TPS Library



Don't Miss The Fun!

The Library will be **OPEN** from 8am -1pm on the dates listed below.

May 30-31 June 6-7 June 20-21 June 27-28.
July 11-12 July 18-19. July 25-26

(Come check out books, take AR quizzes, and explore the INNOVATION ROOM.)

WACKY WEDNESDAY STORY TIME

(10AM- 11AM on the dates listed below)

May 31 June 28 July 12 July 26

(Join us for Special Stories, Crafts, Activities, and Refreshments)