

POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Third Grade Summer Reading List

Works Arranged by Author

The Elementary School faculty has selected the following titles as recommended summer reading. Please see the Summer Reading Letter for more information about Summer Reading.

Aardema, Verna. Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears

Retells a West African tale which explains why the mosquito buzzes in people's ears.

Aliki. Digging Up Dinosaurs

Explores how scientists uncover dinosaur remains, identify bones and complete skeletons for display.

Anderson, Hans Christian. Nightingale

The Emperor's nightingale is replaced by a jewel-encrusted artificial bird and banished from the kingdom.

Bang, Molly. Wiley and the Hairy Man

With his mother's help, Wiley outwits the hairy creature that dominates the swamp near his home by the Tombigbee River.

Barrett, Judi. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Life is delicious in the town of Chewandswallow where it rains soup and juice, snows mashed potatoes, and blows storms of hamburgers.

Baylor, Byrd. Hawk, I'm Your Brother

Rudy Soto longs to fly and admires a young hawk.

Benchley, Nathaniel. George, the Drummer Boy!

View of incidents which started the American Revolution as seen by a drummer boy.

Blume, Judy. Freckle Juice

More than anything in the world, Andrew wants freckles, so he tries a recipe for freckle juice.

Brown, Drollene P.. Sybil Rides for Independence

Describes sixteen-year-old Sybil Ludington's dangerous ride in 1777 to warn the minuteman of the British attack on Danbury, Connecticut.

Cherry, Lynne. Great Kapok Tree

In this breathtakingly beautiful picture book, Cherry combines illustrations that reveal a naturalists reverence for beauty with a mythlike story that explains the ecological importance of saving rain forests.

Cleary, Beverly. Muggie Maggie

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade until she discovers that knowing how to read and write in cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.

Cleary, Beverly. Ramona Forever

Ramona, now in the third grade, faces important changes in her life.

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Cleary, Beverly. Ramona the Brave

Six-year-old Ramona tries to cope with an unsympathetic first-grade teacher.

Cleary, Beverly. Ramona Quimby, Age 8

Ramona proves herself big enough for the family to depend on.

Cole, Joanna. Magic School Bus At the Waterworks

Ms. Frizzle takes her class on a field trip to the waterworks to find out how they get the water they use.

Cole, Joanna. Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor

Readers embark on the wettest adventure yet when the Magic School Bus is transformed into a colorful submarine and plunge Ms. Frizzle and her class into the ocean depths

Cutler, Jane. No Dogs Allowed

In this collection of five stories, Edward Fraser, who thinks he's a dog, and his older brother, Jason, always wind up in the craziest of predicaments.

Dagliesh, Alice. Courage of Sarah Noble

Sarah finds the courage to accompany her father into the wilderness while he prepares a home for the family.

Danzinger, Paula. You can't eat your chicken pox, Amber Brown

Amber is excited about her trip to London and Paris, where she will see her father again, but her plans change when she gets chicken pox.

Demi. Liang and the Magic Paintbrush

A poor boy who longs to paint is given a magic brush that brings to life whatever he paints.

Dorros. Abuela

While riding on a bus with her grandmother, a little girl imagines that they are carried up into the sky and fly over the sights of New York City.

Estes, Eleanor. Hundred Dresses

The girls at school wonder why Wanda wears the same dress to school every day.

Fleischman, Sid. By the Great Horn Spoon!

Jack Flagg and his butler, Praiseworthy, set out for the California gold fields and wonderful adventures.

Fritz, Jean. And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?

Describes some of the well-known, as well as the lesser-known, details of Paul Revere's life and famous ride.

Fritz, Jean. Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?

A biography of Samuel Adams describing his activities in stirring up the revolt against the British.

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Goble, Paul. Gift of the Sacred Dog

The Great Spirit gives the sacred dog to an Indian boy seeking relief for his hungry people.

Holabird, Katharine. Angelina Ballerina

A pretty little mouse wants to become a ballerina more than anything else in the world.

Hurwitz, Johanna. Aldo Applesauce

In this sequel to *Much Ado About Aldo*, the hero learns to adapt to a new school despite embarrassing first-day incidents.

Kerrod, Robin. Children's Space Atlas

Describes the solar system and more distant objects in space and discusses how we have gathered information.

Kipling, Rudyard. Butterfly That Stamped

The tale of the butterfly who boasted to his wife that if he stamped his foot he could make the Suleiman's palace disappear.

Kroll, Steven. Mary McLean & the St. Patrick's Day Parade

More than anything, Mary wants to ride in the horse-drawn cart with Mr. Finnegan on her first St. Patrick's Day in America.

Lindgren, Astrid. Pippi Longstocking

A little Swedish girl lives alone with her horse and monkey and foils all attempts to make her conform to the accepted social pattern.

Livingston, Myra Cohn. Circle of Seasons

A thirteen-stanza poem following the cycle of the seasons.

Lobel, Arnold. Ming Lo Moves the Mountain

Ming Lo and his wife love their house, but not the mountain that overshadows it, so Ming Lo undertakes to move the mountain.

Lobel, Arnold. Book of Pigericks

Thirty-eight original limericks about all manner of pigs.

MacDonald, Betty. Mrs. Piggle Wiggle

More of Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle's cures for children with bad habits include the won't-pick-up-the-toys cure and the never-want-to-go-to-bed cure.

Manes, Stephen. Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days

Milo follows instructions on how to be perfect in a book, including wearing stalks of broccoli around his neck.

McDermott, Gerald. Anansi, the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti

A tale from the Ashanti about the adventures of a spider.

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Miles, Miska. Annie and the Old One

Annie, a young Navajo girl, struggles with the realization that her grandmother, the Old One, must die.

Parish, Peggy. Thank You, Amelia Bedelia

Amelia is a maid whose talent for interpreting instructions literally results in comical situations.

Peet, Bill. Luckiest One of All

Wishing to be a bird, a little boy learns that there are benefits and drawbacks to every condition.

Peet, Bill. Wump World

The Wump's planet is taken over by the Pollutions, who drive the Wumps underground.

Polacco, Patricia. Chicken Sunday

To thank old Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, the children sell decorated eggs and buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

Potter, Beatrix. Tale of Peter Rabbit

Naughty Peter goes to Mr. McGregor's garden to get some vegetables.

Prelutsky, Jack. It's Snowing, It's Snowing

A collection of more than a dozen poems that capture the excitement of winter.

Ringgold, Faith. Tar Beach.

A young girl dreams of flying above her Harlem home, claiming all she sees for herself and her family.

Schwartz, Alvin. And the Green Grass Grew All Around

The late Alvin Schwartz left a joyful legacy in this collection of 300 of his favorite selections of folk poetry.

Scieszka, Jon. Frog Prince Continued

A delightful and humorous sequel in which the Prince and Princess find out the shocking truth about life "happily ever after." All ages will enjoy this book.

Scieszka, Jon. The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales

Here's a whole collection of familiar tales.

Selsam, Millicent. Is This a Baby Dinosaur?

Ten science picture-puzzles.

Selsam, Millicent E.. First Look at Seashells

An intro to seashells, explaining how they are classified and describing the differences that distinguish seashells from one another.

Steig, William. Amos and Boris

The tale of a mouse who after being saved by a whale gets the chance to return the favor.

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Steig, William. Brave Irene

Since her seamstress mother is too ill to go out, Irene struggles through darkness, a raging blizzard, bitter cold and deep snow to deliver the duchess' beautiful new gown in time for the grand ball.

Steig, William. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

A rock-hunting expedition has surprising results when a donkey finds a magic pebble.

Steig, William. Amazing Bone

On her way home from school, Pearl finds an unusual bone that has unexpected powers.

Tan, Amy. Moon Lady

Three young girls listen as their grandmother tells a story about her childhood growing up in China.

Val Allsburg, Chris. Wretched Stone

The crew of the Rita Ann ventures off to an uncharted island where they find a glowing stone. When they bring the stone onboard their ship, strange things begin to happen.

Viorst, Judith. If I Were in Charge of the World and Other Worries

Forty-one lively, funny poems.

White, E. B.. Stuart Little

Stuart, an inventive, debonair mouse, has a great adventure.

Williams, Margery. Velveteen Rabbit

A story of a toy rabbit who becomes real because a child loves him.

Yardley, Thompson. Make A Splash! Care About the Ocean

"It had informative facts and tiny comiclike pictures," wrote one third grader about this introduction to the ocean focusing on industrial, recreational, and environmental issues.

Yolen, Jane. Seeing Stick

Relates how an old man teaches the emperor's blind daughter to see.