

## Entering 4th grade in 2023-2024

### Summer recommendations - English Reading Lists

#### 50 Best 3rd Grade Books for Summer Reading (Age 8)

If your 3rd graders like graphic novels, pick one of these fantastic 3rd grade books.

##### Graphic Novels

- [Cat Ninja](#) by Matthew Cody (book series)
- [Mr. Wolf's Class: Mystery Club](#) by Aron Nels Steinke (book series)
- [P.I. Butterfly Gone Guppy Case #1](#) by Karen Kilpatrick (book series)
- [First Cat in Space](#) by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Shawn Harris (book series)
- [Dragon Kingdom of Wrenly: The Coldfire Curse](#) by Jordan Quinn (book series)
- [Simon and Chester: Super Detectives](#) by Cale Atkinson (book series)
- [Hound Heroes: Beware the Claw](#) by Todd H. Doodler (book series)
- [King of the Birds](#) by Elise Gravel (book series)

If your 3rd grade reader likes [funny books](#), they will love these hilarious chapter books.

- [Doodle Adventures: The Search for Slimy Space Slugs!](#) by Mike Lowery (book series)
- [The 13-Story Treehouse](#) by Andy Griffiths (book series)
- [Bad Kitty Supercat](#) by Nick Bruel (book series)
- [Two-Headed Chicken](#) by Tom Angleberger (book series)
- [Cat Kid Comic Club](#) by Dav Pilkey (book series)
- [Hamster Princess Harriet the Invincible](#) by Ursula Vernon (book series)
- [Real Pigeons Fight Crime](#) by Ben Wood (book series)
- [Monday into the Cave of Thieves \(Total Mayhem #1\)](#) by Ralph Lazar (book series)

If your early readers in 3rd grade like [realistic stories](#), they will love one of these great books:

- [Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome](#) (series) by Sarai Gonzalez and Monica Brown
- [Stella Diaz has Something to Say](#) (series) by Angela Dominguez
- [Ellie, Engineer](#) (series) by Jackson Pearce

- [Planet Omar](#) (series) by Zanib Mian
- [Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business](#) (series) by Lyla Lee
- [Stink and the Shark Sleepover](#) (series) by Megan McDonald
- [I Survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863](#) by Lauren Tarshis

If your 3rd graders like [adventure](#) and [mystery](#) books, they will love:

- [I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake](#) (series) by Lauren Tarshis
- [Trapped in a Video Game](#) (series) by Dustin Brady
- [P.I. Butterfly Gone Guppy Case #1](#) (series) by Karen Kilpatrick
- [Mac Undercover \(Kid Spy #1\)](#) (series) by Mac Barnett
- [Secret Agent Jack Stalwart](#) (series) by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- [The Great Shelby Holmes](#) (series) by Elizabeth Eulberg
- [Word Travelers and the Taj Mahal Mystery](#) (series) by Raj Haldar

If your young reader enjoys reading [fantasy](#) and [science fiction](#) books, they will love:

- [Dragons in a Bag](#) (series) by Zetta Elliott
- [Whatever After](#) (series) by Sarah Mlynowski
- [Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures](#) (series) by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater
- [Bob](#) by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead
- [Star Wars Jedi Academy](#) (series) by Jeffrey Brown
- [A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying](#) (series) by Kelley Armstrong
- [Pizazz](#) (series) by Sophy Henn
- [Dragons of Ember City: Happy Spark Day](#) (series) by Shane Richardson and Sarah Marino

It is recommended that your child read at least one book from each category.

Encourage your child to keep a journal on their reading. For example, identify the main idea, the setting, the main character, the main event. Summarize the event happening. What is the plot, sequence the event in chronological order. These questions will help your child better understand the text and develop critical skills for effective reading.

*The more you read, the more you will know. Reading opens a child's mind to greatness!!*