

3rd Grade

Summer Reading List

Make sure the book is at the “just right” reading level with the 5 finger test. This is a method for deciding if your child is able to comprehend the book— if the book is at a just right reading level for them, too easy, or too challenging. Open the book to any page. Start reading. When they come to a word they don’t know, that’s okay. Hold up one finger for that word.

Stop at the end of the page.

(0 too easy, 1-4 just right, 5 or up too challenging)

Fiction

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo- It's not easy being the new girl in town, but Opal's new dog has an almost magical knack for turning lonely people into new best friends.

The BFG by Roald Dahl- When an orphan and a Big Friendly Giant team up, what unfolds is a story about friendship and compassion!

How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell- It's the most disgusting dare ever—eat 15 worms in 15 days!

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary- Third grade may be full of cranky babysitters and school bullies, but this spirited, creative girl always finds a way to bounce back from adversity and have fun.

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater- It tells the story of a poor house painter named Mr. Popper and his family, unexpectedly come into possession of a penguin, Captain Cook and a female penguin from the zoo and 10 baby penguins. Before long, something must be done lest the penguins eat the Poppers out of house and home.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume- This utterly relatable classic story—told by a frustrated, pestered, and frequently embarrassed older brother—grows more hilarious with each passing chapter!

Adventure/Mystery

Encyclopedia Brown Series by Donald J. Sobol- And an eyewitness who's legally blind! These are just some of the ten brain-twisting mysteries that Encyclopedia Brown must solve by using his famous computerlike brain. Try to crack the cases along with him—the answer to all the mysteries are found in the back!

Ragweed by Avi- is a deer mouse who goes away from his quiet country home and he travels to the city by train because he wishes to see the world. ... As the cats plot to ruin the club and to kill the mice, Ragweed is the only one who can save the city of mice from torture and annihilation.

Poppy by Avi- A young deer mouse whose troubles began when she and her mouse mate Ragweed are caught on a hill by Mr. Ocax, the owl. Without his permission, he immediately justifies his rules by killing Ragweed, and Poppy manages to scrape an escape from his deadly talons.

The Great Shelby Holmes by Elizabeth Eulberg-When eleven-year-old John Watson moves downstairs, Shelby finds something that's eluded her up till now: a friend. The easy-going John isn't sure of what to make of Shelby, but he soon finds himself her most-trusted partner in a dog-napping case that'll take both their talents to crack.

Fantasy

Of Giants and Ice (series) by Shelby Bach-On an expedition to steal a giant's coins, hen and harp, Rory Landon discovers that she is destined for a special role in fairy-tale history. Only child of divorced celebrities, Rory is not your ordinary sixth-grader. She's had plenty of experience with after-school programs in the many different places she's lived.

Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures (series) by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater-Pip is a girl who can talk to magical creatures. Her aunt is a vet for magical creatures. And her new friend Tomas is allergic to most magical creatures.

The Imaginary Veterinarian (series) by Suzanne Selfors-Ben Silverstein and Pearl Petal discover a secret hospital for Imaginary Creatures. When Ben accidentally leaves the door unlocked, a rather stinky and very hairy beast escapes into the town. ... But when Pearl spots a monster in the hospital's lake, she decides to break the rules and get a closer look.