Incoming Third Grade Summer Reading List 2026

Required (Choose one):

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary

*A young girl named Maggie is starting the 3rd grade. Maggie has decided early in the year she does not want to learn cursive.

Donavan's Word Jar by Mona Lisa DeGross
*Donavan doesn't collect coins, comics, or trading cards. He collects words- big words, little words, soft words, and silly words.

Suggested/ Optional
The Magnificent Maker Series (STEM-based fiction) by Theanne Griffith

EllRay Jakes Series by Sally Warner

The Jada Jone Series by Kelly Starling Lyons

The Unicorn Rescue Society Series by Adam Gidwitz

Secret Explorers Series by SJ King

Esme's Birthday Conga Line by Lourdes Heuer and Marissa Valde

King and Kayla Series by Dori Hillestad Butler

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

Magic Treehouse #31 Warriors in the Winter by Susan Pope Osborne

Ancient Rome Inside Out by John Malam

If I Built a School (picture book) by Chris Van Dusen

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman