

Suggested Summer Reading List (2026) Grade 3



Realistic Fiction

Auch, Mary Jane	<i>I Was a Third Grade Science Project</i>
Bridges, Shirin Yim	<i>Ruby's Wish</i>
Barnes, Derrick	<i>Ruby and the Booker Boys</i>
Barrows, Annie	<i>Ivy and Bean (series)</i>
Brown, Jeff	<i>Flat Stanley (series)</i>
Bulla, Clyde Robert	<i>The Chalk Box Kid</i>
Cameron, Ann	<i>The Story Julian Tells</i>
Catling, Patrick Skene	<i>The Chocolate Touch</i>
Christopher, Matt	<i>The Spy on Third Base and others in the Peach Street Mudders (series)</i>
Cleary, Beverly	<i>Ramona Quimby (series)</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>Frindle</i>
Danzinger, Paula	<i>Amber Brown is Not a Crayon (series)</i>
DeGross, Monalisa	<i>Donovan's Word Jar</i>
Estes, Eleanor	<i>The Hundred Dresses</i>

Mystery

Adler, Davie	<i>Cam Jansen (series)</i>
Avi	<i>Who Stole the Wizard of Oz</i>
Chandler-Warner, Gertrude	<i>The Boxcar Children (series)</i>
Howe, James	<i>Bunnicula (series)</i>
Keene, Carolyn & Pamintuan, Macky	<i>Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew (series)</i>
Levy, Elizabeth	<i>A Mammoth Mix-Up (Brian & Pea Brain Mystery Series)</i>

Maccarone, Grace

The Haunting of Grade Three

Marsh, Carol

Mysteries: Real Kids, Real Places (series)

Preller, James

Jigsaw Jones (series)

Ron, Roy

A-Z Mysteries (series)

Ron, Roy

Calendar Mysteries (series)

Sobol, Donald

Encyclopedia Brown: Boy Detective

Realistic Fiction

Grimes, Nikki

Dyamonde Daniel: Rich

Gutman, Dan

My Weird School (series)

Gutman, Dan

My Weirder School (series)

Ho, Alvin

Ruby Lu (series)

Maddox, Jake

Jake Maddox (series)

Kline, Suzy

Herbie Jones (series)

Kline, Suzy

Horrible Harry (series)

Lindgren, Astrid Ericsson

Pippi Longstocking (series)

Lowry, Lois

Gooney Bird Greene and the Room

McDonald, Megan

Judy Moody (series)

McDonald, Megan

Stink (series)

Miles, Ellen

Puppy Place (series)

Myers, Christopher

Wings

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Spinelli, Jerry ***Third Grade Angels***

Weeks, Sarah ***Save Me A Seat***

Winkler, Henry ***Here's Hank (series)***

Fantasy

Atwater, Richard ***Mr. Popper's Penguins***

Cleary, Beverly ***Ralph S. Mouse***

Chabert, Jack ***Eerie Elementary Series***

Dahl, Ronald ***Fantastic Mr. Fox***

DiCamillo, Kate ***Mercy Watson (series)***

Hurwitz, Johanna ***Pee Wee's Tale***

Krulik, Nancy ***Katie Kazoo Books***

Meadows, Daisy ***Rainbow Magic (series)***

Osborne, Mary Pope ***Magic Tree House (series)***

Perelman, Helen ***Candy Fairies (series)***

Scieszka, Jon ***The Time Warp Trio: Knights of the Kitchen Table (series)***

Stilton, Geronimo ***Geronimo Stilton (series)***
Vernon, Ursula ***Danny Dragon Breath (series)***

Historical Fiction

Ackerman, Karen ***The Night Crossing***

Adler, Susan ***Meet Samantha (American Girls Series)***

Bulla, Clyde Robert ***Pirate's Promise***

Coerr, Eleanor ***Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes***

Hest, Amy ***When Jessie Came Across the Sea***

Leighton, Maxine Rhea ***An Ellis Island Christmas***

Mathis, Sharon Bell ***The Hundred Penny Box***

Sandin, Joan ***The Long Way to a New Land***

Stevens, Carla ***Lily and Miss Liberty***

Wilder, Laura Ingalls ***Little House in the Big Woods***

Biography

Bulla, Clyde Robert ***Pocahontas and the Strangers***

Bulla, Clyde Robert ***Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims***

Davidson, Margaret ***Helen Keller***

Davidson, Margaret ***I Have a Dream: The Story of Martin Luther King***

Edwards, Robert & Others ***Who Was (series)***

Harrison, Vashti ***Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History***

Meltzer, Brad ***I Am Neil Armstrong, ("I am" series)***

Moore, Eva ***The Story of George Washington Carver***

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Historical Non-Fiction

Dragonwagon, Crescent	<i>Home Place</i>
Erlich, Amy	<i>The Story of Hannukkah</i>
Fritz, Jean	<i>And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? (and others)</i>
Jakes, John	<i>Susanna of the Alamo</i>
Kunhardt, Edith	<i>Pompeii...Buried Alive!</i>
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>I Survived Series</i>
Levine, Ellen	<i>If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad (and others in this series)</i>
Tarshis, Lauren	<i>I Survived Series</i>

Biography

Adler, David	<i>Athlete Biography Series</i>
O'Connor, Jim	<i>Jackie Robinson and the Story of All-Black Baseball</i>
Provensen, Alice and Martin	<i>The Glorious Flight: Across the Channel with Louis Bleriot</i>
Rockwell, Anne	<i>Only Passing Through</i>
Sobol, Donald	<i>The Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk</i>
Stanley, Diane	<i>Leonardo da Vinci</i>
Stanley, Diane	<i>Cleopatra</i>

Non-Fiction

Calkhoven, Laurie	<i>I Grew up to Be President</i>
Cameron, Eileen	<i>G is for Garden State: A New Jersey Alphabet</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>Hungry, Hungry Sharks</i>
Cole, Joanna	<i>The Magic School Bus on the Ocean Floor</i>
Gans, Roma	<i>Let's Go Rock Collecting</i>
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Recycle (and others)</i>
Lauber, Patricia	<i>Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs</i>
Lauber, Patricia	<i>Be a Friend to Trees</i>
Harvey, Miles	<i>Look What Came From China (series)</i>
Simon, Seymour	<i>Mountains (and others)</i>

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Poetry

Hopkins, Lee Bennett	<i>My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States</i>
Hudson, Wade	<i>Pass It On: African American Poetry for Children</i>
Katz, Bobbi	<i>Pocket Poems</i>
Lee, Dennis	<i>The Ice Cream Store</i>
Livingston, Myra Cohn	<i>Celebrations</i>
McCord, David	<i>Every Time I Climb a Tree</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>A Pizza the Size of the Sun (and others)</i>
Prelutsky, Jack	<i>The Random House Book of Poetry for Children</i>
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Falling Up (and others)</i>
Stevenson, James	<i>Candy Corn (and others)</i>