

Summer Reading for Students Entering Grade 3

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Summer Reading Guidelines

One of the best ways for students to return to school ready for success in the next grade is to keep reading over the summer. Children who read throughout these months maintain or increase their reading level, but those who do not can actually lose some of the progress they have made during the school year.

This list is designed to give you some ideas of books that librarians across the district and state have found appealing to students at this age. Students can even vote for their favorite Pennsylvania Young Readers' Choice Award book next spring if they have read at least three of the nominees.

Our students are encouraged to read at their "just-right" level. Some students might know their Fountas and Pinnell level which is stated in parentheses after the book title if it is available. For other books or students who are not aware of their level, we encourage them to use the "five finger rule" where they try to read the first page. If they encounter more than five words with which they are unfamiliar, the book is beyond their independent level and they should try a different one. Those books might be great for an adult to read to them.

Our students have grown so much in the past school year. Let's make sure that they keep growing and learning over the summer!

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Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards-Grades 3-6

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus

Willodeen by Katherine Applegate and Charles Santoso

Across the Desert by Dusti Bowling

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac

Cat Ninja by Matthew Cody and Yehudi Mercado

The Girl in White by Lindsay Currie

A Tale as Tall as Jacob: Misadventures with My Brother by Samantha Edwards

A Leopard Diary: My Journey into the Hidden World of a Mother and Her Cubs by Suzi Eszterhas

Music for Tigers by Michelle Kadarusman

Mystery on Magnolia Circle by Kate Klise and Celia Krampien

Chester Keene Cracks the Code by Kekla Magoon

The Undercover Book List by Colleen Nelson

Dare Sisters by Jess Rinker

Not Your All-American Girl by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg

Nonfiction

The Crayon Man : the True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons by Natascha Biebow
Island: A Story of the Galapagos by Jason Chin
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming
National Geographic Readers Level 3: Wildfires by Kathy Furgang
The Oldest Student : How Mary Walker Learned to Read by Rita L. Hubbard
Shark lady : the true story of how Eugenie Clark became the ocean's most fearless scientist by Jess Keating
Rescue & Jessica : a Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky
We are Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom
You never heard of Sandy Koufax?! by Jonah Winter
Picture Books for Older

Readers

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee
Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs
A Day with Wilbur Robinson by William Joyce
How I learned Geography by Uri Shulevitz
Princess and the Warrior by Duncan Tonatiuh

Fiction

How to Read a Book by Kwame Alexander Magic Animal Rescue: Flying Horse by E. D. Baker Ivy and Bean (M) by Annie Barrows Ada Twist Scientist by Andrea Beaty Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon (N) by Kate DiCamillo Mallory on the Move (O) by Laurie B. Friedman Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones Captain Pug: The Dog Who Sailed the Seas by Laura James Captain Awesome to the Rescue! by Stan Kirby Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami A Scarf for Keiko by Ann Malaspina Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight (O) by Wendy Mass Aquicorn Cove by Katie O'Neill Third Grade Mermaid by Peter Raymundo Justin Case: Shells, Smells, and the Horrible FlipFlops of Doom (O) by Rachel Vail Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken! (O) by Sally Warner

Series

If I Built a (M/N)
by Chris Van Dusen
Humphrey's Tiny Tales (O) Betty Birney
Lola Levine is Not Mean! (M)
by Monica Brown
Dragons and Marshmallows: Zoey and Sassafras by Asia Citro
Ramona Quimby (O)
by Beverly Cleary
Chicken Squad (N)
by Doreen Cronin
Nikki and Deja (N)
by Karen English
Mallory Series
by Laurie B. Friedman
My Weird School (O)
by Dan Gutman
Zita the Spacegirl
by Ben Hatke
Judy Moody and Stink (M)
by Megan McDonald
Galaxy Zack (M) by Ray O'Ryan
Anna Banana (P)
by Anica Mrose Ricci
A to Z Mysteries
by Ron Roy
My Pet Slime
by Courtney Sheinmel
Dragon Masters
by Tracey West