

Charlottesville Catholic School

Rising Third Grade (2024/2025 2nd Graders)

2025 Summer Reading

Summer time is a great opportunity to relax and cuddle up with a good book. Thus, we have compiled a comprehensive list of authors and books, some with reading ranges and links, for your child to choose from. We hope this will help when choosing new books and series to dive into this summer. Your child may also choose to read something that is not on this list, as these are just suggestions. While the best predictor of summer set-back or summer soar is whether or not a child reads during the summer, please encourage your child to read, read, read, and read some more over the next couple of months. Work as a family to find novel ways to get your child to read and they will be ready to take on the challenges of 3rd grade next school year!

Rising 3rd grade students are encouraged to read at least 20 minutes everyday. Keep a list of books read for discussion purposes at the start of the year.

Assignment: Brown Bag Book Report for Rising 3rd Graders.

Happy Reading!

-3rd Grade Teachers

Any Titles By the Following Authors
(Recommended for Grades)

K-3 - Meddaugh, Susan
K-3 - Ada, Alma Flor
2 - O'Connor, Jane
2 - London, Jonathan
2-3 - Kimmel, Eric A.
2-3 - Say, Allen
2-3 - Marshall, James
2-3 - Well, Rosemary
2-3 - Aardema, Verna
2-3 - Lester, Helen
2-3 - Viorst, Judith
2-3 - Polacco, Patricia
1-3 - Viorst, Judith
3 - Danziger, Paula
3-4 - DiCamillo, Kate
3-5 - Benton, Jim
3 - Fleischman, Sid
3 - Kline, Suzy
3 - McCall Smith, Alexander
3 - Sachar, Louis
3 - Kellogg, Steven
3-4 - Cleary, Beverly
3 - McDonald, Megan
3 - McDonald, Megan
2-3 - Adler, David
2-4 - Osborne, Mary Pope
K-3 - Abnett, Dan
3-4 - Kelly, Katy
K-2 - Willems, Mo
2 - Lobel, Arnold
2 - Rylant, Cynthia
3-4 - Roy, Ron

(any titles by this author)
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FANCY NANCY (series, various titles)
Froggy (series, various titles)
Anansi (series, various titles)
(any titles by this author)
any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
Amber Brown series.
Because of Winn Dixie
Franny K. Stein series
The Ghost on Saturday Night
Horrible Harry series
Akimbo series
Marvin Redpost series
(any titles by this author)
(any titles by this author)
Judy Moody series
Stink series
Cam Jansen series
Magic Tree House series
Jr. Graphic Biographies by various authors
Melonhead various titles
Elephant and Piggies series
Frog and Toad and various titles by this
author Henry and Mudge series
A to Z Mysteries

Reading Series - Rising 2-3

(Recommended for Grades)

K-2 - All Aboard Reading
K-2 - Real Kids Readers
K-2 - I Can Read
K-2 - Rookie Reader
1-3 - New True Books (nonfiction, many subjects)
K-1 - My Sound Box series. Jane Belk Moncure
K-2 - I Can Read series. Various authors.
2-4 - DK Readers (nonfiction, many subjects)
2 - Amelia Bedelia (series)
1-2 - Mr. Putter and Tabby series. Cynthia Rylant
1-2 - Henry and Mudge series, Cynthia Rylant
2-3 - Pinky and Rex Series by James Howe
2-4 - Young Cam Jansen series
1-2 - Little Bill Books for Beginning Readers Series by Bill Cosby
1-2 - Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Sharmat
1-2 - Teacher from the Black Lagoon Adventures by Mike Thaler
2 - Flat Stanley series by Jeff Brown

Reading Series - Rising 3-4

(Recommended for Grades)

3 - Let's Read and Find Out Science Series
2-3 - Magic School Bus series
2-4 - Geronimo Stilton series
3 - Amber Brown series by Paula Danziger
3 - Owen Foote series by Stephanie Greene
3 - My Weird School series by Dan Gutman
3 - Jenny Archer series by Ellen Conford
3 - Gooney Bird series by Lois Lowry
3 - Little House Chapter Books adapted from Laura Ingalls Wilder
3 - Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald

Additional Books (w/ Google Books Links)

Much Loved Favorites

Atwater, Florence. *Mr Popper's Penguins*
Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks*
Blume, Judy. *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*
Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*
Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*
Dahl, Roald. *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Estes, Eleanor. *The Hundred Dresses*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tale of Despereaux*
Lowry, Lois. *Gooney Bird Greene*
Sachar, Louis. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*
Seldon, George. *A Cricket in Times Square*
Sobol, Donald J. *Encyclopedia Brown Boy Detective*
Warner, Gertrude Chandler. *The Boxcar Children*

New and Favorite Fiction

Applegate, Katherine. *The One and Only Ruby*
Arnold, Alana K. *Just Harriet*
Atinuke. *Too Small Tola*
Atinuke. *Anna Hibiscus*
Atkinson, Cale. *Simon and Chester. Super Sleepover*
Barnett, Mac. *The Terrible Two series*
Barnett, Mac. *Mac B. Kid Spy series*
Blabey, Aaron. *The Bad Guys series*
Brockington, Drew. *CatStronauts series*
Castillo, Lauren. *Our Friend Hedgehog. A Place to Call Home*
Griffiths, Andy. *The 13-Story Treehouse series*
Henkes, Kevin. *Billie Miller Makes a Wish*
Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey*
Khan, Hena. *Zara's Rules for Living Your Best Life*
Look, Lenore. *Alvin Ho series*
Mian, Zanib. *Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet*
Pennypacker, Sara. *Leeva at Last*
Perkins, Lynne Rae. *Violet and Jobie in the Wild*
Soundar, Chitra. *Sona Sharma Very Best Big Sister*
Rossoff, Meg. *McTavish Goes Wild*
Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived series*
Davis, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War series*
Sheth, Kasmira. *Nina Soni series*

Chapter Book Series

Angleberger, Tom. *Inspector Flytrap*
Applegate, Katherine. *Roscoe Riley Rules*
Birney, Betty G. *Humphrey's Tiny Tales*
Brailler, Max. *Mister Shivers*
Chabert, Jack. *Eerie Elementary*
Cummings, Troy. *Notebook of Doom*
DiCamillo, Kate. *Tales from Deckawoo Drive*
Elliott, Rebecca. *Owl Diaries*
English, Karen. *The Carver Chronicles*
Gutman Dan. *My Weird School Daze*
Haldar, Raj. *Word Travelers*
Lord, Cynthia. *Book Buddies*
Lord, Cynthia. *Shelter Pet Squad*
Lyons, Kelly Starling. *Jada Jones*
Lyons, Kelly, Starling. *Miles Lewis*
Lysiak, Hilde. *Hilde Cracks the Case*
English, Karen. *Nikki & Deja*
May, Kyla. *Diary of a Pug*
McGee, Joe. *Junior Monster Scouts*
Miedoso, Andres. *Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol*
Muncaster, Harriet. *Isadora Moon*
Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Tree House*
West, Tracey *Dragon Masters*

New and Favorite Non-fiction

Alexander, Kwame. *How to Write a Poem*
Fleming, Candace. *Polar Bear*
Hamond, Nan Ekuu. *Blue, a History of the Color as Deep as the Sea and Wide as the Sky*
Chin, Jason. *The Universe in You: a Microscopic Journey*
Kunkel, Angela Burke. *Make Way: the Story of Robert McCloskey, Nancy Schon, and Some Very Famous Ducklings*
Kus, Julia. *Luminous Living Things That Light Up The Night*
O'Connell, Jennifer. *Elephant's Remember: a True Story*
Palotto, Jerry. *Who Would Win? series*
Portis, Antoinette. *A Seed Grows*
Rockliff, Mara. *Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott*
Soontornvat, Christina. *To Change a Planet*
Various authors. *Who Was...?, What Was...? series*

Teacher Favorites (picture books + chapter books)

Bell, Cece. *I Yam a Donkey*
Chall, Masha. *Up North at the Cabin*
Cisneros, Sandra. *The House on Mango Street*
Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*
Creech, Sharon. *Walk Two Moons*
Cuyler, Margery. *Kindness Is Cooler, Mrs. Ruler*
Daywalt, Drew. *The Day the Crayons Quit*
dePaola, Tomie. *Strega Nona*
DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn Dixie*
DiCamillo, Kate. *The Tales of Despereaux*
DiTerLizzi, Angela. *The Magical Yet*
Donaldson, Julia. *The Snail and the Whale*
Funk, Josh. *Lady Pancake and Sir French Toast*
Gemeinhart, Don. *Good Dog*
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*
Henkes, Kevin. *Chrysanthemum*
Houston, Gloria. *My Great Aunt Arizona*
Hunt, Lynda Mullaly. *Fish in a Tree*
Kerley, Barbara. *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*
Lionni, Leo. *Frederick*
Ludwig, Trudy. *The Invisible Boy*
Monet, Angelique. *The Bravest Worrier*
Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Pig a Pancake*
Palacio, R. J. *Wonder*
Sendak, Maurice. *Where the Wild Things Are*
Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*
Soto, Gary. *Too Many Tamales*
Sotomayor, Sonia. *Just Ask!*
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *On the Banks of Plum Creek*
Wood, Audrey. *The Napping House*
Yamada, Kobi. *What Do You Do with an Idea?*



Paper Bag Book Report Due the First Day of School



Your summer assignment is to create a paper bag book report. You will bring this with you and turn it in on the first day of school. The purpose of the outside of the bag is to interest others in your book. The inside of the bag should include items that you will be able to use to explain important parts of your book.

Materials:

Brown paper lunch bag

Crayons, colored pencils, markers

glue stick or tape

paper

scissors

objects related to your book

Instructions:

Choose a fiction book (either a chapter book or picture book) that you have not read before to complete the Paper Bag Book Report. Your chosen book does not need to come from the suggested list; just be sure you have not read or heard it before.

Front of the Bag:

Write the title, author, and your name. Draw and color a picture for your book. Be creative! You can use the cover of your book as an idea or pick a favorite scene. You may draw directly on the bag or draw on paper and glue it to the front.

Side of the Bag:

Draw and label a picture of the main characters on one side of the bag. Draw and label the main setting on the other side of the bag. These may be drawn directly on the bag or drawn on paper and glued to the sides.

Back of the Bag:

On a piece of paper, write a short summary of the story. Be sure to tell the beginning, middle, and end of the story. Include what your favorite part was. Write neatly and be sure to use complete sentences. You may type this. Glue the paper to the back of the bag.

Inside the Bag:

Include 5 items that relate to your book. These must fit in the bag. Objects may be real or you can make/draw them yourself. You will use these objects to help tell the class about your book.