



Dear Parents of incoming third graders,

I am so excited for your child to join the third grade classroom in September! This letter is intended to give you some suggestions for your child's summer reading pleasure along with the **required read** for the incoming third grade students. Below is a list of books that I have found my current third graders enjoy.

I also highly recommend that your child join the Summer Reading Program through the Grosse Pointe Public Library. Read books, attend library programs, and earn prizes! Sign up online or at the library <https://gp.beanstack.org/reader365>.

Thank you and see you next fall!

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SUMMER READING: INCOMING GRADE THREE

Required Reading:

Word of Mouse by James Patterson

A New York Times Bestseller

A 2017 Parents' Choice Award® winner

Barnes and Noble's Best Book of the Month for Young Readers

An Amazon Best Book of the Month Pick

Your child is required to read this short novel over the summer. It is the story of a unique mouse who can read, write, and talk to humans. When he escapes from a mysterious laboratory he goes on an adventure and finds unexpected friendship. I am very excited to have your children read this book and they should be prepared to work with and discuss the novel when they return from summer break.

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Picture Books:

Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs by Mo Willems

Bones and the Birthday Mystery by David Adler

Leveled Readers:

Minnie and Moo: The Case of the Missing Jelly Donut by Denys Caset

Goose and Duck by Jean Craighead George

Benny and Penny in Just Pretend by Geoffrey Hayes

Flappy and Scrappy by Arthur Yorinks

Short Chapter Books:

Jake Drake (series) by Andrew Clements

Cam Jansen by David A. Adler

Starring Jules by Beth Levine

Mr. Putter and Tabby (series) by Cynthia Rylant

Nate the Great (series) by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Ivy and Bean (series) by Annie Barrows

Chapter Books

Amber Brown (series) by Paula Danziger

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

Clementine (series) by Sara Pennyback

The Boxcar Children (series) by Ruth Chandler Warner

Little House in the Big Woods (Little House Series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Superfudge by Judy Blume

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brian

Big Nate graphic novel books by Lincoln Peirce

Artemis Fowl (series) by Eoin Colfer

The Princess Tales (series) by Gail Carson Levine

Sammy Keyes (series) by Wendelin Van Draanen



Chapter Books

The Bad Beginnings (Series of Unfortunate Events) by Lemony Snicket

Inkheart, Inkspell, Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

Henry and the Cannons: An Extraordinary True Story of the American Revolution by Don Brown

Little Dog, Lost by Marion Dane Bauer

Summer According to Humphrey by Betty Birney

The Clue at the Bottom of the Lake by Kristiana Gregory

The 13-Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

White Fur Flying by Patricia MacLachlan

Judy Moody (series) by Megan McDonald

Stink (series) by Megan McDonald

Heroes For All Times: A Nonfiction companion to Magic Tree House #51: High Times for Heroes by Mary Pope Osborne

The Who Was? Biography books

Wimpy Kid graphic novel books by Jeff Kinney

The Tale of Emily Windsnap (Series) by Liz Kessler

Homer Price by Robert McCloskey

Half Magic by Edward Eager

The Castle Corona by Sharon Creech

The Great Escape by Kate Egan and Magician Mike Lane

Dexter the Tough by Margaret Peterson Haddix

How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Frank Einstein by Jon Scieszka

The Legend of Sleeping Bear by Kathy-jo Wargin

The Legend of Michigan by Trinka Hakes Noble

The Legend of Mackinac Island by Kathy-jo Wargin

The Legend of the Petoskey Stone by Kathy-jo Wargin

The Legend of the Lady's Slipper by Kathy-jo Wargin



Read Aloud Books

The Library by David Small

Amazing Grace and Boundless Grace by Mary Hoffman

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg

The Three Pigs by David Wiesner

Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman by Alan Schroeder

Read Aloud Books

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau

The Judge: An Untrue Tale by Harve Zemach

Thank You, Mr. Falker By Patricia Polacco

The third graders especially enjoyed the Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer --they are lengthy but extremely engaging.