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](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.