

Dear Entering Third Grade Students and Families,

Summer is just around the corner and with its arrival comes the opportunity to plan for great vacation reading choices. The goal is to create a life-long love of reading by providing students with a broad selection of titles that appeal to their varied interests. Asking questions about the story nurtures your child's critical thinking skills. Questions such as, "Describe your favorite character" or "What do you think will happen next?" are just some of the ways to extend the story. Reading aloud together is also a wonderful experience especially when time allows for more relaxation during the summer months.

Please choose **at least 3 books** from the list below to read over the summer. Many of these authors have written more than one book (\*) so you should be able to find the books readily available at the library or in bookstores. Fill out the reading log at the end of the list. When you come to school in September, please be ready to tell about a book that you enjoyed.

Thank you for making reading a family priority this summer and always!

Sincerely, Mrs. Houk, Third Grade Teacher

**Author Title**

Abbott, Tony *The Secrets of Droon*

\*Alexander, Lloyd *Time Cat*

Auch, Mary Jane *I Was A Third Grade Science Project*

\*Averill, Esther *Jenny and the Cat Club* series

\*Avi *The Good Dog*

*Poppy* series

\*Banks, Lynn Reid *I, Houdini*

\*Barrows, Annie *Ivy & Bean*

Bentley, Sue *Magic Kitten—Double Trouble*

\*Black, Holly *Spiderwick Chronicles*

Bodett, Tom *Williwaw*

\*Bosch, Pseudonymous *The Name of this Book is Secret*  
*If You're Reading This, It's Too Late*

Bowen, Fred *Off the Rim*

Brown, Jeff *Flat Stanley* (now in chapter book form)

Burnett, Frances Hodgson *The Secret Garden*

\*Christopher, Matt *Double Play at Short*  
*The Reluctant Pitcher*

\*Cleary, Beverly *Ralph S. Mouse* series  
*Ramona* series

\*Cooper, Susan *The Boggart*  
*The Boggart and the Monster*

\*Davis, Deborah *The Secret of the Seal*

\*de Beer, Hans *The Little Polar Bear*  
\*De Saint-Exupéry, Antoine *The Little Prince*  
\*DiCamillo, Kate *Because of Winn Dixie*  
*The Miraculous Journey of Edward*  
*Tulane*  
*The Tale of Despereaux*  
*The Tiger Rising*  
\*Estes Eleanor *Ginger Pye*  
*The Moffats*  
Fienberg, Anna & Barbara *Tashi and the Ghosts*  
\*Funke, Cornelia *The Thief Lord*  
\*George, Jean Craighead *My Side of the Mountain*  
*Frightful's Mountain*  
Gutman, Dan *Ms. Leakey is Freaky*  
\*Ibbotson, Eva *Which Witch?*  
*Not Just a Witch*  
*Island of the Aunts*  
*The Secret of Platform 13*  
Kelly, David A. *Ballpark Mysteries: The Fenway Foul-up*  
Kelly, Katy *Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing About Me*  
Kerrin, Jessica Scott *Martin Bridge: Blazing Ahead*  
*Martin Bridge in High Gear*  
\*Kessler, Liz *The Tail of Emily Windsnap series*  
*Emily Windsnap & the Monster from the*  
*Deep*  
*Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist*  
\*Harlow, Joan Hiatt *Blown Away*  
\*Hesse, Karen *The Music of the Dolphins*  
\*King-Smith, Dick *A Mouse Called Wolf*  
\*Lasky, Kathryn *Guardians of Ga'Hoole series*  
Leaf, Munro *Ferdinand*  
Lester, Alison *Horse Crazy: The Circus Horse*  
McDonald, Megan *Judy Moody Was In A Mood*  
\*McMullan, Kate *Dragon Slayers' Academy series*  
Miles, Ellen *The Puppy Place—Noodle*  
Miller, Wiley *The Extraordinary Adventures of Ordinary*  
*Basil*  
Morpurgo, Michael *Kensuke's Kingdom*  
Morris, Willie *My Dog Skip*  
\*Oppel, Kenneth *Airborn*  
*Skybreaker*  
*Darkwing*  
Osborne, Mary Pope *The Magic Treehouse series*  
\*Peck, Richard *The River Between Us*  
\*Peet, Bill *The Ant and the Elephant*  
Cyrus *The Unsinkable Sea Serpent*

Peterson, John *The Littles to the Rescue*  
*The Wump World*  
\*Roy, Ron *A to Z Mysteries* series  
\*Rylant, Cynthia *Cobble Street Cousin* series  
*The Lighthouse Family: The Storm*  
\*Rupp, Rebecca *The Dragon of Lonely Island*  
*The Return of the Dragon*  
\*Sachar, Louis *Marvin Redpost*  
Selznick, Brian *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*  
Smith, Alexander McCall *Akimbo and the Crocodile Man*  
*The Five Lost Aunts of Harriet Bean*  
Stone, Rex *Charge of the Triceratops*  
**Theme-Related Literature**  
Bunting, Eve *How Many Days to America?*  
\*Burton, Virginia Lee *Life Story*  
*The Little House*  
Candlewick Press *Dragonology: The Complete Book of*  
*Dragons*  
*Wizardology: The Book of the Secrets of*  
*Merlin*  
Cherry, Lynne *The Armadillo from Amarillo*  
Children's Press, a Division A True Book series:  
\*George, Jean Craighead *A Day in the Desert*  
Hazen, Barbara Shook *The Knight Who Was Afraid of the*  
*Dark*  
\*Kingfisher Books I Wonder Why series:  
*I Wonder Why Castles Had Moats*  
*and Other Questions*  
*About Long Ago*  
\*Langen, Annette *Felix Explores Planet Earth*  
Lowell, Susan *The Three Little Javalinas*  
\*Macaulay, David *Castle*  
Maisner, Heather *The Magic Globe*  
St. George, Judith *So You Want to Be President?*  
Schechter, Ellen *The Town Mouse and the Country*  
*Mouse*  
\*Stover, Jill *Alamo Across Texas*