

## Summer Reading List Students Entering Third Grade

*By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level.*

### **FAQ: WILL HAVING MY CHILD READ HARDER BOOKS HELP THEM GET STRONGER AT READING?**

**Nope!** *Exactly the opposite can happen!*

- It is **critically** important that children **not** read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the “frustration level” can actually stunt a readers’ growth, or send them backwards in their development.
- When in doubt, help your child select books that feel “friendly/familiar” to other books they have enjoyed. Also, check out series books many of the books in this packet are part of a series. Not only is it fun to follow familiar characters through new adventures and experiences, but reading through a book series can help readers grow!

### **FAQ – MY CHILD REALLY CAN READ HARDER BOOKS THOUGH AND WANTS TO! THEY CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES AND THEY EVEN SEEM TO KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON IN THE STORY, SO ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN’T GIVE THEM HARDER BOOKS?**

*Good question, but **proceed with caution!***

- “Harder books” often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps “readable” or “decodable” by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child’s age. Also, please keep in mind that just because readers can read each word on the page smoothly and without error does not mean that they are able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.
- If your child is desperate to read a harder book, read it aloud together! Their ability to comprehend a story by listening to it read aloud is much higher than their ability to understand it alone. Plus, it’s a lovely way to bond with your child over your shared love of reading!

Have a safe and happy summer!





**Here are some great books that third graders love to read!**



<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>
Clements, Andrew	<i>No Talking</i>
Clements, Andrew	<i>We the Children series</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Danny the Champion of the World</i>
Dahl, Roald	<i>Fantastic Mr. Fox</i>
Davies, Jacqueline	<i>The Lemonade War</i>
Doglies, Alice	<i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i>
Gutman, Dan	<i>The Talent Show</i>
Kehoe, Tim	<i>The Unusual Mind of Vincent Shadow</i>
Klise, Kate	<i>Regarding the Fountain</i> (any from series)
Newsome, Richard	<i>The Billionaire's Curse</i>
Pope Osborn, Mary	<i>Magic Tree House Series</i>
Resau, Laura	<i>Red Glass</i>
Resau, Laura	<i>Star in the Forest</i>
Resau, Laura	<i>The Indigo Notebook</i>
Schlitz, Laura Amy	<i>The Night Fairy</i>
St. George, Judith	<i>The Ghost, the White House and Me</i>
Kate Camillo,	<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i>
Kate Paterson,	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i>
Patricia MacLachian,	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i>
Armstrong, Sperry	<i>Call It Courage</i>
Konigsburg, E.L.	<i>From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler</i>
Vanderpool, Clare	<i>Moon over Manifest</i>
Gaimen, Neil	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>