

Dear Parents of Rising Third Graders,

The school year is coming to a close! All of us are ready for the wonderful days of summer! However, we don't want the great reading and math habits that your child has developed this year to fall by the wayside. We have prepared a list of books to choose from for your child to read this summer.

Make a fun outing of visiting the library this summer to check out books to read. Go for ice cream or a Hawaiian icee afterwards so that this is something your child looks forward to doing. The lists we are sending home are organized by reading levels to help you find the perfect books on your child's level. If you feel they are progressing well, feel free to check out books from the next leveled list up. You are NOT limited to this list. These are merely suggestions for books on each level.

We are encouraging your child to read at least 6 books from their leveled list. This works out to about 3 books in June and 3 in July. Of course, they can READ, READ, READ all summer if they choose to do so, but we are asking your child to fill out the attached reading log and then choose ONE of those books to complete the book review on. It can be their favorite, or the one they thought was the most interesting. This can be turned in at Meet the Teacher. We look forward to hearing about all the adventures your child will take this summer through the pages of books!

Have a GREAT time reading,

Your Third Grade Teachers



# Level M

| <i>Title</i>                         | <i>Author</i>                         |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                      |                                       |
| The Beast in Ms. Rooney's Room       | Patricia Reilly Giff                  |
| The Secret at the Polk Street School | Patricia Reilly Giff                  |
|                                      |                                       |
| Double Play at Short                 | Matt Christopher                      |
| The Hit-Away Kid                     | Matt Christopher                      |
|                                      |                                       |
| The Junie B. Jones Series            | Barbara Park                          |
|                                      |                                       |
| Five True Dog Stories                | Margaret Davidson                     |
| Nine True Dolphin Stories            | Margaret Davidson                     |
| Five True Horse Stories              | Margaret Davidson                     |
|                                      |                                       |
| Cam Jansen Series                    | David Adler                           |
|                                      |                                       |
| The Littles Series                   | John Peterson                         |
|                                      |                                       |
| Bailey School Kids Series            | Marcia Thorton Jones and Debbie Dadey |
|                                      |                                       |
| Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs    | Judi and Ron Barrett                  |
|                                      |                                       |
| Magic Tree House Series              | Mary Pope Osborne                     |



# Level N

| <i>Title</i>           | <i>Author</i>    |
|------------------------|------------------|
|                        |                  |
| Amber Brown Series     | Paula Danziger   |
|                        |                  |
| The Enormous Crocodile | Roald Dahl       |
| The Magic Finger       | Roald Dahl       |
|                        |                  |
| The Jillian Series     | Ann Cameron      |
|                        |                  |
| Max Malone Series      | Charlotte Herman |
|                        |                  |
| Andy Russell Series    | David Adler      |
|                        |                  |
| Jigsaw Jones Series    | James Preller    |
|                        |                  |
| The Stink Series       | Megan McDonald   |
|                        |                  |
| Judy Moody Series      | Megan McDonald   |
|                        |                  |
| Armadillo Rodeo        | Jan Brett        |
|                        |                  |
| Puppy Place Series     | Ellen Miles      |



# Level 0

| <i>Title</i>  | <i>Author</i>            |
|---|--------------------------|
|   |                          |
| <b>Chocolate Fever</b>  | <b>Robert Smith</b>      |
|   |                          |
| <b>The Ramona Series</b>  | <b>Beverly Cleary</b>    |
| (EXCEPT The Mouse and the Motorcycle as this is a novel study in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade) |                          |
|   |                          |
| <b>Pony Pals Series</b>   | <b>Jeanne Betancourt</b> |
|   |                          |
| <b>Herbie Jones Series</b>  | <b>Suzy Kline</b>        |
|   |                          |
| <b>The Dragon Slayers Academy Series</b>  | <b>Kate McMullan</b>     |
|   |                          |
| <b>Clementine Series</b>  | <b>Sara Pennypacker</b>  |
|   |                          |
| <b>Jake Drake Series</b>  | <b>Andrew Clements</b>   |
| (EXCEPT Jake Drake: Know-it-all as this is a novel study in 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade)      |                          |
|   |                          |
| <b>Nancy Clancy Series</b>  | <b>Jane O'Connor</b>     |
|   |                          |
| <b>Tornado</b>  | <b>Betsy Byers</b>       |





# Level P

| <i>Title</i>                   | <i>Author</i>         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Encyclopedia Brown Series      | Donald and Rose Sobol |
| The Twits                      | Roald Dahl            |
| Fantastic Mr. Fox              | Roald Dahl            |
| George's Marvelous Medicine    | Roald Dahl            |
| Time Wrap Trio Series          | Jon Scieszka          |
| Dragon Quest Series            | Jackie French Koller  |
| Stone Fox                      | John R. Gardiner      |
| Shoebag                        | Mary James            |
| A Taste of Blackberries        | Doris B. Smith        |
| Wayside School is Falling Down | Louis Sachar          |
| Finding the Titanic            | Robert Ballard        |



# Level Q

| <i>Title</i>                       | <i>Author</i>        |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                    |                      |
| The American Girl Series           |                      |
|                                    |                      |
| Little House on the Prairie Series | Laura Ingalls Wilder |
|                                    |                      |
| James and the Giant Peach          | Roald Dahl           |
|                                    |                      |
| Mr. Popper's Penguins              | Richard Atwater      |
|                                    |                      |
| Dear Mr. Henshaw                   | Beverly Cleary       |
|                                    |                      |
| The Last Holiday Concert           | Andrew Clements      |
|                                    |                      |
| Pedro's Journal                    | Pam Conrad           |
|                                    |                      |
| Henry's Freedom Box                | Ellen Levine         |
|                                    |                      |
| Spy X Series                       | Peter Lerangis       |
|                                    |                      |
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# Level R

| <i>Title</i>  | <i>Author</i>       |
|---|---------------------|
|   |                     |
| Babe the Gallant Pig  | Dick King-Smith     |
|   |                     |
| Brendon the Navigator: A History<br>Mystery about the Discovery of<br>America | Jean Fritz          |
|   |                     |
| The Celery Stalks at Midnight   | James Howe          |
|   |                     |
| Foul Play on the Sidelines  | Emily Costello      |
|   |                     |
| How to Eat Friend Worms   | Thomas Rockwell     |
|   |                     |
| Strider   | Beverly Cleary      |
|   |                     |
| The Trumpet of the Swan   | E.B. White          |
|   |                     |
| The School Story  | Andrew Clements     |
| Frindle   | Andrew Clements     |
| The Jacket  | Andrew Clements     |
| The Report Card   | Andrew Clements     |
|   |                     |
| Skylark   | Patricia MacLachlan |
| Caleb's Story   | Patricia MacLachlan |
| Grandfather's Dance   | Patricia MacLachlan |



# Classic List for Readers at Level 5 and Beyond

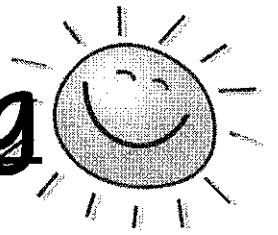
(Also great for reading aloud to your child at any level!)

| <i>Title</i>                             | <i>Author</i>           |
|--|-------------------------|
|  |                         |
| The Secret Garden                        | Frances Hodgson Burnett |
| Little Princess                          | Frances Hodgson Burnett |
|  |                         |
| Indian in the Cupboard                   | Lynne Reid Banks        |
|  |                         |
| Pippi Longstocking                       | Astrid Lindgren         |
|  |                         |
| The Railway Children                     | E. Nesbitt              |
|  |                         |
| The Velveteen Rabbit                     | Margery Williams        |
|  |                         |
| The Voyage of the Dawn Treader           | C.S. Lewis              |
|  |                         |
| Pollyanna                                | Eleanor Porter          |
|  |                         |
| The Tale of Despereaux                   | Kate DiCamillo          |
|  |                         |
| Farmer Boy                               | Laura Ingalls Wilder    |
|  |                         |
| The Cricket in Times Square              | George Seldon           |
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| A Series of Unfortunate Events<br>Series | Lemony Snicket          |
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| The Black Stallion                       | Walter Farly            |





# Summer Reading Log

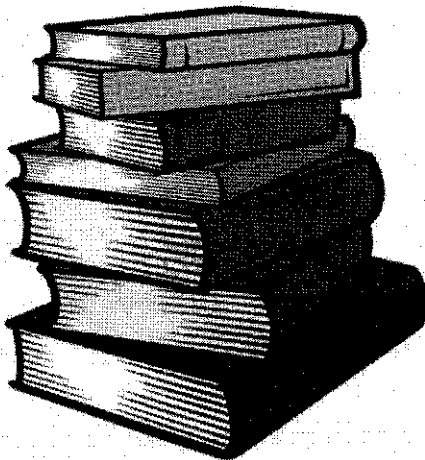


Reader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please record the six books that you read over the summer!

| Title | Author | Date |
|-------|--------|------|
| 1.    |        |      |
| 2.    |        |      |
| 3.    |        |      |
| 4.    |        |      |
| 5.    |        |      |
| 6.    |        |      |

I choose to complete my book review on \_\_\_\_\_





# A BOOK REVIEW

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_  
Illustrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLOT:** What happened in the story?

**MY OPINION:**

**RATING:**



Justify your score.

