



2019 Suggested Reading for Students Entering Grade 3

The suggested reading list provides a wide array of reading choices for students. The books on this list do not indicate reading level or achievement, but will hopefully spark discussion between you and your children and inspire an interest in stories and reading. The titles listed below are samplings of the many works produced by these authors. You can also read other titles by these authors for your suggested reading.

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Fiction

Adventure

Barnett, Mac. **Spy Kid** series
One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown.

Blabey, Aaron. **Bad Guys** series
They sound like bad guys, they look like bad guys, and they even smell like bad guys, but they are about to change all that. Will the Bad Guys really become Good Guys? Meet Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark as they embark on a series of daring adventures.

DeLaurentiis, Giada. **Recipe for Adventure** series
When their great-aunt comes to live with Alfie and his older sister Emilia, they learn that food not only can take you places but also bring you back home.

Earhart, Kristin. **Race the Wild** series
Each chapter in this action-packed adventure series is bursting with totally true facts about wild and wonderful creatures, dangerous habitats, maps and more!

Kirby, Lee. **Super Turbo** series
He's not just the class pet hamster, He's Super Turbo! You know Turbo as the crime-fighting hamster from the Captain Awesome books. But ever wonder what actually goes on when the last school bell rings and Turbo is left to his own devices?





Animals

Barkley, Callie.

The Critter Club series

Read about four best friends who band together to form a rescue shelter to save lost and lonely animals in their town. Amy, Ellie, Liz, and Marion each have different personalities and interests, but they all have one thing in common: a serious love of animals.

Birney, Betty.

The World According to Humphrey series

Humphrey the hamster is puzzled when unfamiliar students fill Mrs. Brisbane's classroom at summer's end, but he soon learns that his friends from last year are fine and the new class needs his special help.

Castaldo, Nancy F.

Sniffer Dogs

Readers will discover how detection dogs are able to use their noses to find everything from people (both alive and dead) to explosives to whale poop. These working dogs work to please, work to play, and work for love.

Jennings, Patrick.

Guinea Dog series

When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, Rufus is not happy-until the rodent starts acting like a dog!

Klimo, Kate.

Dog Diaries series

For anyone who has ever wanted a puppy, the Dog Diaries series tells a dog's story in a new way – from the dog's point of view and focuses on a different breed for each book.

McAnulty, Stacy.

Dino Files series

During a summer at his grandparents' dinosaur museum and dig, Frank, aided by his cousin Sam and a cat named Saurus, cares for a newly-hatched dinosaur while trying to keep its existence secret, both from his grandparents and from the neighbors.

Orr, Wendy.

Rainbow St. Shelter series

Owning a pet is a big responsibility. This series incorporates the importance of that responsibility in taking gentle and consistent care of pets.

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw.

Made for Each Other

This story celebrates the bond between humans and their canine companions, discussing how sharing one's life with a dog reduces stress, provides companionship, and increases safety.





Chillers and Thrillers

Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Haunted Library** series
When ghost boy Kaz's haunt is torn down and he is separated from his ghost family, he meets a real girl named Claire, who has a special ability to see ghosts when other humans cannot, and she and Kaz quickly form a friendship

Cyrus, Kurt. **Your Skeleton is Showing**
The spectacular poetry, paired with deliciously grim illustrations, take readers on an adventure through the friendliest and wackiest graveyard you will ever find.

Kennedy, Mariane. **Disaster Strikes** series
Each featuring a different disaster, the heroes learn that when disaster strikes, the only thing you can count on is yourself!

Preller, James. **Scary Tales**
After the death of his mother, eight-year-old Liam and his father and sister move to a new house for a fresh start, but Liam soon discovers that the house is haunted.

Classics

Blume, Judy. **Freckle Juice**
Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Dahl, Roald. **Fantastic Mr. Fox**
Mr. Fox's ingenuity saves all the digging animals from starvation when they are trapped underground by three mean farmers.

Cleary, Beverly. **Ribsy**
Separated from his owner, Henry finds abandoned Ribsy in a shopping center parking lot.

Various. **Classic Starts** series
Young readers can experience the wonder of timeless stories with these abridged editions. Each easy-to-read classic is filled with all the magic and excitement that made the original a beloved favorite.

Fantasy and Science Fiction

Harrison, Paula. **Rescue Princesses** series
These are no ordinary Princesses! They are rescue princesses. Follow them as they spend their time rescuing animals and saving their kingdoms!

Krulik, Nancy. **Princess Pulverizer** series.
A princess who would rather be a knight accepts her skeptical father's challenge to perform good deeds in order to prove her worthiness to attend knight school, an endeavor that is supported by a friendly dragon and a perpetually terrified knight-in-training.





Lubar, David.

Looniverse series

When ordinary third-grader Ed finds a coin with the words "strange" and "stranger" on both sides, weird things start happening around him--but when his friends start blaming him for all the weirdness, Ed wonders if this coin is too strange for comfort.

Mlynowski, Sarah.

Whatever After series

This series offers a fresh, modern spin on classic fairy tales! When the magic mirror in their basement transports them into classic fairy tales, siblings Abby and Jonah accidentally mess up the stories and they have to find a way to set things right.

O'Hara, Mo

My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish

When Tom's big brother decides to become an Evil Scientist, his first experiment involves dunking Frankie the goldfish into toxic green gunk. Tom knows that there is only one thing to do: zap the fish with a battery and bring him back to life! But there's something weird about the new Frankie. He's now a BIG FAT ZOMBIE GOLDFISH with hypnotic powers . . . and he's out for revenge!

O'Ryan, Ray.

Galaxy Zack series

Moving from Earth to the futuristic planet Nebulon in 2120, eight-year-old Zack is nervous about starting school and meeting people.

Pierce, Lincoln.

Max and the Midnights

Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midnights go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley!

Potter, Ellen.

Big Foot and Little Foot series

Hugo is a young Sasquatch who longs for adventure. Boone is a young boy who longs to see a Sasquatch. When their worlds collide, they become the unlikeliest pair of best friends.

Reid-Banks, Lynne.

Indian in the Cupboard series

A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Scieszka, Jon.

Frank Einstein series

In his Grandpa Al's garage workshop, child genius Frank Einstein tries to invent a robot that can learn on its own, and after an accident brings wisecracking Klink and overly expressive Klank to life, they set about helping Frank perfect his Antimatter Motor until his archnemesis, T. Edison, steals the robots for his doomsday plan.





Thorpe, Kiki.

Never Girls series

When four friends are whisked out of their ordinary lives to Never Land, home to fairies and mermaids, Queen Clarion and Tinker Bell have to figure out a way for them to get home.

Vernon, Ursula.

Dragonbreath series

Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks--and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

Friends

Amato, Mary.

Please Write in This Book

When Ms. Wurtz leaves a blank book in the Writer's Corner with a note encouraging those who find it to "talk to each other" in its pages, the student's entries spark a classroom-wide battle.

Arnold, Elane.

A Boy Called Bat

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bat, who has autism, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

Harper, Charise.

Just Grace series

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Pennypacker, Sara.

Clementine series

Clementine is an ingenious third-grader with a talent for trouble and a good heart. While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

Zemke, Deborah.

My Life in Pictures series

When budding artist Bea Garcia's best friend moves to Australia and a loud, rambunctious boy moves into her old house, Bea must learn to make new friends.

Mystery

Angleberger, Tom.

Inspector Flytrap series

Welcome to Inspector Flytrap's Detective Agency, home to the world-renowned solver of BIG DEAL mysteries. Inspector Flytrap, a Venus flytrap, works tirelessly with his assistant Nina the Goat, on his community's unsolved cases.





Draper, Sharon.

Clubhouse Mysteries series

Four friends create the “Clubhouse” where they solve a series of mysteries. They encounter the Underground Railroad, attend Space Camp, help a Wildlife Rescue Center, and enter a talent show.

Pastis, Stephan.

Timmy Failure series

Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation, and his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

School Stories

Adler, David.

Danny’s Doodles series

Two unusual friends, Oddball Calvin who likes to conduct experiments and purposefully annoy their teacher Mrs. Cake, and Danny, an easygoing kid who mostly goes along with Calvin’s ideas. Together, they make one humorous team.

Benton, Jim.

Franny K. Stein series

Franny K. Stein is a mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, but when she has trouble making friends at her new school, she experiments with fitting in--which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan.

English, Karen.

Carver Chronicles series

Gavin wants to make a good impression at Carver Elementary, where no one knows he excels at soccer and skateboarding. But an annoying big sister, a bully, and his great aunt's Pomeranian are not helping.

Johannes, Shelley.

Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker

Beatrice is afraid she is losing her best friend so she uses her topsy-turvy way of thinking to get things looking up.

May, Kyla.

Lotus Lane series

Written in diary format, Kiki and her best friends, Coco and Lulu, all live on Lotus Lane, attend Amber Acres Elementary School, and have their own club.

McDonald, Megan.

Judy Moody series

Third-grader Judy Moody has a mood to fit every occasion and a face to go with it.

Sheinmel, Courtney.

Stella Batts series

Meet Stella Batts. She is eight years old and loves to write. She loves to write lists: like her favorite things and kids in her class. And she's even writing her autobiography. Stella's favorite color is yellow and she LOVES fudge.

Stanton, Matt.

Funny Kid series

When eleven-year-old Max Walburt decides to run for class president claiming he is the funniest student, he must survive poop scandals, crazy teachers, and stalker ducks to win the election.





Tashjian, Janet.

Sticker Girl

Martina has always struggled to carve out her place at school, but she finds tremendous excitement in a treasure all her own: a sticker collection that comes to life!

Truit, Trudi.

Secrets of a Lab Rat series

Fearless nine-year-old "Scab" McNally tries to get his twin sister's help in convincing their parents to let them get a dog, but when he embarrasses her in school with a particularly obnoxious invention, it looks like he has lost her cooperation forever.

Sports

Kelley, David A.

MVP (Most Valuable Player) series

This sports-themed chapter book series features the coolest club around—the Most Valuable Players! They solve mysteries and compete in competition while showing real team spirit and never giving up!

Maddox, Jake.

Sports Stories series

With an emphasis on speed, skill, and fair play, the boys and girls in these books face obstacles on deck, on the field, on the court and on the ice. They tackle mental and social challenges and discover that an athlete's inner game, persistence, and courage are just as important as a steady hand or a chance for a goal.

Graphic Novels

Boothby, Ian.

Sparks

August is a brilliant inventor who is afraid of the outside. Charlie is a crack pilot who isn't afraid of anything. Together these pals save lives every day. They also happen to be cats who pilot a powerful, mechanical dog suit!

Braddock, Paige.

Stinky Cecil series

The hilarious tale of a group of amphibians (and one free-range hamster) who set out to save their tiny pond home from one very large steamroller.

Brockington, Drew.

CatStronauts series

Alerted to a global energy crisis, the President consults with the World's Best Scientist, who suggests sending a special group of astronauts to turn the Moon into a solar power plant.

Coudray, Philippe.

Bigby Bear

Struggling to figure out nature and its elements, Bigby engages in silly experiments of all kinds. Accompanied by his loyal rabbit friend, he gives us the secret to living a happy, simple life: to follow your curiosity, and make friends along the way.





Eaton, Maxwell.

The Flying Beaver Brothers series

Ace and Bub's plans for a quiet vacation are put on hold when they are stranded on an island where their nemesis had stirred up trouble among the local animals.

Hatke, Ben.

Little Robot

When a little girl finds an adorable robot in the woods, she presses a button and accidentally activates him for the first time. Now, she finally has a friend. But the big, bad robots are coming to collect the little guy for evil purposes, and it's all up to the young girl to save the day!

Holm, Jennifer L.

Squish series

Squish is a comic book-loving, twinkie-eating, grade school Amoeba trying to find his place in the world, or at least making it through a school day.

McCranie, Stephen.

Mal and Chad series

Fourth-grade genius Mal and his talking dog Chad shrink themselves to microscopic size and travel through time, but girls and the school bully present bigger challenges.

O'Neill, Katie.

Princess, Princess Ever After

Join Sadie and Amira, two very different princesses with very different strengths, on their journey to figure out what happily ever after really means and how they can find it with each other.

Pilkey, Dav.

Dog Man series

When Greg the police dog and his cop companion are injured on the job, a life-saving surgery changes the course of history, and Dog Man is born.

Proimos, James.

Complete Adventures of Johnny Mutton series

Presents a collection of humorous stories about Johnny Mutton, the young sheep raised as a regular boy.

Spires, Ashley.

Binky the Space Cat series

Binky's blast-off into outer space (outside) to battle aliens (bugs) is delayed when he realizes he has left something behind--and it's not the anti-gravity kitty litter.

Yang, Gene.

Secret Coders series

Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! The founder of the school left many clues and puzzles to challenge his enterprising students.

Nonfiction

Bredeson, Carmen.

Weird but True series

Wacky facts, fascinating information, and lively art combine to make these books irresistible for young readers.





DK.

DK Find Out series

An exciting book series full of amazing images, incredible quizzes, and cutting-edge information kids need to know. This series helps kids become experts on their favorite subjects—from dinosaurs to outer space.

Floca, Brian.

Moonshot

Here is the story of the Apollo 11 mission to the Moon -- a story of leaving and returning during the summer of 1969, and a story of home, seen whole, from far away by steady astronauts in their great machines.

Harris, Chris.

I'm Just No Good at Rhyming

An illustrated collection of comically irreverent rhyming poems for readers of all ages, ranging in topic from avocados and anacondas to zombies and zebras (dressed like ghosts).

Kensky, Jessica.

Rescue & Jessica

When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn't up to the task of being her service dog.

MacDonald, Fiona.

You Wouldn't Want to... series

This humorous series will introduce you to all kinds of jobs you wouldn't have wanted to do throughout history. Find out what's so bad about being a Greek slave, a Viking explorer, a World War II secret agent, a medieval knight and many other jobs.

Overdeck, Laura.

How Many Guinea Pigs Can Fit on a Plane?

If have you ever wondered how many birds it would take to pick you up and fly with you? Or if you were as strong as ant, how much weight could you lift? Or when will you be a billion seconds old? Then, this is your book!

Robbins, Dean.

Margaret and the Moon

Introduces the woman mathematician whose childhood love of numbers led to her prestigious education and contributions at NASA while explaining how her handwritten codes proved essential throughout numerous space missions.

Silverstein, Shel.

Where the Sidewalk Ends

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

Who Was.../ Who Is...,What was.../ What Is...and Where is... series

History comes alive in these three series about famous people, landmarks, and geography.

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