



## **THIRD GRADE SUMMER READING BOOK LIST**

Over the summer, as you get ready for grade 3, you must read 3 chapter books.

- 1) All third graders must read "Muggie Maggie" by Beverly Cleary.
- 2) Choose to read ONE other book from the list below.
- 3) Choose any ONE other book of your choice to read. You can choose a book that is not on this list if you would like **as long as it is a chapter book.**

Read carefully because we will be working on a project to review our summer reading books in September.

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### **BOOK LIST**

#### **How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey**

When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool. 71 pgs.

#### **I Was a Third Grade Science Project by Mary Jane Auch**

While trying to hypnotize his dog for the third grade science fair, Brian accidentally makes his best friend Josh think he's a cat. 96 pgs.

#### **The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner**

The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and make a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar. 154 pgs.

#### **The Hidden Stairs and the Magic Carpet by Tony Abbott**

Eric, Julie and Neal discover a magic staircase to another world. Other books in the Secrets of Droon series are available. 80 pgs.

#### **Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery by David A. Adler**

When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric uncover a mystery while selling fudge door-to-door to raise money for the local library, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime. 58 pgs.

#### **Freckle Juice by Judy Blume**

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents. 47 pgs.

**Summer Reading Is Killing Me**

Time Warp Trio is back for another amazing adventure, this time the Intrepid Trio find themselves actually living the stories on their summer reading list.

**The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling**

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touches into chocolate. 87 pgs.

**The Captain Contest by Matt Christopher**

Dewey loves to draw and wants to enter the soccer team logo contest, but he does not want to win the grand prize-being team captain.

**Annie Pitts, Swamp Monster by Diane deGroat**

Third-grader Annie Pitts is excited about getting the part of the swamp monster in a high school student's low-budget horror movie, until she finds out how much hard work is involved.

**The Gadget War by Betsy Duffey**

When eight-year-old Kelly Sparks, with forty-three inventions to her credit, meets up with Albert Einstein Jones, a real gadget wiz, the rivalry between the two escalates to a full-scale gadget war. 74 pgs.

**My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett**

A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river of Wild Island. 241 pgs

**Stone Fox by John Gardiner**

Little Willy needs to win the dog sled race in order to save grandfather's farm. 85 pgs.

**It Came From Beneath the Bed! by James Howe**

With help from his Uncle Harold, who wrote books about Bunnycula, Howie the wire-haired dachshund writes a story in which he saves the world from a science experiment gone awry. 90 pgs.

**Defenders of the Universe by D.V. Kellerher**

A group of six kids band together to form a "superhero" group and eventually put their skills to use when they find themselves in peril. 121 pgs.

**The Invisible Dog by Dick King-Smith**

Events conspire to turn Hamie's imaginary harlequin Great Dane into a real dog. 73 pgs.

**Herbie Jones by Suzy Kline**

Herbie's experiences in the third grade include finding bones in the boy's bathroom, wandering away from his class on their field trip and being promoted to a higher reading group. 95 pgs.

**Meg Mackintosh and The Case of the Curious Whale Watch by Lucinda Landon**

On a whale watch, Meg tries to solve a puzzling case involving a stolen treasure map. The reader is asked to solve the mystery before Meg, using clues found in the text and illustrations. 44 pgs.

**Judy Moody by Megan McDonald**

Third-grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage. 160 pgs.

**The New Kid at School by K. H. McMullan**

Wiglaf is off to Dragon Slayers' Academy and in for a first day of school he will never forget. 91 pgs.

**Can You Keep a Secret? by P.J. Petersen**

Mike has a reputation for not being able to keep a secret and he worries that he may reveal things that his classmates do not want known. 106 pgs.

**The Littles by John Peterson**

The Littles, tiny people who live within the walls of the Biggs' house fear mice. 80 pgs.

**The Riddle Streak by Susan Beth Pfeffer**

Since her older brother always wins at ping-pong, checkers, and everything else, Amy decides to learn riddles in hope of finding some way she can beat him.

**In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen by Cynthia Rylant**

While staying with their aunt for a year, three nine-year-old cousins keep busy baking and selling cookies, putting on a poetry and singing performance and trying to encourage a romance between their aunt and one of their former customers. 54 pgs.

**Knights of the Kitchen Table by Jon Scieszka**

When Joe, Fred and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards and the Knights of the Round Table.

**Not-So-Normal Norman by Cynthia Stowe**

While his father is out of work because of a back injury, Anthony decides to try to earn money and his first job is watching a huge tarantula named Norman. 127 pgs

**Marty Frye, Private Eye by Janet Tashjian**

Marty Frye, a seven-year-old who likes to read poetry and talk in rhymes, solves three separate mysteries for a classmate, a toy store owner and his younger sister.

**Watchdog and the Coyotes by Bill Wallace**

Sweetie, the great dane, can not afford to bark or bite or she will go to the pound. When her dog friends are threatened, she must find a way to outfox the coyotes. 104 pgs.