



2017 Summer Reading Lists

Entering 3rd Grade

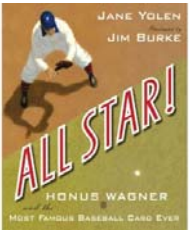
Prepared by Todd Library and
Briarcliff Manor Public Library librarians

It is important to note that the titles on this list span a range of reading levels for students entering third grade. The Briarcliff Public Library and Todd Library librarians have selected these books to help you and your child develop a lifetime habit and enjoyment of reading.



26 Fairmount Avenue by Tomie de Paola

Children's author Tomie de Paola describes his boyhood experiences.



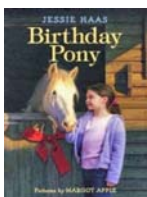
All Star! Honus Wagner and the Most Famous Baseball Card Ever by Jane Yolen

A biography of the personal and professional life of American Major League Baseball shortstop Honus Wagner, who played mostly for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1897-1917.



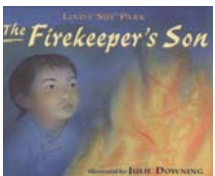
America's Championship Swimmer Gertrude Ederle by David Adler

Describes the life and accomplishments of the first woman to swim the English Channel and a figure in the early woman's rights movement.



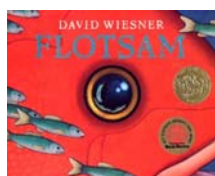
Birthday Pony by Jessie Haas

Grandma Aggie tries to help her granddaughter Jane and the independent pony Popcorn, who were born on the same day, to become riding partners.



The Firekeeper's Son by Linda Sue Park

In eighteenth-century Korea, after Sang-hee's father injures his ankle, Sang-hee attempts to take over the task of lighting the evening fire which signals to the palace that all is well. Includes historic notes.



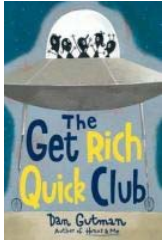
Flotsam by David Wiesner

In this Caldecott Award-winning wordless story, a young, science-minded boy goes to the beach to collect and examine anything floating that has been washed ashore. He discovers an underwater camera that contains a collection of unusual pictures.



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The Get Rich Quick Club by Dan Gutman

Summer vacation in their small Maine town does not look too promising until twelve-year-old Gina and four of her friends make a pact to become millionaires before school starts in September.



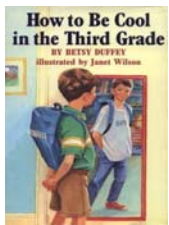
Giants Beware! by Jorge Aguirre, illustrated by Rafael Rosado

In this graphic (comic-style) novel, Claudette wants nothing more than to slay a giant but her little village is too safe and quiet.



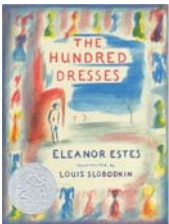
Gravity by Jason Chin

What keeps objects from floating out of your hand? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? Gravity. Jason Chin takes a complex subject and makes it accessible in this innovative book.



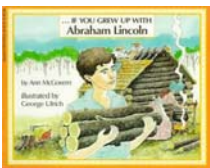
How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey

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



The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes, illustrated by Louis Slobodkin

In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped Polish little girl teaches her classmates a lesson.



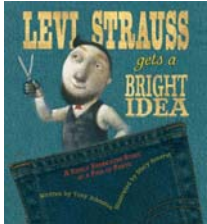
If You Grew Up with Abraham Lincoln by Ann McGovern

Imagine living on the frontiers of the early 1800s. Would you have to work hard? What kind of games would you play? What would school be like?



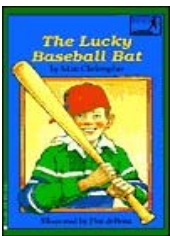
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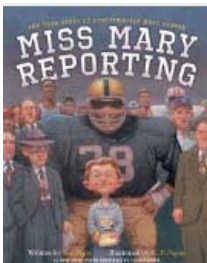
Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea by Tony Johnson

Retells, in tall-tale fashion, how Levi Strauss went to California during the Gold Rush, saw the need for a sturdier kind of trouser, and invented jeans.



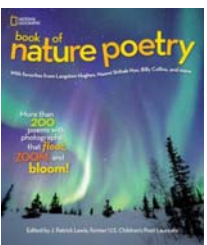
The Lucky Baseball Bat by Matt Christopher

Martin loses his lucky baseball bat and his confidence.



Miss Mary Reporting by Sue Macy, illustrated by C.F. Payne

The true story of sports writer Mary Garber, one of the first woman sports writers in American history.



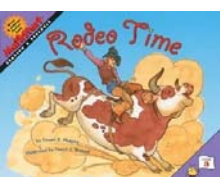
National Geographic Book of Nature Poetry, edited by J. Patrick Lewis

From trickling streams to deafening thunderstorms to soaring mountains, discover majestic photography perfectly paired with contemporary (such as Billy Collins), classics (such as Robert Frost), and never-before-published poems.



Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg

Tells the true story of daredevil Annie Edson Taylor who designed her own barrel and then went inside it to ride over and down Niagara Falls.



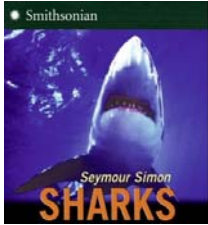
Rodeo Time by Stuart Murphy, Illustrated by David T. Wenzel

Teaches children how to read a schedule by watching Katie and Cameron plan their day at the rodeo. A MathStart book.



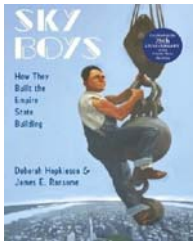
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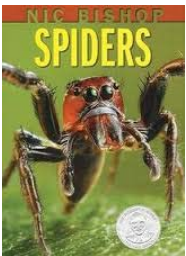
Sharks by Seymour Simon

Are sharks the monsters that they are made out to be? Learn what sharks are really like in this book.



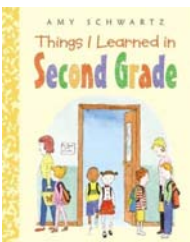
Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by James E. Ransome

In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home.



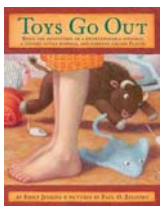
Spiders by Nic Bishop

Photographs and text provide basic information about various kinds of spiders.



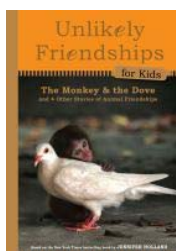
Things I Learned in Second Grade by Amy Schwartz

A young boy shares all of the things he learned and how he changed in second grade, what he still wonders about, and what he hopes to accomplish when he is in third grade.



Toys Go Out: Being the Adventures of a Knowledgeable Stingray, a Toughy Little Buffalo, and Someone Called Plastic by Emily Jenkins, Illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends—who happen to be toys.



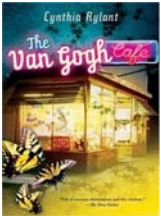
Unlikely Friendships: The Monkey and the Dove and Four Other True Stories of Animal Friendships by Jennifer S. Holland

Presents five stories about animals who have forged unlikely, abiding bonds with other animals of different species, from the rhesus monkey and the white dove to the lion and the baby oryx.



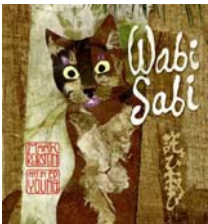
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The Van Gogh Café by Cynthia Rylant

In this series of vignettes from Newberry medalist Cynthia Rylant, magic in the walls of the Kansas café cause strange and mysterious events to occur there.



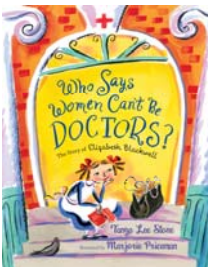
Wabi Sabi by Mark Reibstein, Illustrated by Ed Young

Wabi Sabi, a cat living in the city of Kyoto, learns about the Japanese concept of beauty through simplicity as she asks various animals she meets about the meaning of her name.



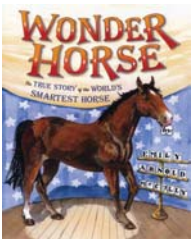
Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems by Bob Raczka

A collection of poems that are shaped in interesting eye-catching ways that help to convey the meaning of the poem.



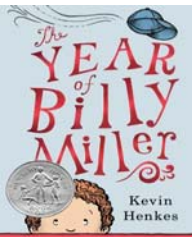
Who Says Women Can't Be Doctors? by Tanya Lee Stone

In the 1830s, when a brave and curious girl named Elizabeth Blackwell was growing up, women were supposed to be wives and mothers. Certainly no women were doctors. This inspiring story of the first female doctor shows how one strong-willed woman opened the doors for all the female doctors to come.



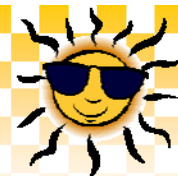
Wonder Horse by Emily Arnold McCully

A fictionalized account of Bill "Doc" Key, a former slave who became a veterinarian, trained his horse, Jim Key, to recognize letters and numbers and to perform skits around the country, and moved the nation towards a belief in treating animals humanely.



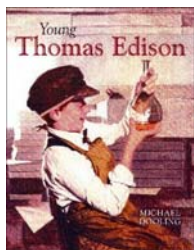
The Year of Billy Miller by Kevin Henkes

Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries, but by the end of the year he has developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents and learned many important lessons.



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Young Thomas Edison by Michael Dooling

Presents a short illustrated biography of inventor Thomas Edison, and chronicles his childhood and early interest in science, as well as his many inventions.

SUGGESTED SERIES:

A to Z Mysteries series by Ron Roy

Third grader Dink and his friends use their detective skills to investigate mysteries.



Bailey School Kids series by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thornton Jones

These students always investigate strange occurrences, with books such as *Bigfoot Doesn't Squaredance* and *Knights Don't Teach Piano*.

Big Nate series by Lincoln Pierce

Supremely confident and aspiring cartoonist Nate Wright laughs his way through middle school, managing to collect straight As along with several detentions.



Cam Jansen series by David Adler

Young mystery readers will enjoy how Cam (short for "camera") uses her photographic memory to help solve crimes.

Einstein the Class Hamster series by Janet Tashjian

Einstein is the very knowledgeable class pet in Ms. Moreno's class. Einstein and the students are always ready to solve problems that arise.



Ivy & Bean series by Annie Barrows

Shy Ivy at first seems too boring for energetic Bean, but these schoolmates become great friends. Together they tackle sibling trouble, their school's bathroom ghost, and more...

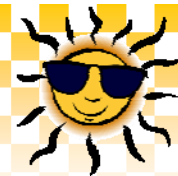


Judy Moody series by Megan McDonald

Witty, detailed drawings accompany lively, mercurial third grade Judy's colorful stories.

Just Grace series by Charise Mericle Harper

Grace (whose harried teacher nicknames her Just Grace to distinguish her from the three other Graces in class) deals with the usual trials and tribulations of third grade.



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SUGGESTED SERIES (cont.):



Justin Case series by Rachel Vail

Justin is always nervous about something — but tries to make the best of things in these humorous stories.

Lulu by Hilary McKay

A fun-filled series for early readers and animal lovers alike, featuring irrepressible Lulu and her best friend and cousin, Mellie.



Magic School Bus series by Joanna Cole

These books explore the human body, the solar system, and much more through adventures on a very special school bus with Ms. Frizzle's class.

Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne

A brother and sister travel to different times in the past.



Marvin Redpost series by Louis Sachar

Third grader Marvin and his comic misadventures.

Matt Christopher series by Matt Christopher and miscellaneous authors

Sports stories.



Nancy Drew Notebooks series by Carolyn Keene

Nancy investigates.

Squish series by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm

Squish is a meek, grade-school amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba."

SUGGESTED AUTHORS:

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