



## SUMMER READING LIST For Students Entering Grade 3

### FICTION

Miss Alaineus by Debra Frasier

*A vocabulary disaster book.*

Crazy Horse's Vision by Joseph Bruchac

*A story based on the life of the dedicated young Lakota boy.*

Sam, Bangs and Moonshine by Evaline Ness

*A tender story of a girl and a friend and a cat.*

The Philharmonic Gets Dressed by Karla Kustin

*The members of the Philharmonic Orchestra get ready for a performance.*

The River Dream by Allen Say

Emma's Rug by Allen Say

*Both stories of dreams and imagination.*

The Foundling by Lloyd Alexander

*A collection of short stories about the magical world of Prydain.*

Anastasia Krupnik by Lois Lowry

*A realistic story told by a ten-year-old girl about her family and complicated life.*

Harriet the Spy by L. Fitzburgh

*A young girl finds herself in a jam with her friends because of her enthusiasm about writing in her journal.*

Swan Lake by Mark Helprin, illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg

*The original fable retold by Mark Helprin and beautifully illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg.*

A City in Winter by Mark Helprin, illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg

*The sequel to Swan Lake.*

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire's

*The stories of the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece- mighty Zeus, with his fistful of thunderbolts, and all the other major and minor gods and goddesses.*

Janitor's Boy by Andrew Clemens

*The story of how a boy comes to love and respect his father for who he is.*

The Elevator Family by Douglas Evans

*A humorous story about the comings and goings of a family who live in an elevator.*

### NON-FICTION

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

*The animals of the rainforest protect their home.*

Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System (series) by Joanna Cole

Monarch Butterfly by Gail Gibbons

Moses the Kitten by James Herriot

26 Fairmont Avenue by Tomie DePaola

*A story of the author's experience of watching his new house being built.*

The Wall by Eve Bunting

*The story of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.*

Meet Matisse by N. Munthe

*A look at a famous artist.*

The Librarian Who Measured the Earth by Kathryn Lasky

*A lively picture book biography of Erathosthenes in ancient Greece.*

Dinosaur Parents, Dinosaur Young Uncovering the Mystery of Dinosaur Families by Kathleen Weidner Zoeheeld

*A very informative book on how dinosaurs of long ago took care of their young.*

Olympia: Warrior Athletes of Ancient Greece illustrated by David Kennett and written by Dyan Blacklock

*A beautifully illustrated book documenting the history of the Olympic games.*

Mack Made Movies by Don Brown

*A simple biography of the director of such slapstick clowns as Charlie Chaplin and the Keystone Kops.*

### CLASSICS

Winnie the Pooh by A. A. Milne

*Read the original story to truly know Pooh and his friends.*

Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum

*Dorothy's adventures with the lion, the scarecrow, and the tin woodmen in Oz.*

Just-So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

*The answer to the question, "Why do animals look the way they do?"*

William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream by Bruce Coville

*A short version of the well-known magical tale with wonderful illustrations.*

### POETRY

The Beauty of the Beast: Poem of the Animal Kingdom by Jack Prelutsky

*Lots of different animal poems.*

Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky

*Poem with a sense of humor about different things.*

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

*Very funny story about children's everyday experiences.*

If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand by Kalli Dakos

*Funny poems about life in school.*

Sing a Song of Popcorn by B. Deregniers

Love to Langston by Tony Medina

*A biographical tribute written in celebration of Langston Hughes' 100 birthday.*

**FAVORITE SERIES**

Cam Jansen by David Adler  
*Humorous detective series.*

High Rise Private Eyes Cynthia Rylant  
*More humorous detective series.*

Horrible Harry by Suzy Kline

*Stories about a little boy named Harry and his adventures of four orphans who live in a train car.*

The Boxcar Kids by Gertrude Chanler Warner  
*Adventures of four orphans who live in a boxcar.*

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne  
*A time-travel adventure series with two children.*

**FAVORITE AUTHORS**

Cynthia Rylant  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Patricia Polacco

William Steig  
E. B. White  
Tomie DePaola

Barbara Cooney  
Jane Yolen  
Faith Ringgold

**READ ALOUDS**

Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco  
*Larnel gives a sorrowing widow, Katz, a tailless cat named "Tush."*

Just-So Stories by Rudyard Kipling  
*The answer to the question, "Why do animals look the way they do?"*

Flossie and the Fox by Pat McKissack  
*A beautiful picture book written with incredible dialect to make this read-aloud come alive.*

The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco  
*A story of a family's heritage told through a family quilt.*

Caleb and Kate by William Steig  
*A humorous story about a husband and wife encountering magic.*

Mr. Lincoln's Way by Patricia Polacco  
*The story of the relationship between a principal and a student.*