

LRSD Recommended Reading List: *Third Grade*

Third Grade is the year when most students begin to develop a strong interest in a topic, series, or author. Many also like funny books! We selected a variety of books to give many options. This is not a required list, but this list can be a starting place to find the books to get your third grader hooked on books!

Where I Live by Eileen Spinelli; Illustrated by Matt Phelan

Diana is a poet and loves her home, friend Rose, and her school. When her family has to make an unexpected move, Diana has to adjust to a new home. This book is written in prose with each piece telling more about Diana's life. There are excellent pencil drawings to match the text. This book will be remembered!

Just Grace by Charise Mericle Harper

Grace likes cats, drawing comics, and is full of ideas. This is the first in a series of Just Grace books; if you like this one, try the others. She's a very funny girl! (Series)

Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One by Judy Blume; Illustrated by James Stevenson

The first- and third-grade narrators tell about their family, growing up, and their lives in this first book of a series. (Series)

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka; Illustrated by Lane Smith

This funny version of the classic story has the wolf getting his way! This is a great book!

Go Wild... Read!

Frindle by Andrew Clements; Illustrated by Brian Selznick

Nick Allen doesn't mean to be a trouble maker, he just has a lot of ideas. In this book, Nick makes up a new word for pen – Frindle – and the word catches on. But, before long, the word has spread and Nick is no longer playing a little game! (Excellent Author)

On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne; Illustrated by Vladimir Radunsky

Young Albert is not like other children, but even though he is different, he grows up to make many discoveries that are still important today.

Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant; Illustrated by Arthur Howard

Kona, a Labrador, meets a squirrel, Stumpy, in the park and they become friends. What will happen when an ice storm comes and how will Stumpy's babies survive? (Amazing writer!)

Journey by Aaron Becker

This is a book that doesn't need words to tell an amazing story – all you need is a red crayon and a great imagination. What story will you tell?

Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman; Illustrated by Skottie Young

This is a hilarious story of time travel, breakfast cereal, and a great family story. You will laugh at all the craziness!

A-to-Z Mysteries: Detective Camp by Ron Roy; Illustrated by John Steven Gurney

Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose are at Detective camp and discover a crime right away. This is a great series if you like a good mystery! Read all the A-to-Z Mysteries if you like this one. (Series)

Eats, Shoots, & Leaves: Why Commas Really Make a Difference by Lynne Truss

This illustrated version of the original book shows clear examples of the importance of punctuation – and it will make you laugh, too!

Nate the Great by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat; Illustrated by Marc Simont

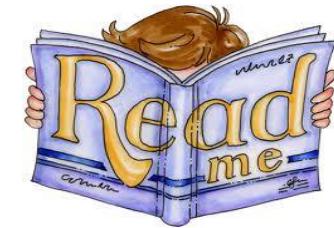
These chapter books are another type of mystery for readers who enjoy a detective story. Read all the books and become an expert problem solver! (Series)

Judy Moody is in a Mood by Megan McDonald; Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Judy is an independent and feisty third grader who likes to work things out her way. What will she do when she has to create a "Me Collage" for her class? This is the first in a funny series. (Series)

Cam Jansen: The Mystery of the Babe Ruth Baseball by David A. Adler; Illustrated by Susanna Natti

Cam has a photographic memory, but will she remember enough to find the missing Babe Ruth Baseball? This series follows the Young Cam Jansen series. (Series)



Amber Brown is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger

If you started reading the A is for Amber series, this continues the story of Amber and her best friend Justin Time. But what will happen when Justin has to move and they start fighting? This book is a longer chapter book for older readers and begins the Amber Brown series. (Series)

When I Was Young on the Mountains by Cynthia Rylant; Illustrated by Diane Goode

This is a beautiful book that tells of a young girl's life living in the mountains a long time ago – and how that's exactly where she wanted to stay. (Excellent author)

Third graders are developing a reading “personality” as they begin to choose to read the books they like. Jump in and read to them as they are reading.

- ✓ Take a field trip to the library and get your child his own library card!
- ✓ Encourage reading the books in a series or on a topic. This interest drives their passion for a lifetime of reading.
- ✓ Take turns reading from the same book.
- ✓ Talk about the book – the characters, what might happen in the next chapter, what the next book in the series might be like.
- ✓ Have a family “reading time” each night. Make this quiet time a habit and talk about the books you read.

Find these and other great books at your local library, book store, or online.  