Shelton School & Evaluation Center, Summer 2018
Book Suggestions For Students Entering Third Grade

Students in the same grade read at many different levels. This list includes suggested authors, titles, and series to help parents choose books that match their children’s reading levels, interests, and family values. Researchers found that children are more likely to finish books they choose and that reading 15-20 minutes a day helps prevent “summer slide”. Students who practice maintain and build reading skills.

While there are no written summer requirements for students entering third grade, Shelton wants students to **read at least 15 minutes a day**. This could mean reading to an adult, listening to an adult or older sibling read, or listening to the audiobook while following along in the book. The list below is only a beginning. Parents will find more lists at the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of American Library Association (www.ala.org/alsc/), Texas Library Association (www.txla.org/reading-lists), Reading Rockets (http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme), and many other sites.

Please note: Many of the chapter books and series below are available in audio formats. An asterisk (*) next to a title indicates it is available in audio. Reading Level (RL) is approximate and is taken from Follett’s Titlewave.com website.

**Readers/Beginning Chapter Books:**

Adler, David A. **Don’t Throw it to Mo!** (Realistic) RL 1.9
Arnold, Tedd. **Fly Guy’s Amazing Tricks** (Humor) RL 1.8+
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King & Kayla** series (Mystery) RL 1.4+
DiCamillo, Kate. **Bink and Gollie** series (Realistic) RL 2.2+
Rylant, Cynthia. **Henry and Mudge** series (Realistic) RL 2.3+
Schneider, Josh. **The Meaneast Birthday Girl** (Realistic) RL 2.1
Sharmat, Majorie Weinman. **Nate the Great** series (Mystery) RL 2.0+
Silverman, Erica. **Cowgirl Kate** series (Realistic) RL 1.5+
Willems, Mo. **Piggy and Elephant** series (Humor) RL .9+
Yee, Wong Herbert. **Mouse and Mole** series (Fantasy) RL 2.6+

**Chapter Book Series:**

Barrows, Annie. **Ivy and Bean*** (Realistic) RL 3.2+
Brown, Jeff. **Flat Stanley** (Some in audio) (Humor, Fantasy) RL 3.5
Brown, Monica. **Lola Levine.** (Realistic) RL 3.4+
Bruel, Nick. **Bad Kitty** (Humor) RL 4.3
Butler, Dori Hillestad. **The Haunted Library** Series (Mystery) RL 3.3 - 3.6
Cronin, Doreen. **Chicken Squad*** (Humor) RL 3.3
DiCamillo, Kate. **Mercy Watson** *series (Humor) RL 2.0+
DiCamillo, Kate. **Tales from Deckawoo Drive** *series (Humor) RL 2.3+
Elliot, Rebecca. **Owl Diaries** (Fantasy) RL 3.3
Gutman, Dan. **Baseball Card Adventure** * (Time-Travel) RL 3.9+
Hale, Shannon and Dean. **The Princess in Black** (Latest in audio) (Fantasy) RL 2.3+
Hanlon, Abby. **Dory Fantasmagory** * (Realistic with Fantasy) RL 1.8+
Hayes, Geoffrey. **Benny and Penny** (Graphic Novel) RL 1.3
Howe, Deborah and James. **Bunnicula** *series (Humor) RL 4.4+
Lagercrantz, Rose. **My Happy Life** (Realistic) RL 2.1
Klise, Kate. **The Three Ring Rascals** * (Realistic) RL 3.2+
Look, Lenore. **Alvin Ho** * (Realistic, Humor) RL 3.7
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody** * (Realistic) RL 3.0+
McDonald, Megan. **Judy Moody and Friends** (Realistic) RL 2.2+
McDonald, Megan. **Stink** * (Realistic, Humor) RL 2.4 +
Osborne, Mary Pope. **Magic Tree House** * (Time-travel) RL 3.1+
Peschke, Marci. **Kylie Jean** series (Realistic) K-3
Potter, Ellen. **Piper Green and the Fairy Tree** * (Realistic) RL 3.0+
Roy, Ron. **A to Z Mysteries** (Some in audio) (Mystery) RL 3.0+
Sacher, Louis. **Marvin Redpost** * (Humor) RL 3.9
Tarshis, Lauren. **I Survived** * (Historical) RL 4.1+
Warner, Gertrude Chandler. **Boxcar Children** * (Mystery) RL 3.0+
Warner, Sally. **Ellray Jakes** * (Realistic) RL 2.5+
Good Family Reads:

Birdsall, Jeanne. The Penderwicks* series (Realistic) RL 5.3
Jenkins, Emily. Toys Go Out* series. (Fantasy) RL 3.7
Perkins, Lynne Rae. Nuts to You* (Fantasy) RL 4.2
Selfors, Suzanne. The Imaginary Veterinary series. (Adventure) 4.2+
Sloan, Holly Goldberg. Appleblossom the Possum* (Fantasy) RL 4.9
Urban, Linda. Weekends with Max and His Dad* (Realistic) RL 4.1

Biography:

(Various Authors) Who Is, Who Was, or What Is? Series (Some in audio)
DePaola, Tommy. 26 Fairmount Avenue* RL 4.4