

NAME _____ TEACHER _____

Summer Reading Check List



WRITE THE TITLE AND AUTHOR

☐ PICTURE BOOK

☐ FUNNY BOOK

☐ NON-FICTION BOOK

☐ GRAPHIC NOVEL

☐ MYSTERY

☐ READ TO SOMEONE ELSE (ANIMALS COUNT)



Summer Reading Challenge and Recommendations

Students entering 3rd Grade in Fall 2023

Goal: To encourage student reading over the summer AND BEYOND! Books can be added to this checklist if they are read by the student, read to the student, or listened to as an audiobook. Include both title and author in the square.

Complete the checklist to have your name listed on the Summer Reading Extravaganza Wall at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year! Except for the Required Reading, books read do not have to be selected from the recommendations lists, but they are a great start.

Required Reading for students entering 3rd Grade - choose one from this list:

Deborah Dieson : *Picture Day Perfection*

Maria Dismondy : *Spaghetti on a Hog Dog Bun*

Janell Cannon: *Pinduli*

Taro Yashima : *Crow Boy*

Summer Reading Recommendations

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Great Chapter Books for 3rd Graders:

American Girl books : historical fiction series by various authors

Kathi Appelt : *Maybe a Fox*

Jane Birdsall : *The Penderwicks*

Judy Blume : *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing*

Frances Hodgson Burnett : *The Secret Garden*

Beverly Cleary : *Ramona* series, *Henry* series AND *Ralph* series

Andrew Clements : *Frindle*, *The Losers Club*, *Keepers of the School* series

Kate DiCamillo : *Flora & Ulysses* AND *The Magician's Elephant*

Roald Dahl : *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, *Charlie & the Choc. Factory*, *James & the Giant Peach*

Betsy Duffey : *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade*

Jeanne DuPrau : *The City of Ember*

Kate Egan : *The Vanishing Coin* series

Elizabeth Eulberg : *The Great Shelby Holmes* series

Andy Griffiths : *Treehouse* series

Dan Gutman : *My Weird School* series AND *Genius Files* series

Marcia Thornton Jones : *Ghostville Elementary* series

Patrick Skene Catling : *The Chocolate Touch*

Gordan Korman : *The Everest* series AND *Swindle* series

Gail Carson Levine : *Ella Enchanted*

Astrid Lindgren : *Pippi Longstocking*

Betty MacDonald : *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* series

Ann M. Martin : *The Doll People* series

Megan McDonald : *Judy Moody* series

Mary Norton : *The Borrowers*

Sara Pennypacker : *Clementine* series

J.K. Rowling : *Harry Potter* series (also a wonderful parent read aloud)

Steve Stevenson : *Agatha: Girl of Mystery* series

Geronimo Stilton : *Geronimo Stilton* series

Thea Stilton : *Thea Stilton* series

Lauren Tarshis : *I Survived* series

Sarah Weeks : *Pie, Honey AND Cheese*

E.B. White : *Trumpet and the Swan, Stuart Little AND Charlotte's Web*

Rita Williams-Garcia : *One Crazy Summer*

Awesome Graphic Novels for 3rd Graders:

The images in graphic novels reinforce the story. The student needs to study the pictures in order to fully understand the text, and can make inferences about the story based on both the pictures and the dialogue. Brigid Alverson writes in *School Library Journal* that "Educators agree that graphic novels are useful for teaching new vocabulary, visual literacy, and reading skills." Students also gain confidence in their reading skills by being able to decipher what is going on in the story before they have learned how to read every word.

George Beard: *The Adventures of Ook and Gluk* series

Paige Braddock: *Stinky Cecil* series

Drew Brockington: *CatStronauts* series

James Burks: *Bird & Squirrel* series

Frank Cammuso: *The Misadventures of Salem Hyde* series

Jack Charbet: *Poptropica* series

Eric Colossal: *Rutabaga* series

Mike Crilley: *The Drawing Lesson*

Disney: *Cinestory Comics* - various movies

Derek Fridolfs: *DC Comics Super Hero Society* series

Emmanuel Guibert: *Ariol* series

Nathan Hale: *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series

Shannon Hale: *Rapunzel's Revenge*

Ben Hatke: *Mighty Jack AND Zita the Spacegirl* series

Jennifer Holm: *Squish* series and *BabyMouse* series

Konami Kanata: *Fuku Fuku* series

Jarrett J. Krozcska: *Lunch Lady* series

Scott McCormick: *Mr. Pants* series

Lincoln Pierce: *Big Nate* series

Anouk Ricard: *Anna & Froga* series

Rafael Rosado: *Giant's Beware AND Dragons Beware*

Doug Savage: *Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy*

Kevin Sherry: *The Yeti Files* series

Dana Simpson: *Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventure* series

Ashley Spires: *Binky* series

Sara Varon: *Bake Sale AND Robot Dreams AND SweaterWeather*

Ursula Vernon: *Hamster Princess* series

Judd Winnick: *HiLo* series

Read-Aloud Chapter Books for Parents to Read to Children:

It is wonderful to read picture books aloud to your children as long as you can, no child is too old for a picture book! However, it is also beneficial to read longer books aloud to your children that take a few sittings to finish. Reading 20 minutes before bedtime is a great way to spend time with your kids, and also share stories they will always remember. Here are some chapter books that kids enjoy during their elementary years. The content can sometimes be heavier however, so make sure and preview a book if it seems scary or too much for your child.

Avi : *Poppy*

Blue Balliett : *Chasing Vermeer*

Christopher Paul Curtis : *Bud, Not Buddy AND The Watsons Go To Birmingham*

Kate DiCamillo : *Because of Winn Dixie & The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Louise Fitzhugh : *Harriet the Spy*

Madeleine L'Engle : *A Wrinkle in Time*

C.S. Lewis : *Chronicles of Narnia* series (read *The Magician's Nephew* first)

Grace Lin : *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

Lois Lowry : *Number the Stars*

L.M. Montgomery : *Anne of Green Gables*

Gary Paulson : *Hatchet*

Rick Riordan : *Percy Jackson* series

J.K. Rowling : *Harry Potter* series

Lemony Snicket : *A Series of Unfortunate Events*

Texas Bluebonnet Award Nominees:

3rd-6th graders in the state of Texas are eligible to vote each year for their favorite book from a list of twenty titles selected by teachers and librarians. GSES students will be learning about these books during the school year, and casting their ballots in January 2024. The winning author and illustrator receives the prestigious Texas Bluebonnet Award. Students are encouraged to read at least 5 of the 20 titles before voting.

Black Boy Joy edited by Kwame Mbalia

Blue by Nana Ekua Brew-Hammond.

Illustrated by Daniel Minter

Gladys the Magic Chicken by Adam Rubin.

Illustrated by Adam Rex

Haven: A Small Cat's Big Adventure by

Megan Wagner Lloyd

Indelible Ann by Meghan P. Browne.

Illustrated by Carlynn Whitt

Invisible by Christina Diaz Gonzalez.

Illustrated by Gabriela Epstein

Leave it to Plum! by Matt Phelan

Once Upon a Tim by Stuart Gibbs.

Illustrated by Stacy Curtis

Solimar: The Sword of the Monarchs by

Pam Muñoz Ryan

Tales to Keep You Up At Night by Dan

Poblocki. Illustrated by Marie Bergeron

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo.

Illustrated by Sophie Blackall

The Dirt Book: Poems About Animals That

Live Beneath Our Feet by David L.

Harrison. Illustrated by Kate Cosgrove

The First Cat in Space Ate Pizza by Mac

Barnett. Illustrated by Shawn Harris

The Last Beekeeper by Pablo Cartaya.

Illustrated by C. Vélez Aguilera

The Last Mapmaker by Christina

Soontornvat

The Legend of Gravity by Charly Palmer

The Marvellers by Dhonielle Clayton

The Polter-Ghost Problem by Betsy Uhrig

Thirst by Varsha Bajaj

Unbound: The Life + Art of Judith Scott by

Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler, illustrated

by Melissa Sweet