

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

Dear Third Grader and Parents,

I am looking forward to summer, and I bet you are too! I am sure that we will have some wonderful experiences to share when we return at the end of summer! One of those experiences is summer reading! Attached you will find the Summer Reading List. I hope you find some wonderful books to read!

You may go to [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com) to get more good ideas for books as well as the important information about reading levels and age-appropriateness. This is from the company *Renaissance Learning*, the creators of Accelerated Reader. To learn more you can go to [www.renlearn.com](http://www.renlearn.com).

Here is a code to help you understand the symbols below:

**IL** means Interest Level. *This is very important.*

**LG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grades K-3. (These are the books you should read.)

**MG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grade 4-8.

**UG** means the book is appropriate in content for Grades 9-12.

**BL** means Book Level. Try to choose books that really match your reading level. Consider the level you were reading at the end of the school year. Read at a level that you feel is right for YOU. If you are new to our school and not sure of your level, use this rule of thumb: If you do not know 5 words on a page, you should try to move that level down a bit. You'll get there a lot faster if you read at a level that is just right for you. **AR Points** mean how many points you will earn if you get 100% on the AR quiz after reading the book. You can review the books right before school starts to take the AR tests.

### **Required Reading:**

I would like each incoming third grader to read [Henry Huggins](#) by Cleary, Beverly  
( IL: **MG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **3.0** )

Third grader Henry Huggins acquires a flea-bitten but charming dog named Ribsy.

1. Then I'd like you to write four/ five sentences telling about your favorite part of the story and illustrate it, too. Please remember to use a capital letter at the beginning of each sentence and punctuation at the end. All words should be spelled correctly and the illustration should be colorful. Be neat when completing your work. I want to see your BEST effort!
2. You will also choose **AT LEAST ONE BOOK FROM EACH OF THE TWO LISTS** (one fiction and one non-fiction) and again write four/ five sentences telling about your favorite part of the story. Don't forget to do a colorful illustration too!

Have lots of fun reading! I'll see you soon!

Mrs. Cohen

## List # 1 Fiction

### Charlotte's Web

White, E.B.

AR Quiz No. 19 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **5.0**

In this endearing story, a little girl and Charlotte, a beautiful grey spider, struggle to save Wilbur the pig from being butchered.

### The Tail of Emily Windsnap (and any of the other books in the series)

Kessler, Liz

AR Quiz No. 78081 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **3.8** - AR Pts: **6.0**

When twelve-year-old Emily is finally allowed to take swimming lessons, she discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself. Book #1

### All the Lovely Bad Ones: A Ghost Story

Hahn, Mary Downing

AR Quiz No. 121675 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **6.0**

While spending the summer at their grandmother's Vermont inn, two prankster siblings awaken ghosts from the inn's distant past.

### Jim & Me: A Baseball Card Adventure

Gutman, Dan

AR Quiz No. 120214 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **6.0**

Stosh and his longtime enemy, Bobby, use a vintage baseball card to travel in time, hoping to stop Jim Thorpe from participating in the 1912 Olympics and losing his medals, but instead, they watch Thorpe struggle during his first season with the Giants.

### The Maze of Bones

Riordan, Rick

AR Quiz No. 125985 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.3** - AR Pts: **7.0**

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents. Book #1

### Judy Moody Saves the World

McDonald, Megan

AR Quiz No. 62253 EN Fiction IL: **LG** - BL: **3.6** - AR Pts: **1.0**

When Judy Moody gets serious about protecting the environment, her little brother, Stink, thinks she is overdoing it, but she manages to inspire her third-grade class to undertake an award-winning, environment-saving project.

### Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express

McDonald, Megan

AR Quiz No. 121642 EN Fiction IL: **LG** - BL: **3.7** - AR Pts: **1.0**

Stink Moody, friends Webster and Sophie, and Mrs. Birdwistle visit tourist attractions in Virginia as they try to give away 101 guinea pigs rescued from a laboratory, although Stink is very reluctant to give away his favorite, Astro. Book #4

### Clementine's Letter

Pennypacker, Sara

AR Quiz No. 121948 EN Fiction IL: **LG** - BL: **4.0** - AR Pts: **2.0**

After learning that her favorite teacher will be leaving for a trip to Egypt and will be absent for the remainder of the year, Clementine devises a plan to get rid of the substitute and get Mr. D'Matz to stay.

### Magic or Not?

Eager, Edward

AR Quiz No. 32199 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **5.0**

When the family moves to Connecticut, twins James and Laura make new friends and begin a series of unusual adventures after discovering an old well that seems to be magic in their backyard.

### The Witches

Dahl, Roald

AR Quiz No. 6448 EN Fiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.7** - AR Pts: **5.0**

In spite of everything his grandmother has taught him about witches, a young boy gets turned into a mouse but does manage to interrupt their plans.

## List #2 Non-Fiction

### [The Air Force Space Command](#)

Braulick, Carrie A.

AR Quiz No. 116121 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **3.5** - AR Pts: **0.5**

This book describes the U.S. Air Force Space Command, including its members, equipment, and missions.

### [Amelia Earhart: Legendary Aviator](#) (or any other non-fiction graphic novel)

Anderson, Jameson

AR Quiz No. 108450 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **3.5** - AR Pts: **0.5**: #

In graphic novel format, this book tells the story of Amelia Earhart, the daring female aviator who disappeared while attempting to become the first woman to pilot a plane around the world.

### [Building Liberty: A Statue Is Born](#)

Hochain, Serge

AR Quiz No. 80286 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **0.5**

This book introduces young men who helped with the statue's construction either in France or later in the United States.

### [George S. Patton Jr.](#)

Sutcliffe, Jane

AR Quiz No. 84387 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.2** - AR Pts: **1.0**

One of the greatest generals in history, George S. Patton never lost a battle. He was the first person to use an automobile in battle and commanded tanks during both World Wars.

### [Who Was Ben Franklin?](#)

Fradin, Dennis Brindell

AR Quiz No. 57659 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.4** - AR Pts: **1.0**

Find out more about the real Benjamin Franklin in this fun and exciting illustrated biography.

### [Ancient Egyptians](#)

Jay, David

AR Quiz No. 2987 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **0.5**: ###

This book discusses the history and life of Ancient Egyptians.

### [Who Was Eleanor Roosevelt?](#)

Thompson, Gare

AR Quiz No. 76216 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.5** - AR Pts: **1.0**

This is a biography of the woman who served as First Lady for the longest time and who was the first President's wife to speak out about important issues of the day.

### [Betsy Ross: Patriot](#)

Franchino, Vicky

AR Quiz No. 61792 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.6** - AR Pts: **0.5**

This book is an introduction to the life and accomplishments of American patriot Betsy Ross, credited with making the first American flag.

### [If You Grew Up with George Washington](#)

Gross, Ruth Belov

AR Quiz No. 24918 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.6** - AR Pts: **1.0**

Describes life in Virginia in the 1730's and 1740's, how people spent their time, worked, what they ate, etc., and what George Washington would have done growing up.

### [Mighty Mount Kilimanjaro](#)

Stilton, Geronimo

AR Quiz No. 136804 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.0** - AR Pts: **1.0**

Geronimo Stilton lets his super-sporty friend Bruce Hyena convince him to go on another one of his adventures as they climb to the top of famous Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Book #41

### [Milton Hershey](#)

Sutcliffe, Jane

AR Quiz No. 76976 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.0** - AR Pts: **0.5**

This book is a biography of the successful chocolate maker who built a town around his factory with unique housing for his workers and a school for disadvantaged students.

### [The Ancient Egyptians](#)

Shuter, Jane

AR Quiz No. 24479 EN Nonfiction IL: **MG** - BL: **4.1** - AR Pts: **0.5**

Describes life in ancient Egypt, including farming, religion, government, and medicine.