**Summer Reading List for Students Entering 3rd Grade:**

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| **By maintaining an active literacy life over the summer, you ensure your child the best start to the next grade level! Happy Reading!** |

* In Elementary School, each child is developing on their own continuum and it is important that you don’t assess your child’s strengths as a reader by reading level alone. Please do not focus on reading level.
* To develop strength as a reader, children need lots of time to read books that are “just right” or at their AR level.

**FAQ: Will Having My Child Read Harder Books Help Them Get Stronger At Reading?**

*NO. Exactly the opposite can happen.*

* It is important that your child not read books that are too hard for them. Research shows that reading books at a “frustration level” may stunt reader’s growth.
* When in doubt, help your child choose books that feel “friendly or familiar” to other books they have enjoyed. The goal is to get students to LOVE reading!

**FAQ: My Child Can Read Harder Books Though and Wants to!**

**Good Question!**

* “Harder Books” often deal with themes and issues that are more mature.
* Harder texts may be “readable” or “decodable” by your child, but they may not be able to read each word smoothly and without error. They may not be able to truly comprehend (understand) the text.
* If your child is excited to read a book beyond their level, read it together!

**PLAN TO HAVE YOUR CHILD READ FOR 20 MINS. PER DAY THROUGH THE SUMMER!**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Your child’s reading level is:\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Recommended Summer Reading List for Students Entering 3rd Grade**

**To look up the exact level of the book you are looking to buy or check out from the library, go to** [**www.arbookfind.com**](http://www.arbookfind.com)

1. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by Roald Dahl, AR Reading Level 4.8,

2. A-Z Mysteries and Bailey School Kids, by Ron Roy, AR Reading Level 3.2-4.0

3. Class Clown, by Robert Munsch, AR Reading Level 3.1

4. Charolette's Web, by E.B. White, AR Reading Level 4.4,

5. James and the Giant Peach, by Roald Dahl, AR Reading Level 4.8,

6. Diary of the Wimpy Kid Series, by Jeff Kinney, AR Reading Level 3.5-6.8,

7. Flat Stanley Series, by Josh Greenhut, AR Reading Level 2.2-4.1,

8. All of Dan Gutman books, by Dan Gutman, AR Reading Level up to 5.2

9. Goosebumps Series, by R.L. Stine, AR Reading Level 2.2-4.0

10. Magic Tree House Series (history plus mystery), by Will Osborne, AR Reading Level 3.0-5.2

11. Chocolate Touch, by Patrick Skene Catling, AR Reading Level 4.7

12. Matilda, by Roald Dahl, AR Reading Level 4.0-6.5

13. Rainbow Series, by Daisy Meadows, AR Reading Level 2.4-4.7

14. The Kane Chronicles, by various authors, AR Reading Level 4.0-7.2

15. 39 Clues Series, various authors, AR Reading Level 3.0-5.0

16. June B. Jones Series, Barbara Park, AR Reading Level 2.3-3.4

17. Nate the Great Series, by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat, AR Reading Level 2.4-2.7

18. Super Fudge, by Judy Blume, AR Reading Level 3.4

19. Double Fudge, by Judy Blume, AR Reading Level 3.6

20. Fudge-a-mania, by Judy Blume, Fudge, AR Reading Level 3.3

21. Sideways Stories from Wayside School, Louis Sachar, AR Reading Level 3.3

22. Wayside School is Falling Down, by Louis Sachar, AR Reading Level 3.4