

THIRD GRADE

Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 3rd grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: www.cmlibrary.org/summerread

Weird but True

A series by National Geographic that offers a collection of true facts about such topics as animals, food, science, outer space, geography, and weather.

Planets

Arion

Enjoy a tour of the planets, moons, asteroids, comets and other rocks that orbit the sun.

Journey

Becker

Using a red marker, a young girl draws a door on her bedroom wall and through it enters another world where she experiences many adventures, including being captured by an evil emperor.

Bad Kitty for President

Bruel

Kitty decides to run for President of the Neighborhood Cat Coalition.

Frindle

Clements

Clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

The Trouble with Chickens

Cronin

J. J. Tully, a former search and rescue dog, is supposed to be enjoying retirement until a mama hen comes to him for help finding two of her lost babies.

The Lemonade War

Davies

Evan and his sister Jesse battle out their differences as they each operate lemonade stands.

The Cats of Tanglewood Forest

DeLint

Twelve-year-old Lillian, an orphan who loves roaming the woods looking for fairies, is bitten by a deadly snake and saved through the magical forest creatures.

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel

Grimes

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

A Story, A Story: An African Tale

Haley

Recounts how most African folk tales came to be called "Spider Stories."

Just Grace*Harper*

Misnamed by her teacher, seven-year-old Just Grace prides herself on being empathetic, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

Monster on the Hill*Harrell*

In a fantastical England where each small town has a monster, the people of Stoker-on-Avon have to help their own, a depressed creature named Rayburn, become the monster he was born to be.

Zita the Spacegirl*Hatke*

Young Zita discovers a device that opens a portal to another place and her best friend is abducted, forcing her to set out on a journey from star to star to get back home.

Amazing Grace*Hoffman*

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to do.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*Kamkwamba*

The true story of how young William Kamkwamba brought electricity to his village by creating a windmill from junk.

The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: poems about the presidents *Katz*

A collection of humorous poems of various forms, including concrete, rhyming, and free verse, about each of the U.S. Presidents.

The Pig on the Hill*Kelly*

Pig enjoys his quiet life on the hill until Duck moves in next door and ruins his lovely view by building a big house and swimming pool.

Anyone But Me*Krulik*

Katie Carew, nicknamed Katie Kazoo by the class bully, wishes that she could be anyone but herself, but when her wish comes true and she turns into a hamster, she has to figure out what to do. First in a series.

Numbed*Lubar*

After having their brains zapped by a robot, two friends must solve a series of math challenges in order to get their math skills back.

Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909*Markle*

An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's pivotal role in organizing a massive walkout to protest the unfair working conditions in New York's garment district.

A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray*Martin*

The story of Squirrel, a stray puppy making her way in the world as she faces busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

A Street Through Time*Noon*

Take a breathtaking journey through time as a street evolves from a camp of nomadic hunter-gatherers to the present day.

Road Trip*Paulsen*

A father and son embark on a road trip to a distant animal shelter to save a homeless border collie puppy.

Clementine*Pennypacker*

Clementine is just a girl, but she has so many issues...from trouble with her friend Margaret to pigeons run amok, but Clementine handles it all with a bit of humor. First in a series.

Sit In: How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down*Pinkney*

A celebration of the Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing Civil Rights Movement.

The Blessing Cup*Polacco*

A single china cup from a tea set left behind when Jews were forced to leave Russia helps hold a family together through generations of living in America, reminding them of the most important things in life.

Calvin Coconut*Salisbury*

A humorous series about a boy that lives with his mother and sister near the beach in Hawaii.

Battle Bunny*Scieszka*

Alex hijacks a story about Birthday Bunny and turns it into a battle between a supervillain and his enemies in the forest--who, in the original story, are simply planning a surprise party.

Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*Sternberg*

After growing up with Bibi, her babysitter, Eleanor must learn how to cope with a new babysitter. First in a series.

Each Kindness*Woodson*

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.