



Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Program

Suggested Reading List Elementary – Third Grade

The purpose of the Prince William County Public Schools Summer Reading Recommendation is for students to enjoy quality literature and to continue developing their independent reading skills to support critical thinking, creative thinking, communication, collaboration and citizenship. Student participation in the challenge is voluntary. Students who choose to participate will read books they self-select. Students that read during the summer can grow and explore new experiences to support life-long reading habits.

The following titles are suggestions to help foster a love of reading for pleasure. Other books selected by the student with guidance from a parent, guardian, or librarian, are also acceptable.

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Author	Title	Publication Date	Annotation
Chabert, Jack	<i>The School Is Alive!</i> or any book in the <i>Eerie Elementary</i> series	2014	Sam Graves discovers that his school is alive and plotting against students, and, as hall monitor, it is his job to protect them, but he will need some help from his friends.
Cummings, Troy	<i>Charge of the Lightning Bugs</i> or any book in the <i>Notebook of Doom</i> series	2015	It is the first day of the brand-new Stermont Elementary School, but everything electrical seems to be going haywire and Alexander and his friends know that there must be a monster involved.
DiCamillo, Kate	<i>Mercy Watson to the Rescue</i> or any book in the <i>Mercy Watson</i> series	2005	After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.
Elliot, Rebecca	<i>Eva's Treetop Festival</i> or any book in the <i>Owl Diaries</i> series	2015	Having a Bloomtastic Festival at school to celebrate spring is a great idea- but Eva Wingdale, a young owl, discovers that it is also a lot of work, and there is nothing wrong with asking her friends for help.
Florian, Douglas	<i>Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles</i> or any children's poetry book by this author	2014	An illustrated collection of silly nonsense poems about topics kids care about: talents, avoiding homework, friends and more.
Gutman, Dan	<i>Miss Daisy is Crazy!</i> or any book in the <i>My Weird School</i> series	2004	Miss Daisy's unusual teaching methods surprise her second-grade students, especially reluctant learner, A.J.
Harley, Bill	<i>Charlie Bumpers vs. the Teacher of the Year</i> or any book in the <i>Charlie Bumpers</i> series	2013	Charlie Bumpers is sure he does not stand a chance of getting along with his fourth-grade teacher and despite his best efforts to be neat and well-behaved, he always seems to be in trouble until he discovers her secret.
Holm, Jennifer	<i>Squish, Super Amoeba</i> or any book in the <i>Squish</i> series	2011	Squish, a meek amoeba who loves the comic book exploits of his favorite hero, "Super Amoeba," tries to emulate him when his best friend is threatened by a bully.
Jones, Noah	<i>Moldylocks and the Three Beards</i> or any book in the <i>Princess Pink and the Land of Fake-Believe</i> series	2014	After falling through the refrigerator into the Land of Fake-Believe, Princess meets a girl named Moldylocks who takes her to the home of the Three Beards for chili – but when the Beards capture her friend, Princess must come up with a plan to save her.
Kirby, Stan	<i>Captain Awesome to the Rescue!</i> or any book in the <i>Captain Awesome</i> series	2012	When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to find the kidnapped class hamster.
Krosoczka, Jarrett	<i>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute</i> or any book in the <i>Lunch Lady</i> series	2009	The school lunch lady is a secret crime fighter who uncovers an evil plot to replace all the popular teachers with robots.

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Marko, Cindy	<i>Let's Get Cracking</i> or any book in the <i>Kung Pow Chicken</i> series	2014	Gordon Blue and his brother Benny, unlikely superheroes, must save Fowladelphia from Granny Goosebumps, who has filled the city with cookies that cause innocent chickens' feathers to fall off.
McDonald, Megan	<i>Judy Moody, Mood Martian</i> or any book in the <i>Judy Moody</i> series	2014	When it is "Backward Day," Judy must turn her usual sour mood upside down and be happy and nice for a change.
McMullen, Kate	<i>Have a Hot Time, Hades!</i> or any book in the <i>Myth-o-Mania</i> series	2012	In this story with a modern twist, Hades tells his own version of how he became King of the Underworld and Zeus became King of the Gods.
Meltzer, Brad	<i>I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> or any book in the <i>Ordinary People Change the World</i> series	2016	A biography of Martin Luther King, Jr. that tells the story of how he used nonviolence to lead the civil rights movement.
Mylnowski, Sarah	<i>Fairest of All</i> or any book in the <i>Whatever After</i> series	2012	After moving to a new house ten-year-old Abby and brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.
Osborne, Mary Pope	<i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i> or any book in the <i>Magic Treehouse</i> series	1992	Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic treehouse, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.
Park, Barbara	<i>Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus</i> or any book in the <i>Junie B. Jones</i> series	1992	In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.
Peirce, Lincoln	<i>Big Nate: In a Class by Himself</i> or any book in the <i>Big Nate</i> series	2010	Supremely confident middle school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement.
Pennypacker, Sara	<i>Clementine's Letter</i> or any book in the <i>Clementine</i> series	2009	While finding new vegetable names to call her little brother, eight-year-old Clementine hatches a plan to prevent her beloved teacher from being selected to go on a once-in-a-lifetime research trip to Egypt.
Silverstein, Shel	<i>Where the Sidewalk Ends</i> or any children's poetry book by this author	1974	A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.
Smith, Jeff	<i>Out from Boneville</i> or any book in the <i>Bone</i> series	2005	The first book in a graphic series about the adventures of the three Bone cousins.
Stilton, Geronimo or Thea Stilton	<i>Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye</i> or any book in the <i>Geronimo Stilton</i> series	2004	When Geronimo's sister, Thea, discovers an old, mysterious map showing a secret treasure hidden on a faraway island, the gang of the "Rodent's Gazette" is dragged into a treasure hunt.
Wright, Eric	<i>Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom</i> or any book in the <i>Frankie Pickle</i> series	2009	Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.

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