Summer Reading: 3rd Grade

For the pleasure and for the academic benefits of literature, Thrasher has an expectation for summer reading. Our hope is that you will find books you love and enjoy them deeply.

Beliefs about Summer Reading

- Reading during the summer should be a pleasure.
- We want you to read for you.
- You should have lots of choices in your reading.
- Developing a reading life has personal & academic benefits.

We want you and the students in your grade level to experience some books in common so that you can talk about what you’ve read. That’s why we have titles under Expected Reading.

Expected Reading (2 books)

**Narrative Text (Choose 1)**
*Frindle* by Andrew Clements

**Informational Text (Choose 1)**
*Who Was Harriet Tubman* by Yona Zeldis McDonough and Nancy Harrison

We also want you to read a lot because it benefits you and your school when you read voraciously. Of course, we want you to read books of your choice, which is why we have titles under Suggested Reading. Can you read books that are not listed here? OF COURSE! You are in charge of your reading life. The important thing is read, read, read...and that you enjoy it!

**How to Tell if a Book is Just Right for You**

When you start to read a book, ask yourself three questions:

1. Can I understand it?
2. Can I talk about it?
3. Can I enjoy it?

If you can say “yes” to all three questions, you should read the book! If you say “no” to one or more questions, it may be time to abandon the book and look for another one.

“Outside of a dog, a book is a man’s best friend. Inside of a dog, it’s too dark to read.” — Groucho Marx

“The things I want to know are in books. My best friend is the man who’ll get me a book I haven’t read.” — Abraham Lincoln
Suggested Titles

Narrative Texts

Wonderstruck and books by Selznick
One and Only Ivan and books by Applegate
Chains and books by Anderson
Walk Two Moons and books by Creech
The Flora and Ulysses and books by DiCamillo
Spiderwick Chronicles (series) and books by DiTerlizzi
My Side of the Mountain and books by George
Mr. Lemoncello’s Library and books by Grabenstein
13-Story Treehouse (series) and books by Griffiths
Just Juice and books by Hesse
One Small Dog and books by Hurwitz
The Year of the Dog and books by Lin
Shiloh (series) and books by Naylor
Woodsrunner and books by Paulsen
A Year Down Under and books by Peck
Wonder and books by Polaccio
Trumpet of the Swan and books by White
Nancy Drew (series) and books by Keene
Hardy Boys (series) and books by Dixon
The Mysterious Benedict Society and books by Stewart
Hoot and books by Hiaasen
Holes and books by Sachar
The Watsons go to Birmingham and books by Curtis
Whittington and books by Armstrong
The Giant Rat of Sumatra and books by Fleishman
I Funny and books by Paterson
The Lightning Thief (series) and books by Riordan
Charlie Bone (series) and books by Nimmo
The Sisters Grimm (series) and books by Buckley
Spy School Novel (series) and books by Gibbs
The Secret (series) and books by Bosch
Theodore Boone (series) and books by Grisham

Informational Texts

The Everything Kids’ Human Body Book by Amsel
Jurassic Poop: What Dinosaurs Left Behind by Berkowitz
How to Really Fool Yourself: Illusions for Senses by Cobb
The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science by Connolly
The Book of Perfectly Perilous Math by Connolly
I Wish I Knew That Math: Cool Stuff You Need to Know by Goldsmith
Astronomy (Basher Science books) by Green
The Lives of Extraordinary Women by Hewitt
Unlikely Friendships (Animal Friendships) by Holland
Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story... by Fleischman
The American Flag by Landau
Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Sur... by Long
Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People by Marrin
Marching for Freedom by Partridge
Behind the Blue and Gray by Ray
Chew on This by Schlosser
The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Sis
Wired by Suen
Chasing Lincoln’s Killer by Swanson
You Just Can’t Help It! (Wild, Wacky Human Behav...) by Szpirglas
Mummies: The Newest, Coolest, & Creepiest by Tanaka
Budgeting: How Economics Works by Donovan
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inve... by Thimmesh
Insects: An Extraordinary World Revealed Up Close by Viewfinder

Series of Informational Texts that are Really Good

National Geographic Kids
Interactive History Adventures
Time for Kids Biographies
A Wicked History
I Survived series

Poetry Authors

Mary Ann Hoberman
Douglas Florian
Shel Silverstein
Calef Brown
Dean Walter Myers
X. J. Kennedy
Jack Prelutsky
Jane Yolen