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Dear Third Grade Families,

Attached are some suggestions for your child's summer reading. Please look through the reading list with your child. Talk to Librarians and check bookstores for other ideas. Remember that it is important that summer reading not become a chore. Your help in making reading as enjoyable and relaxing an experience as possible is invaluable. It is appropriate that summer reading books are not too taxing. Third graders will have plenty of chances to stretch themselves with challenging books during the school year. Don't forget to continue reading aloud to your child; there are a lot of good books out there for parents and children to share.

Do all you can to keep your child reading throughout the summer. Each incoming third grader should keep a list of titles and authors of books read over the summer. If your child reads more than five books, it's not necessary to list more than five.

As part of the school-wide summer writing program, third graders should write three postcards, about summer adventures, books or anything else; one to each of the following people:

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Ms. Diana Besteiro
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I look forward to greeting your third graders in September and starting our year together.

Best Wishes

Sherry Pohlchuk

Third Grade Summer Reading List

Many of the titles below are part of a series or one of several good books by the authors.

FICTION

The Adventures of Captain Underpants, Dav Pilkey
The Bobsey Twins of Lakeport, Laura Lee Hope
The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto, Natalie Standiford
Days of the Dragon King (Magic Tree House #14), Mary Pope Osborne
Days with Frog and Toad, Arnold Lobel
Deborah Sampson Goes to War, Bryna Stevens
Flat Stanley, Jeff Brown
Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg, Gail Carson Levine
Horrible Harry and the Mud Gremlins, Suzy Kline
House Boat Mystery (The Boxcar Children), Gertrude Chandler Warner
Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Catcher, Bruce Coville
Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie, Peter and Connie Roop
Look Who's Playing First Base, Matt Christopher
Lost Treasure of the Emerald Eye, Geronimo Stilton
Man-O-War: Best Race Horse Ever, Jennifer Guess McKerley
Ramona Quimby Age 8, Ramona the Brave, Beverly Cleary
Shining Star, Megan McDonald
The Yellow Yacht (A-Z Mysteries), Ron Roy

NON-FICTION:

The Easy Baseball Book; The Easy Hockey Book, Jonah Kalb
Saturn; Jupiter; Icebergs and Glaciers; Galaxies, Seymour Simon
The Trojan Horse: How the Greeks Won the War, Emily Little
Amazing Animal Disguises, Amazing Armored Animals, Amazing Flying Machines,
Amazing Cars, Amazing Boats, Eyewitness, Jr. Series
Penguins; Bears; Rocks and Minerals; Butterflies and Moths; Birds of Prey;
Whales and Other Sea Mammals; Earthquakes; Moon, Sun and Stars;
Space Shuttles, New True Science Series
Ludwig Von Beethoven, Rachel Carson, Mark Twain,
Rookie Biography Series, Carol Greene
Meet Christopher Columbus, Meet Ben Franklin, Meet Lewis and Clark,
"Step-Up Books" Biography Series
Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky, Margaret Mead: The World Was Family,
Our Golda: The Story of Golda Meir, Women of America Biography Series