

## Third Grade Suggested Reading List

In Centennial School District, we enthusiastically encourage our students to read in and out of school all year long. As a learning community, we endorse the Pennsylvania Department of Education's recommendation that elementary children read at least 25 books a year. We have included authors, titles, and series on this list that will appeal to your child.

Please encourage your child's non-fiction passions by guiding him or her to books on a favorite topic. Wide reading about true things helps create minds that are open and prepared for inquiry in science and social studies. Poetry gives children access to exquisite language, and biographies inspire and help us to understand the world around us. Fiction fires the imagination and engenders a life-long love of reading.

While it is important that your child read some books independently, it is essential that you continue to **read with your child** throughout elementary school. As an adult reader, you can model thinking strategies, demonstrate reading with fluency and expression, introduce new words and ideas, and help your child make connections between books and the world. Teachers, reading specialists, teacher-librarians, and public librarians are all at your service in determining the very best books to share with your child.

Author	Title
<b>BIOGRAPHY</b>	
Adler, David	A Picture Book of Series...
Kroll, Stephen	William Penn Founder of Pennsylvania
McKissack, Patricia	Marian Anderson a Great Singer
McLeese, Don	Jim Thorpe
Sutcliffe, Jane	Milton Hershey
<b>FICTION</b>	
Adler, David	Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the UFO**
Christopher, Matt*	Centerfield Ballhawk
Cleary, Beverly	Ramona Quimby, Age 8*
Conford, Ellen	Case for Jenny Archer**
Coville, Bruce*	Space Brat
Dadey, Debbie	Bailey School Kids**
Dagliesh, Alice	Courage of Sarah Noble
Dahl, Roald*	Enormous Crocodile
Etra, Jonathan	Aliens for Breakfast**
Giff, Patricia Reilly	The Beast in Mrs. Rooney's Room*
Greenberg, Dan	The Zack Files**
Gutman, Dan	Mrs. Roopy is Loopy**
Hurwitz, Johanna*	Class Clown
Kline, Suzy	Horrible Harry**
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody**

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McMullan, Kate	Dragon Slayers' Academy**
Polacco, Patricia*	The Meteor
Roy, Ron	A to Z Mysteries**
Sachar, Louis	Marvin Redpost**
Sachar, Louis	Wayside School is Falling Down**
Scieszka, Jon*	Stinky Cheese Man
Shreve, Susan	Flunking of Joshua T. Bates**
Spinelli, Eileen	Lizzy Logan**
Stilton, Geronimo	Geronimo Stilton**
Various Authors	An American Girl**
Various Authors	Magic School Bus Chapter Books**
<b>FOLKTALES</b>	
Aardema, Verna	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
Demi	King Midas the Golden Touch*
Dolch, Edward	Stories From...**
Kipling Rudyard	How the Camel Got Its Hump*
SanSouci, Robert*	Young Guinevere
<b>POETRY</b>	
Florian, Douglas*	Laugh-eteria
Prelutsky, Jack	The Beauty of the Beast
Silverstein, Shel*	Falling Up
<b>SCIENCE</b>	
Brimer, Larry	Saturn**
Burton, Robert	Egg: Photographic Story of Hatching
Cole, Joanna*	Magic School Bus in the Solar System
Jennings, Terry	Seeds and Seedlings
Markle, Sandra*	Outside and Inside Bats
Schwartz, David M.	Millions to Measure
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b>	
Ansair, Mir Tamim	Eastern Woodlands Indians**
Cherry, Lynne	The Great Kapok Tree
Fox, Mary Virginia	South America
Heinrichs, Ann	Pennsylvania
Kane, Kristen	K is for Keystone
Betancourt, Jeanne	Pony Pals**

\* may choose other books by that author

\*\* may choose other books in that series