



Mary S. Shoemaker School

Suggested Reading List

3rd Grade

(Please see the Shoemaker Homepage for additional grade levels.)



Dear Family,

The staff members of the Mary Shoemaker School have compiled a suggested reading list for each grade level to assist families when selecting books for reading with their children. Many of these books can be found in our local library, at bookstores, or through some of our classroom orders such as Scholastic and Arrowhead. Some of the titles on the list are great for children to read on their own, while others are perfect for reading aloud together. Reading is a life long journey and we hope the list provided will help in making selections for your children that they will enjoy. Happy reading!

Many third graders are interested in reading chapter books. Maintaining interest and understanding the story line in these longer books can be challenging. Reading books in a series can help children with this; reading gets easier as your child gets to know characters and the author's style. While your child may be eager to read longer chapter books, consider reading picture books as well. Many picture books have challenging vocabulary and exciting story lines, and they help children grow as readers without the demands of a longer book. Continuing to read aloud (or listening to books on CD together) is also a great way to introduce your child to advanced vocabulary, new series, or new genres, and it can help reluctant readers develop an interest in books.

Series

Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne
A-Z Mysteries – by Ron Roy
Flat Stanley – by Jeff Brown
DK Eyewitness Books – by various authors
Cam Jansen – by David A. Adler
Catwings by Ursula LeGuin
Puppy Place and Kitty Corner by Ellen Miles
Geronimo Stilton
Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
Judy Moody by Megan McDonald

Magazines

Ranger Rick
Highlights
Sports Illustrated for Kids
National Geographic Kids

Authors

Beverly Cleary	William Steig	Cynthia Rylant
David M. Schwartz	Dan Gutman	David Adler
Shel Silverstein	Matt Christopher	Jack Prelutsky
Douglas Florian	Patricia Polacco	Gordon Korman
Jan Brett	Dick King-Smith	