

Summer Reading List for Third Grade

2020-2021

Find a good place and time to enjoy reading every day. Find a series or a book you love. Be ready to recommend it to a classmate! Make a picture of a favorite character that you read about. Add some words that describe that character.

Here are some recommendations for book series:

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy

Jigsaw Jones Mysteries by James Preller

Cam Jansen Mysteries by David Adler

Marvin Redpost Series by Louis Sachar

Babysitter Club Series by Ann Martin

Junie B. Jones Series by James Preller

Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Scooby Doo Mysteries by James Gelsey

Wayside School series by Louis

American Girls Series by various authors

Arthur Chapter Books by Marc

The Littles books by John Peterson

Eyewitness Readers, Level 3 and 4 by various authors

Ramona books or any books by Beverly Cleary

In addition, third graders will have the chance to participate on an Oregon Battle of the Books team. Read some this summer to get ready for this fun competition. Here is the list for third to fifth graders:

3rd to 5th Grade Division

- Before They Were Authors by Elizabeth Haidle
- Bob by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead
- A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold
- Changeling by William Ritter
- The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui T. Sutherland
- El Deafo by Cece Bell
- Fatty Legs by Christy Jordan-Fenton & Margaret Pokiak-Fenton
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz
- Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- Power Forward by Hena Khan
- Small Spaces by Katherine Arden
- Space Case by Stuart Gibbs
- Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser
- A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

Here is the annotated list:

2020-2021 Oregon Battle of the Books

3-5 Division Annotated Booklist

Note: The elementary division is designed for 4th and 5th graders. 3rd grade participants are welcome. Please review the title list with your reader to make sure the titles will be interesting and engaging for their reading level.

Before They Were Authors by Elizabeth Haidle

2019

Profiles the childhoods of ten authors, including Maya Angelou, Roald Dahl, and J.K. Rowling, emphasizing what makes a writer and what inspires them.

Biographies 64 pages

Bob by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead

2018

While visiting her grandmother in Australia, ten-year-old Livy is reminded of the promise she made five years earlier to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.

Fantasy 224 pages 590L AR 3.9 (4 Pts.)

A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

2017

Bat's mom, a veterinarian, has brought home a baby skunk, which she needs to take care of until she can hand him over to a wild-animal shelter. But the minute Bat (Bixby Alexander Tam) meets the kit, he knows they belong together.

Realistic Fiction 208 pages 760L AR 4.6 (3 Pts.)

Changeling by William Ritter

2019

Twelve-year-olds Tinn and Cole, raised as human twins in sleepy Endsborough, risk their lives in the Wild Wood, Oddmire Swamp, and the Deep Dark to learn which is a goblin changeling with an important mission.

Fantasy

272 pages

710L

AR 4.9 (7 Pts.)

The Dragonet Prophecy by Tui T. Sutherland

2012

The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting.

Fantasy

304 pages

740L

AR 5.0 (10 Pts.)

El Deafo by Cece Bell

2014

When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.

Fantasy 117 pages 630L AR 4.2 (2 Pts.)

Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin 2016

Four children living in different parts of the country and in different circumstances find their lives intersecting as the events of September 11, 2001, unfold.

Historical Fiction 208 pages 730L AR 4.8 (5 Pts.)

Power Forward by Hena Khan 2018

Fourth-grader Zayd yearns to play basketball on the Gold Team. When he skips orchestra rehearsal to practice, his parents forbid anything basketball-related, and tryouts are coming soon.

Sports Fiction 144 pages 600L AR 3.8 (2 Pts.)

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden 2018

After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through the scary woods. She must use all her wits to survive and she must stick to small spaces.

Horror 218 pages 570L AR 4.1 (6 Pts.)

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs 2014

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

Science Fiction 368 pages 750L AR 5.3 (11 Pts.)
Mystery

Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones 2015

Through a series of letters, twelve-year-old Sophie Brown tells of her family's move to Great-Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

Fantasy 240 pages 880L AR 5.2 (5 Pts.)

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser 2017

Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.

Realistic Fiction 320 pages 810L AR 5.3 (7 Pts.)

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

2019

A young wolf separated from his pack journeys 1,000 miles across the Pacific Northwest, dealing with forest fires, hunters, highways and hunger before finding a new home.

Animal Tales 256 pages 670L AR 4.3 (4 Pts.)