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## Grade 3

### Summer Reading Tips and Book Suggestions

Your students have grown to be great readers this year. They have gained many reading skills that will still need to be practiced over the summer to ensure retention. Thus, it is important to keep your students reading over the summer. Summer reading can bridge the end of one school year and the beginning of the next.

#### Why do summer reading?

Increase reading level

Individualize reading material

Language skills

Vocabulary

Ethics

Expand World

\*I ask that your child read every day for at least fifteen minutes.

#### **Set goals and reward reading.**

Reward reading with more reading. If your child finishes one book, stop by the store and let him pick out another.

Make reading together fun and memorable.

. Have your child read the instructions and then give it a try.

### Here are some great books that second and third graders love to read!

#### PICTURE BOOKS

Flat Stanley -- Jeff Brown

A falling bulletin board flattens Stanley

So he is only one-half inch thick.

## **FOLKTALES AND FAIRYTALES**

### **THE DWARF GIANT.**

The life of a bored prince

Becomes more interesting when a dwarf arrives. Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato -- Tomie De Paola, Tomie DE Paola; Library Binding

The laziest man in Ireland catches a

Leprechaun who offers a potato seed for his freedom.

Tops & Bottoms (Caldecott Honor Book, 1996, No 4) -- Janet Stevens

A trickster tale about a lazy bear and a smart rabbit. The Egyptian Cinderella -- Shirley Climo,

In this version of Cinderella

Set in Egypt in the sixth century B.C.,

A slave girl is chosen by the Pharaoh to be his queen.

## **FICTION**

**Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears** -- Verna Aardema, Leo D. Dillon (Illustrator); Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds -- David A. Adler, Susanna Natti Aliens For Breakfast (Stepping Stone, paper) -- Jonathan

**Miss Rumphius** -- Barbara Cooney Dinosaurs Before Dark (Magic Tree House 1, paper)

A tree house that travels through time.

This is the first book in the Magic Tree House Series. Horrible Harry in Room 2B -- Suzy Kline, Frank Remkiewicz (Illustrator)

Harry is a 2nd grader who likes to do horrible things. (Look for other Horrible Harry books.)

**The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups** -- David Wisniewski (Illustrator);

Parents seem to have a lot of rules. Here you can find the "real" reason behind the rules. Paper Bag Princess -- Michael Martchenko (Illustrator), Robert N. Munsch

A princess outwits a dragon to rescue the prince she intends to marry. Grandmama's Joy -- Eloise Greenfield, Carole Byard (Illustrator);

**Amelia Bedelia and the Baby** -- Peggy Parish Chicken Soup with Rice: A Book of Months -- Maurice Sendak Junie B. Jones Smells Something Fishy (Junie B. Jones 12, Library Binding) -- Barbara Park,

**Martha Blah Blah** -- Susan Meddaugh

A talking dog takes action You Can't Eat Your Chicken Pox, Amber Brown Zelda and Ivy One Christmas -- Laura McGee Kvasnosky (Illustrator);

## **NON-FICTION**

***The Buck Stops Here: The Presidents of the United States*** -- Alice Provensen; Paperback

Personal and political facts about the presidents presented in a light hearted way.

***Chew on This: Everything You Need to Make Your Own Bubble Gum!*** -- Susan Devins, Jerri Johnson  
(Illustrator);

The only book about the history and science of chewing gum that includes all the ingredients kids need to make their very own brand!

***I See Animals Hiding*** -- Jim Arnosky

A wonderfully illustrated book on animal camouflage