

Grades 3 & 4 Summer Reading



Reading is very important over the summer. Students need to stay engaged with reading and learning, so they do not suffer the “Summer Slide”, (the loss of skills). Reading during July and August will help your child practice skills and grow as a learner. Not only will they experience faraway places, learn a fun fact about an animal or help solve a mystery, they will also learn new vocabulary, reinforce their grammar and writing skills.

Students in Third & Fourth Grade are to read as many books as possible. Choose your favorite book and write a summary about the story. Be sure to include the title and author. Challenge yourself to complete as many activities on the bingo board as possible. Mark off the ones you complete. Keep a list on the back of the books you read. Let’s see who can read the most!

Return your summer reading log to your teacher by September 10, 2020.

Happy Reading

SUMMER READING BINGO

Read a book that has won an award	Read a book about someone who is different than you	Read a book that makes you laugh	Read a book that teaches you about an event in history	Read a book about a real person
Read a book that can't be real	Read a book that you can read to someone younger	Read a book with a talking animal	Read a book about coding	Read a book of poems
Read a book about technology	Read a book that teaches you about a place	Your choice!	Read a book that makes you think	Read a book about science fiction
Read a biography	Read a mystery book	Read a book about art	Read a book about friendship	Read a book that was made into a movie
Read a book that teaches you about an animal	Read a book about a musician	Read a graphic novel	Read a book by your favorite author	Read a book about an inventor

Suggested Reading for Grades 3-4

Fiction/Series

Lucky Beans by **Becky Birtha** Like so many people during the Great Depression of the 1930s, Marshall Loman's dad has lost his job. There's little money, but there are plenty of beans—in fact, Ma cooks them for supper every single night! Beans start looking better when Marshall sees the contest posted in the furniture store window. HOW MANY BEANS ARE IN THE JAR? WIN THIS BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINE! Ma needs that sewing machine—but how can Lomans possibly guess right? DRA 34

The Lion's Share by **Matthew McElligott** When Ant receives a special invitation to dine with Lion, she is ready to be on her best behavior. During dessert, the other guests do not mind their manners, and by the time the dessert cake reaches Ant, barely a crumb is left for her to share with the King! Baking a cake seems like the perfect way to make it up to him . . . until the other guests turn her kind gesture into a contest. DRA 24

The Adventurer's Guide to a Successful Escape by Wade Albert White Part fantasy, part sci-fi, this book follows the adventures of 13-year-old Anne, her best friend Penelope, and their new questing partner Hiro as they solve riddles, fight mystical animals, and travel to strange lands. Grades 3-7

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by **Jeff Kinney** Follow Greg Heffley as he navigates middle school in this #1 New York Times bestselling series. Grades 3-7

Nate the Great Series by **Lincoln Peirce** From snowball ambushes to a record-setting detention streak, Big Nate goes big when it comes to scouts, sports and school. Grades 3-7

Kane Chronicles Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

The Heroes of Olympus Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

Percy Jackson Series by **Rick Riordan** Gods, demigods, and monsters galore. Grades 3-7

Battle Bugs by **Jack Patton** Meet Max Darwin: an insect know-it-all who finds himself mysteriously shrunken and whisked away to tropical Bug Island. Grades 3-9

As Brave as You by **Jason Reynolds** When two brothers decide to prove how brave they are, everything backfires Ages 10-14

Nikki & Deja Series by **Karen English** Meet Nikki and Deja, who live next door to each other and are best friends. They do everything together—watch Saturday morning cartoons, play jacks, jump double Dutch at recess, and help each other with their homework for Mrs. Shelby's third-grade class. But when an arrogant new girl arrives and Nikki and Deja form a club that would exclude her, the results are not what they expect. Grades 1-3

Kid Caramel Series by **Mr. Dwayne Ferguson** Adventures of Kid Caramel, "Private Investigator" and his friend Earnest. Grades 2-6

Mountain Mission (Race the Wild #6) by **Kristin Earhart** The team is climbing to new heights! The last leg of the race lands teams in the Himalayas, one of the most treacherous mountain ranges in the world. But when a rockslide disaster threatens an old friend, Russell and the team must decide whether to go on a rescue mission or race for the win. DRA 40

Non- Fiction/STEAM

Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud by **Suzanne Tripp Jurmain** History meets humor as readers learn about the rivalry and friendship between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Grades 4+

Pop! The Invention of the Bubble Gum by Meghan McCarthy An entertaining story about the invention of bubble gum. Grades 3+

Weird But True Series by **National Geographic Kids** Random facts about food, science, geography, boy bands and more. Grades 3+

Moonshot by **Brian Fioca** Simply told, grandly shown in close-up focus and wide-angle views, this is the flight of Apollo 11 that began on July 16, 1969. DRA 28

Ten True Tales Series by **Allan Zullo** Incredible true story of ten real-life people dealing with extraordinary obstacles - from soldiers on the battlefield to everyday heroes risking their lives for others. Grades 3-7

Haunted Histories: Creepy Castles, Dark Dungeons, and Powerful Palaces by **J. H. Everett and Marilyn Scott-Waters** Guided by tween "ghostorian" Virgil, readers will discover fascinating facts about calamitous events throughout history as they explore castles, palaces and dungeons and those infamous figures associated with each. Grades 4-6

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by **Andrea Davis Pinkney** This picture book is a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the momentous Woolworth's lunch counter sit-in, when four college students staged a peaceful protest that became a defining moment in the struggle for racial equality and the growing civil rights movement. Ages 7-10

The Day-Glo Brothers by **Chris Barton** Brothers Joe and Bob Switzer were quite different. Bob was a hard worker and planner who wanted to grow up to be a doctor. Joe dreamed of making his fortune in show business and loved magic tricks and problem solving. When an accident left Bob recovering in the dark basement, the brothers began experimenting with ultraviolet light and fluorescent paints. Together they stumbled on a formula for colors that glows with an extra-special intensity Day-Glo color. Grades 2-5

The Friendship Code #1 (Girls Who Code) by **Stacia Duetsch** Loops, variables, input/output – Lucy can't wait to get started with the new coding club at school. Grades 3-7

Code It! Create It!: Ideas & Inspiration for Coding (Girls Who Code) by Sarah Hutt Think being creative has nothing to do with computer coding? Think again! Coding is *all* about creativity. The video games you play, the photo-sharing apps you love, the animated movies you watch—they're all made with code. And the coolest part? YOU can make anything with code, too! Grades 3-7

Sasha Savvy Loves to Code Hardcover by **Sasha Ariel Alston** Sasha Savvy Loves to Code is an early reader chapter book (ages 7-10). The main character, Sasha Savvy, is a super smart 10-year old African-American girl, who lives in Washington, DC. Sasha must choose which class to take for summer camp. Her mom discovers that the camp is offering a new class for girls on how to code

Engineers Build Models by **Reagan Miller** Describes how engineers use models to help them build planes, automobiles, houses, and other structures, and discusses the different kinds of models. DRA 34-38

Biographies

Duke Ellington by **Andrea Evans Pinkney** The story of a great composer, Duke Ellington. Grades 3-5

The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins by **Barbara Kerley** A true story of Waterhouse Hawkins who built the world's first life-size models of dinosaurs. Grades 3-5

Henry's Freedom Box by **Ellen Levin** The true story of a slave who mailed himself to freedom. Grades 3-5

Shark Lady by **Ann McGovern** The true story of Eugenia Clark who loved to swim with sharks. Grades 3-5

Satchmo's Blues by **Allan Schroeder** Louis Armstrong had a love for music from a young age. His strong desire to have an instrument did not interfere with his family obligation. Grades 3-5

Graphic Novels

El Deafo by Cece Bell The author's true story of hearing loss at age four. It follows her journey through elementary school and her Phonic Ear hearing aids. Grades 3+

Smile by **Raina Telgmier** Sixth grade it hard enough,, but when you fall and knock out your two front teeth, it becomes horrible. Grades 3+

Aw Yeah Comics! And...Action! by **Art Baltazar and Franco Aureliani** Adventure Bug, Action Cat and their friends battle evil and protect the innocent in this first of the series. Grades 3-7

Fangbone: Third Grade Barbarian by **Michael Rex** A young barbarian from another dimension is sent on a mission to our world, only to immediately find himself stuck in the third grade. Ages 7-9

Sisters by **Raina Telgemeier** Road trip! Raina is traveling with her family in a minivan from California to Colorado. Grades 3-7

Dragon Girl: The Secret Valley by **Jeff Weigel** Alanna discovers a nest of dragon eggs and decides to raise them herself, but is soon caught up in a conflict between knights and dragons. Grades 2-6

Poetry

Brown Girl Dreaming by **Jacqueline Woodson** In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. Ages 10-14

Harlem by **Christopher Myers & Walter Dean Myers** Father and son celebrate a vibrant neighborhood that has been the center of historic African American culture in NY City. Grades 3-5

Honey, I Love You by **Eloise Greenfield** Sixteen poems tell of love and joy of everyday life as seen through the eyes of a child. Grades 3-5