

Dear *Rising Third Graders*,

This summer is all about reading! Please choose one non-fiction or poetry book from the reading list, and one fiction book from the reading list to read over the summer. Log these books and all of the other reading you do on the attached reading log.

You can check out these books at your local library, download them onto a device, borrow from a friend, or buy them at a bookstore. Enjoy your time reading. Once you are finished, spend some time thinking about what you have read.

Several writing projects can help you reflect on your reading:

- You can write a paragraph about what you liked about the book. You can write a paragraph about what you did not like about the book.
- You can create a visual display of the setting and characters using poster board or cardboard.
- You can film a "movie" adaptation of the book.
- You can write an alternative ending to the story.
- You can conduct research on the author of the book.
- You can pretend you are interviewing one of the characters in the book, and write down their answers to your questions.

There are so many ways you can reflect! It's up to you what you decide to do. When you return to school as a *Third Grader*, your English teacher will allow time during the first week of school for you to present your reflection on your chosen book or books. **At least one book reflection is required.** You may choose from the list above, or come up with your own creative reflection.

Don't forget to log into LEXIA as well!

Have a fun, safe, and thoughtful summer.

Sincerely,

Your English Teachers.



Summer Reading Suggestions for Rising 3rd Graders

FICTION

- Eagle Song by Joseph Bruchac
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kati DiCamillo
- Grace for President by Kelly Dipucchio
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia
- Alvin Ho (Allergic to Girls, School, and other Scary Things) by Lenore Look
- Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
- Granddaddy's Gift by Margaree King Mitchell
- Amelia Bedelia (series) by Peggy Parish
- Ellray Jakes is Not a Chicken! By Sally Warner
- Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

NONFICTION (Main idea of title is listed in parenthesis)

- Discovering New Planets by Dr. Mae Jemison & Dana Meachen Rau (Space)
- Who Eats What? By Patricia Lauber (Food chains)
- Fly Guy Presents: Dinosaurs by Tedd Arnold (Dinosaurs)
- Electrical Wizard by Elizabeth Rusch (Electricity)
- Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song by Andrea Davis Pinkney (American History)
- Let's Read About Ruby Bridges by Ruby Bridges & Grace Maccarone (American History)
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (Inventions)

POETRY

- Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- The Random House Book of Poetry for Children edited by Jack Prelutsky
- Shel Silverstein poems (Falling Up, Where the Sidewalk Ends, A Light in the Attic, etc.)

Search here for more grade-level titles: <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-third-graders/>

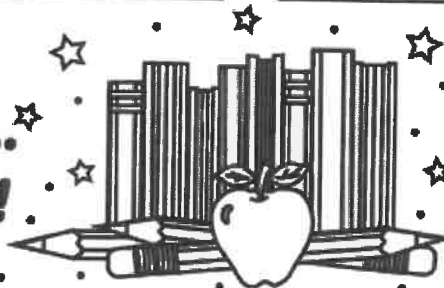
Explicit directions: Read one fiction book, and one non-fiction or poetry book. Use the list above to get ideas. Keep a book log. Compose at least one reflection on a book you have read. You may do a reflection on both.

Name: _____ Date: _____

☆ My Reading Log ☆

	Title	Author	# of Pages
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**Anything can happen....
when you open a book!**



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