

2021 Summer Reading Rising Third Grade



Rising third graders are asked to read ***Wonder*** by **R.J. Palacio** with their families (*please read the note below). You may read aloud, take turns reading, listen to it on Audible, or whatever suits your family! There is a picture book, ***We're All Wonders*** by **R. J. Palacio**, that students may choose to read independently instead.

*Special note to parents about this book: This book focuses on 10-year-old August Pullman, who has a genetic facial difference. After being homeschooled, he enters school for the first time in 3rd grade, and some students use hateful language such as calling him an alien, freak, and orc. These situations are upsetting to Auggie, as well as when his family loses their family pet. Other incidents to be aware of are when a high school couple kisses a few times and when Auggie observes some teens smoking. However, the inspiring and uplifting message of ***Wonder*** makes it a great family read because goodness wins out!

All rising third graders should also choose and read three chapter books this summer. Below, we have provided a list of titles to get you started as you make your selections. However, we want rising third graders to choose titles that interest and engage them, so they may choose books that are not included on this list. We look forward to hearing about your book choices in August!

Book Suggestions

**These titles are just suggestions to get you started. Please feel free to choose books that are not on this list as well. Ultimately, we want our rising third graders to grow and nurture their love of reading.

Happy Summer Reading!

Historical Fiction

1. *I Survived* series, by Lauren Tarshis
2. *Little House Chapter Books* series, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
3. *Blast to the Past* series, by Stacia Deutsch and Rhody Cohon
4. *The Magic Treehouse* series, by Mary Pope Osborne

Realistic Fiction

1. *Sophie Washington* series, by Tonya Duncan Ellis
2. *Matt Christopher* - sports series
3. *Ramona, Henry and Beezus, Henry and Ribsy, or Henry Huggins* series, by Beverly Cleary
4. *Lola Levine* series, by Monica Brown

Science Fiction

1. *Franny K Stein* series by Jim Benton
2. *Tales from the House of Bunnacula* series by James Howe
3. *Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle* series by Betty Bard MacDonald
4. *Zita the Spacegirl* series, by Ben Hatke

Mystery

1. *The Boxcar Children* series, by Gertrude Chandler Warner
2. *A-Z Mysteries* series, by Ron Roy
3. *Encyclopedia Brown* series, by Donald Sobol
4. *Clubhouse Mystery* series, by Sharon Draper

Fantasy

1. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* series, by Louis Sachar

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_____ 3. *Katie Kazoo* series, by Nancy E. Krulik

4. *Zoe and Sassafras* series, by Asia Citro

Non-fiction

1. *If You Lived...* series, various authors

2. *Young, Gifted, and Black*, by Jamia Wilson

3. *Childhood of Famous Americans* series, by various authors

4. *Kid Presidents, Kid Athletes, or Kid Scientists*, by David Stabler