



JC ELLIS K-8 SUMMER READING

3rd

Students entering 3rd grade

Read as many books as you can, but read a minimum of 3 books (2 literary fiction and one informational/biography/nonfiction book. Here is a list of suggestions, but others on a third grade level will be accepted. When you return to school in August, you will take the Accelerated Reader test. [Searchable AR book list](http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx) <http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

Informational/Biography/Nonfiction

Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors by Dennis Fradin - Describes in simple terms the meteors, comets, and asteroids that are part of our solar system and discusses the various theories concerning their origin and their effect on life on Earth.

Rocks and Minerals by Illa Podendorf - An introduction to the formation and identification of a variety of rocks.

Whales and Sea Mammals by Elsa Posella - Outlines some of the facts and mysteries about whale and other marine mammals, including the different species, what they eat, and how they breathe

Soccer by Bert Rosenthal - Introduces the leagues, rules, techniques, strategies, and types of soccer.

Endangered Animals by Lynn M. Stone - Big cats, bears, birds, sea animals, even bats, appear in full-color photographs, alongside informative text about the world's endangered species, including the reasons for the animals' perils. A fact-filled book that is great for supporting social studies and science.

Gerbils, Pets, and Other Small Rodents by Ray Broekel - A brief introduction to the care and feeding of *pet gerbils*, hamsters, guinea pigs, and mice.

Follow the Drinking Gourd: An Underground Railroad Story - Follow the Drinking Gourd is an American folk song from the 1920s. Legend has it that a man called Peg Leg Joe taught slaves the song to help them escape to freedom, and they used the Big Dipper and the North Star to guide the way.

Don't You Dare Shoot That Bear! A Story of Theodore Roosevelt by Robert M. Quackenbush - A humorous biography of the twenty-sixth president, emphasizing his love of animals and wildlife and his activities as a conservationist.

The Journey That Saved Curious George - The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey by Louise Borden - Tells the true story of Hans and Margret Rey, the creators of Curious George. In 1940, the Reys fled their Paris home as the German army advanced on the capital city. They began their harrowing journey on bicycles with their children's book manuscripts among their few possessions

Vanished! The Mysterious Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Monica Kulling - Examines the mysterious disappearance of Amelia Earhart, the world-famous woman pilot who was lost over the Pacific Ocean while on an historic round-the-world flight in 1937.

Wilma Unlimited How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull - A biography of Wilma Rudolph, the African-American woman who overcame crippling polio as a child to become the first woman to win three gold medals in track in a single Olympics.

Literary – Fiction

Cam Jansen and the Chocolate Fudge Mystery by David A. Alder - When Cam Jansen and her friend Eric uncover a mystery while selling fudge door-to-door to raise money for the local library, Cam uses her photographic memory to foil a crime.

Miss Nelson Has a Field Day by Harry Allard - The notorious Miss Swamp reappears at the Horace B. Smedley School, this time to shape up the football team and help them to win at least one game.

Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume - Sheila and her family spend the summer holidays in Tarrytown, where she goes to day camp. She learns both to swim and to like dogs - the two things that have frightened her most in life. She also makes her first real friends.

Julian, Secret Agent by Ann Cameron - From rescuing a dog stuck in a hot car to saving a toddler from drowning, secret agents Julian, Huey, and Gloria have done a nice bit of crimebusting. But what they really want is to nab a real-live bank robber and earn the \$25,000 reward. Just when it looks as if they might get their man, the police chief steps in, and the supersleuths find that they're the ones who are in trouble, with a capital T!

Man Out at First by Matt Christopher - After eight-year-old Turtleneck gets hit with the ball and faints while playing first base, he must find the courage to put his fear aside and play baseball again.

Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary - Ramona, feeling brave and grown-up, enters first grade. Quickly she finds that her new teacher, Mrs. Griggs, appears perplexed by pupils who like to be different. Since Ramona cannot help being different, clearly the two are incompatible.

Case for Jenny Archer by Ellen Conford - The irrepressible Jenny Archer is back with a hip new series design and look. Beginning readers will identify with Jenny's unbridled enthusiasm and the amusing situations she encounters in this popular first chapter book series.

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl - Fantastic Mr. Fox is on the run and the three meanest farmers around are out to get him. Fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded. Mr. Fox would never surrender. But only the most fantastic plan ever can save him now. Mr. Fox's ingenuity saves all the digging animals from starvation when they are trapped underground by three mean farmers.


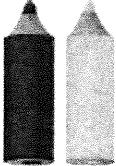

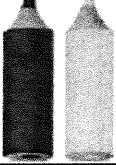

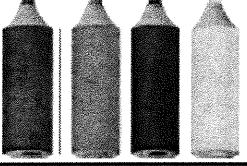

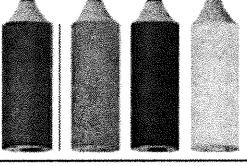

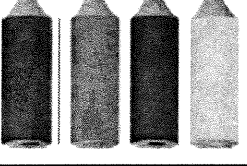

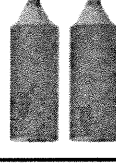

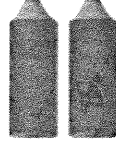
Amusement Park Mystery by Gertrude Warner - The Boxcar Children visit their cousin Joe and his wife Alice, who live in Pine Grove near an amusement park. The children fall in love with the beautiful antique horses of the merry-go-round, but when they later discover some of the horses damaged, they begin to suspect something funny is going on.






Something Big Has Been Here by Jack Prelutsky - The companion to the bestselling *The New Kid on the Block* contains wonderful, funny funny new poems that children of all ages will adore. Here are four vain and ancient tortoises, a rat of culture, a meatloaf that defies an ax, five flying hotdogs, and more people, animals, and things that will amuse and delight.

Busybody Nora by Johanna Hurwitz - "What is your name?" That's what Nora asks her neighbors as she rides up and down the elevator of her apartment house. She doesn't "mean" to be a busybody. She just wants to be like doorman Henry and know all the people in her building--all 200 of them! And then one day Nora gets a great idea: they'll have a giant party, for everyone in the building!

Herbie Jones and the Class Gift by Suzy Kline - Herbie and his friend Raymond work hard to earn money for an end-of-the-year gift for their third-grade teacher. Now Annabelle has trusted them to pick up the gift at the store. Trouble ensues as Herbie and Raymond are trusted with a ceramic gift.

READING GENRES

Genre	Definition	Popular Titles	Similarities
 Fantasy	Uses magic and other supernatural phenomena as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many works within the genre take place in fictional worlds where magic is common.	Lord of the Rings-J.R. Tolkien Harry Potter (series)-J.R. Rowlings Fablehaven-Brandon Mull Percy Jackson (series)-Rick Riordan	
 Science Fiction	Uses scientific concepts as a primary element of plot, theme, or setting. Many of these books are set in the future with new innovations in science and technology.	The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy-Douglas Adams A Wrinkle in Time-Madaline L'Engle	
 Realistic Fiction	The events people and places might be real, but the story is fiction. Realistic Fiction can appear to the reader to be something that is actually happening.	Bridge to Terabithia-Katherine Paterson Shiloh-Phyllis Naylor My Side of the Mountain-Jean George Walk Two Moons-Susan Creech	
 Historical Fiction	These stories usually take place in the past. These books can contain actual settings and historical characters however main characters and the story line are made up.	The Whipping Boy -Sid Fleischman Between Shades of Gary -Ruta Sepetys Little House on the Prairie -Laura Ingalls The Magic Tree House Series -Mary Pope Osbourne Sarah, Plain and Tall -Patricia MacLachlan	
 Traditional Literature	Are stories that were passed down from one group to another. These stories were told orally and written down at a later date. Fairy tales, and folk tales, and legends are classified as traditional literature.	Little Red Riding Hood -Brothers Grimm The Ugly Duckling -Hans Christian Andersen The Velveteen Rabbit -Margery W. Bianco	
 Non-Fiction & Informational	These texts are written to provide information about a variety of topics (animals, science sports, space, and many more).	The Umbrella-Jan Brett Chameleon, Chameleon-Joy Cowley Prehistoric Actual Size-Steven Jenkins Zoo in the Sky-Jacqueline Mitton	
 Biographies	Biographies are stories written about a real person's life by another person.	LeBron James-Ken Rapoport Abraham Lincoln-Justine Fontes Taylor Swift-Lexi Ryals The Diary of a Young Girl-Anne Frank Theodore Roosevelt-Sindy Mckay	

				
Fiction	Non-Fiction	May Contain Real Characters and Real Situations	May Contain Made up Characters and Made up Situations	May Contain Made up Characters in Real Situations