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Our goal is to keep students reading year round in order to maintain their current reading level. We want to stop the summer learning slide.

**Suggested reading for students entering 3rd Grade**
- AstroNuts: The Plant Planet by Jon Scieszka & Steven Weinberg
- Catstronauts (series) by Drew Brockington
- Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade
- Fairy Spell: How Two Girls Convinced the World That Fairies Are Real by Marc Tyler Nobleman
- Juana & Lucas by Juana Medina
- Little Robot by Ben Hatke
- Magic Ranch: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang
- Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey (series), by Erin Entrada Kelly
- A Norhval and Jelly Book (series) by Ben Clanton
- No Voice Too Small: Fourteen Young Americans Making History Edited by Lindsay H. Metcalf, Keila V Dawson & Jeannette Bradley
- The Oregon Trail (series) by Jesse Wille
- Pass Go and Collect $200: The Real Story of How Monopoly Was Invented by Tanya Lee Stone
- Press Start! (series) by T.Flintham
- Tales from Deckawoo Drive (Books 1, 2, 3) by Kate DiCamillo
- William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad By Don Tate
- Yours Sincerely, Giraffe by Megumi Iwasa

**Suggested reading for students entering 4th Grade**
- Allergic by Megan Wagner Lloyd and Michelle Mee Nutter
- A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything by Kirsten W. Larson
- Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Dragon in the Library by Louie Stowell
- Edison: The Mystery of the Missing Mouse Treasure (Mouse Adventures) by Torben Kuhrmann
- Grand Canyon by Jason Chin
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Interrupting Chicken and the Elephant of Surprise by David Ezra Stein
- The Little Mermaid by Jerry Pinkney
- The Penderwicks (series) by Jeanne Birdsall
- Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac
- Stargazing by Jen Wang
- Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones & Katie Kath
- Violet & Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Rae Perkins
- Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser
- The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
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- All in a Drop: How Antony van Leeuwenhoek Discovered an Invisible World by Lori Alexander
- Amina’s Voice by Hena Khan
- Everything Robotics by Jennifer Swanson
- The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holm
- Front Desk by Kelly Yang
- Knights vs. Dinosaurs by Matt Phelan
- Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It by Andrea Davis Pinkney
- Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
- Marshmallow Clouds: Two Poets at Play among Figures of Speech by Ted Kooser and Connie Wanek
- Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing
- Pay Attention, Carter Jones by Gary D. Schmidt
- Pax by Sara Pennypacker
- The Poise Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs by Gail Jarrow
- Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo
- Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson
- Roofroppers by Katherine Rundell
- Sanity and Tallulah by Holly Brooks
- Stacker by Gordon Korman
- They Called Us Enemy by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, Steven Sook, & Harmony Becker
- This Was Our Pact by Ryan Andrews
- The Lion of Mars by Jennifer L. Holm
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- All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys’ Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat
- The Assassination of Brangwen Spurge by M.T. Anderson & Eugene Yelchin
- Code Word Courage by Kirby Larson
- Frizzy by Claribel Ortega
- Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
- Merci Suarez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
- My Aunt is a Monster by Reimena Yee
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- www.scholastic.com/parents/
- www.pbs.org/parents/
- www.todaysparent.com/family/
- fun-and-safe-kids-websites/

**Student Resources**
- Scholastic Literacy Pro
- Scholastic Short Reads
- iReady MyPath
- AACS Summer Programs www.aacps.org/summer
- Reading Rockets www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids
- Epic www.getepic.com
- Discovery Kids online kids.discover.com

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