SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS
Third Grade
**Fantasy**

**The Tail of Emily Windsnap**  
by Liz Kessler  
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

**The School is Alive!**  
by Jack Chabert  
Sam Graves discovers that his elementary school is alive and plotting against the students, and, as hall monitor, it is his job to protect them—but he will need some help from his friends.

**The Wild Robot**  
by Peter Brown  
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants.

**Dragons in a Bag**  
by Zetta Elliott  
In Brooklyn, nine-year-old Jax joins Ma, a curmudgeonly witch who lives in his building, on a quest to deliver three baby dragons to a magical world, and along the way discovers his true calling.

**Fairest of All**  
by Sarah Mlynowski  
After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

**Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Magical Creatures**  
by Jackson Pearce  
Possessing an ability to talk with magical creatures (such as griffins, unicorns and fuzzles), Pip uses her talent to update a magic reference book and investigate a fuzzles invasion in spite of her friend Tomas’ allergies.

**The Princess in Black**  
by Shannon Hale  
Stopping monsters is no job for a prim and perfect princess in pink. So when trouble calls, Princess Magnolia transforms into her alter ego and confronts the monster as...The Princess in Black. Can the princess sneak away, transform into her alter ego, and defeat the monster before the nosy duchess discovers her secret?

**Klawde: Evil Alien Warlord Cat**  
by Johnny Marciano  
Exiled to Earth far from the planet where he was once the high commander, Klawde the ferocious alien war cat arrives in the home of reluctant Oregon newcomer Raj, in a debut installment in a laugh-out-loud story told from the alternating perspectives of the two main characters.

**Rise of the Earth Dragon**  
by Tracey West  
Eight-year-old Drake is snatched up by the King’s soldiers and taken to the castle where he is told by the wizard Griffith that he has been chosen to be a Dragon Master like Ana, Rori, and Bo—and his first task will be to discover whether his dragon, Worm, has any special powers.

**Sasha and Puck and the Potion of Luck**  
by Daniel Nayeri  
“When local chocolate maker Ms. Kozlow comes to the Juicy Gizzard potion shop asking for luck, Sasha needs to find out why. Does Ms. Kozlow need luck because she has a matchmaking appointment with Granny Yenta this afternoon? Can Sasha and her new friend Puck make it Ms. Kozlow’s lucky day?”
Realistic Fiction

The Lemonade War
by Jacqueline Davies

Evan Treski, who is people-smart, and his younger sister Jesse, who is math-smart, battle it out through competing lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn one hundred dollars.

A Boy called Bat
by Elana K Arnold

When his veterinarian mom brings home a stray baby skunk that needs rehabilitation before it can be placed in a wild animal shelter, Bixby, a boy on the autism spectrum, resolves to prove that he is up to the challenge of caring for the skunk permanently.

Ellie, Engineer
by Jackson Pearce

An aspiring young engineer builds helpful inventions and wonders what to give her best friend for her birthday before deciding to build her an amazing doghouse, a project that requires the help of rival neighbors.

Saving Winslow
by Sharon Creech

When his father brings home an ailing, newborn donkey, Louie names the animal Winslow and takes care of him, but everyone, including Louie’s quirky friend Nora, thinks Winslow is not going to survive, 2021 GA Book Award Nominee.

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel
by Nikki Grimes

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

Realistic Fiction

Star Jumper: journal of a cardboard genius
by Frank Asch

Determined to get far away from his evil little brother, Alex works to design a spaceship that will take him so far away from Earth that not even the NASA experts can find him, yet when his brother catches on to his plan, Alex fears that his nearly finished project may be ruined before he gets his chance to take-off.

Sadiq and the Desert Star
by Siman Nuurali

Sadiq’s father is going on a business trip, but before he goes he tells Sadiq a story of the Desert Star, which fits in perfectly with Sadiq’s third grade class field trip to the planetarium, and inspires Sadiq to build a simple telescope to study the stars when his father returns.

Ivy + Bean
by Annie Barrows

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is less boring than Bean first suspected.

Because of Winn-Dixie
by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s library
by Chris Grabenstein

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.
Mystery

**Timmy Failure : mistakes were made**
by Stephan Pastis
Resolving to earn money for his mother’s bills, eleven-year-old Timmy launches a detective business with a lazy polar bear, but finds their enterprise challenged by a college-bound spy and a four-foot-tall girl whom Timmy refuses to acknowledge.

**Fabio, the World’s Greatest Flamingo Detective : the case of the missing hippo**
by Laura James
Flamingo detective Fabio and his giraffe associate, Gilbert, investigate when a singing hippopotamus disappears during auditions for a talent show being staged to save the failing Hotel Royale.

**Mac Undercover**
by Mac Barnett
From the esteemed New York Times best-selling and multi-award-winning author comes a hilarious, fully illustrated new spy adventure series that introduces Mac B., the queen of England’s newest secret agent, who travels around the globe in search of stolen treasures.

**Real Pigeons Fight Crime!**
by Andrew McDonald
A group of crime-fighting pigeon friends team together to solve mysteries, battle bad guys, and save the city.

**Sleepover Sleuths**
by Carolyn Keene
When eight-year-old Nancy is invited to a sleepover party with a dolls theme, the host’s doll goes missing and Nancy tries to solve her first case.

Adventure

**Chews Your Destiny**
by Rhode Montijo
When Mom issues a no-gum rule, Gabby Gomez sneaks a piece of special bubble gum that turns her into a superhero.

**The Last Kids on Earth**
by Max Brallier
“After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg”.

**Oh, Rats!**
by Tor Seidler
“A New Jersey squirrel named Phoenix teams up with a pack of rats in New York City to save their riverside home from being demolished and turned into a high-rise”.

**The Lincoln Project**
by Dan Gutman
Invited by billionaire Miss Z to travel through time and photograph some of history’s most important events, Luke, Isabel, David, and Julia are sent to the year 1863 to capture Abraham Lincoln delivering the Gettysburg Address.

**Knights vs. Dinosaurs**
by Matt Phelan
With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table don’t have much to do, prompting Merlin to send them on an adventure to a world filled with the most terrible lizards of all—dinosaurs.
**Historical Fiction**

I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888  
by Lauren Tarshis  
When John Hale's parents moved from Chicago to a farm in the Dakota Territory in the late 1880s, he was not happy (too hot in summer, too cold in winter, and that is just the beginning); but after a year, and now eleven, he has settled in and made some friends at school--but when a sunny day in January 1888 turns abruptly into a deadly blizzard he will need all his strength and courage to survive what became known to history as The Children's Blizzard.

Rescue on the Oregon Trail  
by Kate Messner  
When Ranger, a golden retriever, unearths a mysterious box which transports him back to the year 1850, he joins the Abbott family and travels west along the Oregon Trail.

Winnie's Great War  
by Lindsay Mattick  
A tale of the real journey undertaken by the bear that inspired the creation of Winnie-the-Pooh, from her early days in the Canadian forest to her travels with the Veterinary Corps across the country and overseas, all the way to the London Zoo.

Strongheart: wonder dog of the silver screen  
by Candace Fleming  
Dramatically rendered in engaging text and evocative black-and-white artwork by the award-winning author of The Family Romanov and the Caldecott Medal-winning illustrator of My Friend Rabbit, a story based on true events follows the transformation of a fierce German shepherd police dog into a golden-era Hollywood star.

Ruby Lee & Me  
by Shannon Hitchcock  
When a formerly segregated North Carolina town hires its first African-American teacher in 1969, two girls—one black, one white—confront the prejudice that challenges their friendship.

**Non-Fiction**

The Brilliant Deep: rebuilding the world's coral reefs  
by Kate Messner  
Looks at the life of the coral restoration pioneer Ken Nedimyer, from his early fascination with the ocean to his ongoing efforts to save and rebuild the world's coral reefs.

Pass Go and Collect $200: the real story of how Monopoly was invented  
by Tanya Lee Stone  
"A nonfiction picture book history of Monopoly, one of the world's most famous games".

The Boy Who Drew Birds: a story of John James Audubon  
by Jacqueline Davies  
John James Audubon’s passion for the outdoors in general and for birds specifically inspires an account of Audubon’s early observations of birds nesting near his Pennsylvania boyhood home.

Rosa  
by Nikki Giovanni  
Provides the story of the black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama set in motion all the events of the civil rights movement that resulted in the end of the segregated South.

Avalanche Dog Heroes: Piper and friends learn to search the snow  
by Elizabeth Rusch  
"Follow Piper the border collie and her canine classmates through a season of avalanche rescue training. As they learn the skills they need to become snow rescue heroes, you’ll learn about avalanche safety and the work these amazing dogs do."


**Graphic Novels**

**Peter & Ernesto: the lost sloths**
by Graham Annable
After a hurricane destroys their tree, Peter, Ernesto, and their sloth friends journey into the jungle in search of a new tree to be their home, but the jungle is full of unexpected dangers.

**The Night Door**
by Frank Cammuso
When Edison Beaker discovers that the family extermination business is a front for creature hunting, he and his sister Tesla encounter a world full of monsters and an adventure to restore the keystone to the Night Door.

**Sidekicks**
by Dan Santat
When Captain Amazing feels he is getting too old to be a reliable superhero, he tries to hire a new sidekick, but his pets have different ideas.

**I am Hermes! : mischief-making messenger of the gods**
by Mordicai Gerstein
A laugh-out-loud graphic-novel rendering of the story of Hermes, the fun-loving messenger of the gods, draws on classical mythology to depict how his mischievous antics led to the invention of music.

**Magic Trixie**
by Jill Thompson
Magic Trixie looks for some special magic to bring in to show-and-tell to impress her friends, but her family keeps telling her that she is too young to use any of their magic, while her baby sister gets away with everything.

**Animal Stories**

**The World According to Humphrey**
by Betty G. Birney
Sent to live in Room 26, Humphrey, the class hamster, begins to learn a lot about humans through simple observation from his cage, in an amusing tale about a curious creature who takes full advantage of his educational opportunities.

**Life According to Og the Frog**
by Betty G. Birney
Og the Frog tells the story of how he first came to Room 26, where he meets Humphrey the hamster, befriends the students, and writes poems and songs.

**Stick Dog**
by Tom Watson
"Stick Dog and his four friends - Stripes, Mutt, Poo-Poo and Karen - will do anything to steal some sweet-smelling hamburgers from a family at Picasso Park!"

**Charlotte's Web**
by E. B. White
Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer’s Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

**Love that Dog**
by Sharon Creech
A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem. An ALA Notable Book.