



*Lawrence Public Schools*

# Summer Reading List

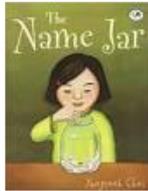
## Students Entering Grade 3



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## Literature to Read

**The Name Jar**  
by Yangsook Choi



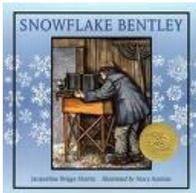
**Officer Buckle and Gloria**  
by Peggy Rathmann

**The Hundred Penny Box**  
by Sharon Bell Mathis

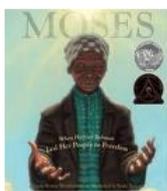
**The Three Pigs**  
By David Weisner



**Snowflake Bentley**  
by Jacqueline Briggs Martin



**Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom**  
by Carole Boston Weatherford



Dear Parent(s) & Guardian(s):

It is with great pleasure that we welcome your child to third grade. We look forward to helping your child continue to develop the skills and abilities that will enable him or her to become a successful, life-long learner.

You are your child's first and most important teacher. Reading serves as the major foundational skill for all school-based learning. Helping your child develop into a proficient reader is a gift that will last a lifetime. These few, simple strategies and actions during the summer months can make a significant difference in helping your child maintain and extend his/her literacy skills.

- **Read aloud together with your child every day.**
- **Take turns reading. Your child can read books to you, younger siblings, and older siblings. Older siblings can take turns reading as well.**
- **Read your child's favorite book over and over again.**
- **Don't forget to pack a book wherever you go this summer.**
- **Visit the public library regularly and have your child get his/her own library card if he/she doesn't have one.**

In this handout you will find some suggested book titles for you and your child to enjoy. Please note that these suggestions represent only a small sampling of the many fun, interesting and thought-provoking books to be discovered by your child.

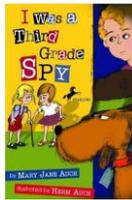
We hope this is the beginning of an enjoyable and enriching summer for your child and you!

**Happy Reading!**

# Books About Grade 3

## I Was a Third Grade Spy

by *Mary Jane Auch*  
Brian's dog Arful  
Suddenly begins  
Talking so Brian and  
his two friends send  
the dog to find out  
what their  
friends are planning  
for the school talent  
show.



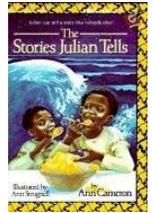
## Clementine

By *Sara Pennypacker*  
Third-grader  
Clementine feels  
lucky that spectacular ideas  
are continually "springing up"  
in her brain, but her best  
friend, parents, teacher, and  
principal don't see things in  
quite the same way.



## The Stories Julian Tells

By *Ann Cameron*  
Julian is a quick fibber and a  
wishful thinker. And he is great  
at telling stories. He can make  
people believe just about  
anything. But some  
stories can lead to a  
heap of trouble, and  
that's exactly where  
Julian and Huey end  
up!



# Classic Books

**Stuart Little** by *E.B. White*

**Brothers Grimm Fairytales** stories by *Brothers Grimm*

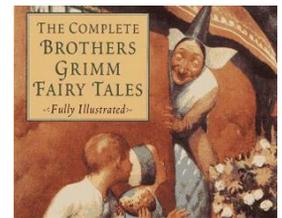
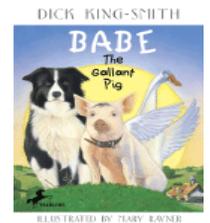
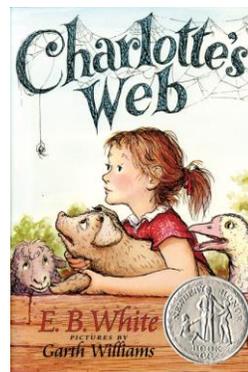
**Charlotte's Web** by *E.B. White*

**Babe the Gallant Pig** by *Dick King Smith*

**Aesop's Fables** by *Aesop*

**Little House series** by *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

**Where the Wild Things Are** by *Maurice Sendak*



## Chapter Books/Series

**Ramona Quimby Age 8** by *Beverly Cleary*

**Flat Stanley** by *Jeff Brown*

**Just Grace** by *Charise Mericle Harper*

**Horrible Harry** by *Suzy Kline*

**Geronimo Stilton** by *Geronimo Stilton*

**Cam Jansen** by *David Adler*

**Magic Tree House (F & NF series)** by  
*Mary Pope Osborne*

**Stink** by *Megan McDonald*

## Family Read-Alouds

**The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**  
by *Mordicai Gerstein*

**Finding Home** by *Sandra Markle*

**What Do You Do With a Tail Like This** by *Jenkins*

**Ice Cream: The Full Scoop** by *Gail Gibbons*

**Ivy and Bean** by *Annie Barrows*

**Where the Sidewalk Ends** poetry by *Shel Silverstein*

**Dear Mrs. LaRue** by *Marc Teague*

**Cowgirl Kate & Cocoa** by *Erica Silverman*

**Students entering Grades 3 and 4 are expected to read  
in a "just right" book or be read to, 25-30 minutes a day.**