

Summer Reading Ideas for Students Entering Third Grade



Fiction & Everybody

Barrows, Annie

Ivy & Bean Break the Fossil Record

(Title is also available on CD)

Ivy & Bean attempt an ambitious project: to become the youngest paleontologists on record. Will the two girls succeed?

Brown, Jeff

Flat Stanley

Flattened by a bulletin board, Stanley discovers being only a half inch thick can lead to interesting adventures. Be sure to check out the traditional chapter book as well as the picture book of the same title.

Frazer, Marla

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever

James and Eamon gleefully devise their own activities during a week of nature camp. However, it's not exactly what the grownups had planned.

Gilson, Jamie

Gotcha!

Science lessons on spiders and snakes, an outdoor field trip to Green Lake, and Mrs. Zookey's class bully finally receives his just rewards. *Gotcha!*

Hurwitz, Johanna

Pee-Wee's Tale

Set free in Central Park, an extraordinary guinea pig realizes he has the skills to thrive in an urban setting. Follow the park animals' further adventures in *Lexi's Tale*, *PeeWee & Plush* and *Squirrel World*.

McDonald, Megan

Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express

Speaking of guinea pigs, summer is all about taking rodents on road trips, right? How about traveling with a camper load of 101 guinea pigs?

Stanley, George Edward

Snake Camp

Oh, no! While on the bus headed toward what he thinks is computer camp, Stevie is horrified to learn that "Viper" is not the name of a new software program, but that his parents have accidentally signed him up for snake camp! And Stevie is terrified of snakes!

Wojciechowski, Susan

Beany Goes to Camp

A first away-from-home camp experience brings discomfort and obstacles for Beany to overcome. But, by the end of the week, she realizes camp can be fun.



Autobiography

DePaola, Tomie

26 Fairmount Avenue

One of our favorite author/illustrators tells of his early years. This is the first installment in his series of memoirs; an engaging chapter book for proficient readers and enjoyable family read-aloud.

Nonfiction

Arnold, Katya

Elephants Can Paint, Too!

Through a unique comparison of human and pachyderm art students, the author leads us in appreciating the gentle animals' talents. We learn that endangered Asian elephants are protected and cared for due, in part, to profits from the sale of their artwork.

Clements, Andrew

A Million Dots

You'll be amazed by the examples of HUGE numbers as more and more dots accumulate on the way to reaching one million.

Jenkins, Steve

Living Color

Fascinating animals are organized according to their vivid, eye-popping colors. Enjoy discovering the range of colors, the messages these colors send, and how these amazing colorations are created.

Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page

Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World

Jenkins' carefully researched and beautifully accurate collages depict different ways in which animal siblings relate to one another.

Martin, Laura C.

Recycled Crafts Box

Projects show children CAN make a difference in reducing waste. Numerous easy and fun crafts will dispel summer boredom while giving new purpose to discarded materials.

Nagda, Ann Whitehead & Cindy Bickel

Chimp Math: Learning About Time from a Baby Chimpanzee

Interwoven with this interesting, true story are charts, graphs, timelines, clocks and calendars - providing students the motivation to learn important math concepts and skills.

Russell, Joan Plummer

Aero and Officer Mike: Police Partners

Appealing, action-packed photographs and clear explanations document the strong partnership between Mike, the police officer, and his working dog, Aero.

Poetry

Florian, Douglas

Comets, Stars, the Moon and Mars

Douglas Florian's amazing ability to express the essence of his subjects with brevity and humor shines through. Check out Florian's other poetry books, as well.

Prelutsky, Jack

My Dog May Be a Genius

A tomato red anthology of wacky rhymes demonstrates why Prelutsky was chosen as the first ever U.S. Children's Poet Laureate. Be sure to also check out his other poetry books and pay a visit to www.jackprelutsky.com

Periodicals

Ask, Creative Kids, Cricket,

National Geographic Kids,

Ranger Rick, Spider



Nicki Clegg, Churchill Elementary School