

Dear Third Grade Parents,

Research has shown that the single greatest factor in predicting reading success is whether a child is read to when young. Here are some titles to get you started! Please note that the reading level of the books suggested varies. Have your child read a page of the book aloud to you to see if it is a good fit. If they struggle with more than a few words on the page, it is probably too difficult, but the book would still be a great book to read aloud to your child.



Best,

Mrs. Mattingly and Mrs. Eckman

### **Great Series Books**

- Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish
- American Girl series
- Arthur series by Marc Brown
- Berenstain Bears series by Jan and Stan Berenstain
- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol
- Eyewitness Science Explorers
- Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant
- Horrible Harry series by Suzy Kline
- Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osborne
- Nancy Drew Notebooks by Carolyn Keene early series
- Pee Wee Scouts by Judy Delton
- Polk Street School by Patricia Reilly Giff

### **School Stories**

- Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story by Janet Beeler Shaw
- Ramona Quimby Age 8 by Beverly Cleary

### **Animal Stories**

- The Adventures of Paddington by Michael Bond (book and tape series)
- Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith
- Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin
- The Lion's Whiskers: An Ethiopian Folktale by Nancy Raines Day
- Rats on the Roof and Other Stories by James Marshall

## **Books About Friends**

- The Candy Corn Contest by Patricia Reilly Giff
- Pinky and Rex by James Howe

## **Historical Fiction**

- Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
- Changes for Addy by Connie Rose Porter (and other American Girl books)
- If You Grew Up with George Washington by Ruth Belov Gross
- Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express by Margaret K. Wetterrer
- Kibitzers and Fools: Tales My Zayda Told Me by Simms Taback
- Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
- Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- Teammates by Peter Golenbock