

Guilford Public Schools
Suggestions for Summer Reading
Entering Grade 3

Students are encouraged to read a variety of biographies, poetry, factual science books, particularly about wildlife and nature, and especially fables, tall tales and Native American legends.

Some suggested authors and series are:

Abbott, Tony - Secrets of Droon series

Adler, David - The entertaining Cam Jansen mystery series.

Allard, Harry - The Stupids books are humorous.

The American Girl series

Bunting, Eve – Rich stories lines and beautiful illustrations.

Brett, Jan – Wonderful stories of animals and folklore. Beautifully illustrated by the author.

Christopher, Matt - All kinds of sports fiction.

Cole, Joanna – Magic School Bus series- inventive, accurate and funny science writing.

Dadey,Debbie - The wacky Bailey School kids series

Fleischman, Sid - The tall tale adventures of McBroom.

Giff, Patricia Reilly – Polk Street Kids series

Greenburg, Dan- The Zack files.

Gibbons, Gail - A wide variety of non-fiction topics.

Gutman, Dan – sports stories with an historical perspective

Goble, Paul - Retellings of legends from Native American culture.

Howe, James - Humorous stories including Bunnica.

Hopkinson, Deborah – Award winning author. Fiction books based on historical events.

Kimmel, Eric – lively telling of folktales from around the world

Kinney, Jeff – Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.

Kline, Suzy - Horrible Harry and Song Lee series.

McCully, Emily Arnold – award winning author/illustrator

Maestro, Betsy and Giulio - A wide range of nonfiction titles.

McDonald, Megan – Judy Moody series

McKissak, Patricia – Stories about the Afro-American experience

Osborne, Mary Pope – Magic Tree House series.

Park, Barbara - Junie B. Jones series

Peete, Bill - Many humorous animal stories.

Polacco, Patricia – Rich ethnic stories that teach lessons and establish truths.

Rodda, Emily- Fairy Realm Series and Deltora Quest

Roy, Ron- A To Z mystery series

Scieszka, Jon- fractured fairy tale and other tales of wonder.

Selsam, Millicent - Nonfiction for early readers about animals and plants.

Sharmat, Marjorie - Maggie Marmelstein mystery series and Nate the Great.

Simon, Seymour - Nonfiction on a variety of topics with outstanding color illustrations.

Silverstein, Shel – Hilarious, irreverent poetry.

Stilton, Geronimo- Enter the world of Geronimo Stilton, where another funny adventure is always right around the corner. Each book is a fast-paced adventure with lively art and a unique format kids will love

Warner, Gertrude Chandler - The Boxcar Children mystery series.

Wiesner, David – author/illustrator of fantastic voyages in space and time.

Yolen, Jane - Commander Toad series.

Tip: How will parents know if the book their child selects is "just right" for independent reading? Listen to your child read a page or two of the book. As a rule of thumb, if your child can read 95% of the words with ease, it is a "just right" book.