Welcome to Third Grade Summer Reading!

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This summer we are encouraging students to read all genres and forms of books starting with Mystery. The students must complete a reading log with a minimum of 5 books read at their reading levels.

Why start with a mystery? Mysteries are engaging and fun to read! They often get off to a fast start with an event that has just happened and a setting where you quickly meet interesting characters. As you read, you become a detective -- working to find clues, recognize red herrings (false clues), and identify the witnesses and suspects. You sharpen your reading and your thinking skills while reading mysteries!

Please encourage your child to read different genres of books: Fantasy, Realistic Fiction, Adventure, Science Fiction, Historical Fiction as well as Poetry and Nonfiction. They may love a genre or format of book that they previously did not like or thought they did not like. You will find some helpful website links following the Mystery Suggestions.

Not sure a book is your child’s reading level? Use this link by Scholastic Book Wizard to search the title and see the reading level: https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/bookwizard/

Mystery Series Suggestions:

Below are some suggested mystery series at different reading levels to help you get started! You can find most of these suggestions at your local library, bookstore, on online vendor.

Level J-M

1. The High-Rise Private Eyes: Cynthia Rylant (J/K)
2. Nate the Great: by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (J/K/L)
3. Cam Jansen: by David A. Alder (L-N)
4. The Chime Travelers: by Lisa M. Hendey Catholic Faith-Based
5. Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald (M)
Level N-P

1. American Girl History Mysteries: (multiple authors) (N)
2. Ballpark Mysteries: by David A. Kelly (N)
4. Hardy Boys Secret Files Series: by Franklin W. Dixon (N)
5. Nancy Drew Notebooks Series: Carolyn Keene (K-P)
6. Mystic Lighthouse Series: by Laura E. Williams (O)

Level Q, R, S, T

1. Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective Series: by Donald J. Sobol (Q)
2. Cascade Mountain Railroad Mysteries: by Anne Capeci (Q)
3. Chet Gecko Series: by Bruce Hale (O-Q)
4. Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew by: Carolyn Keene Grades (O,P,R)
5. Nancy Drew Mystery Stories Series by: Carolyn Keene (S)

Read different types of books this summer!

Did you know that you can read like a detective no matter the genre of the books you choose to enjoy this summer? Reading like a detective means that you:

- Identify the main character and the problem to be solved.
- Notice the order of events in the plot.
- Ask “Why?” as you read and predict what will happen next.
Rising Third Grade Summer Reading Log

Please neatly print the title, author, and genre of five books you read this summer. You are welcome to continue your list if you read more than five books. Bring your list when you return to school.

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With your parent or other trusted adult, check out the websites below to cyber-search for some great books in these different genres. Remember, a librarian is ready and willing to offer expert help at any local library—here at home, at the beach, or wherever you visit this summer!

**READING LIST LINKS FOR PARENTS OF RISING THIRD GRADERS**

**Montgomery County Public Libraries** offer wonderful resources—online and in person. Explore the website for features like “What should I read next?”, digital catalog and e-books. Start with the link below:

https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids/books

Be sure to check out **Montgomery County Public Libraries Summer Read and Learn program**. You may register online and log your reading online as well.

https://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/kids

**Read Brightly** suggests these eight chapter books for third-graders:


The **Great Schools** website features experts’ recommendations for Third-Graders, noting the books’ genres.