

# 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:

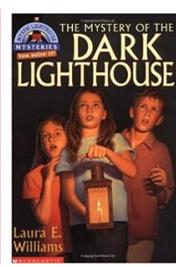
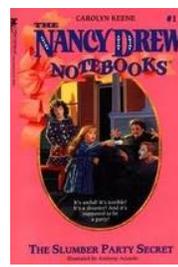
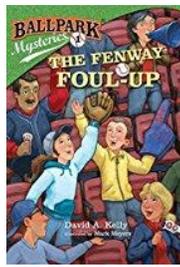
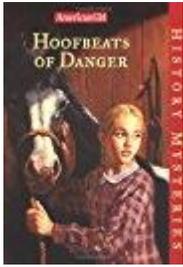
Below are some suggested mystery series at different reading levels to help you get started! You can find most of these suggestions at your local library, bookstore, on online vendor.

### Level J-M



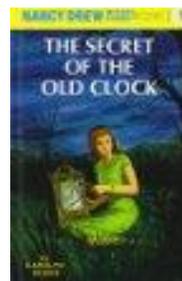
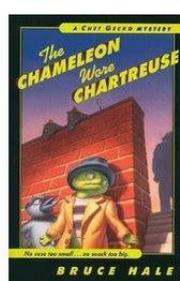
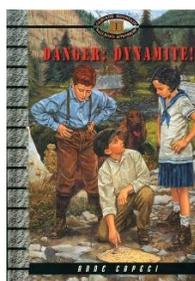
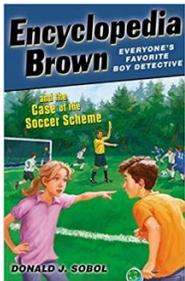
1. *The High-Rise Private Eyes*: Cynthia Rylant (J/K)
2. *Nate the Great*: by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat (J/K/L)
3. *Cam Jansen*: by David A. Alder(L-N)
4. *The Chime Travelers*: by Lisa M. Hendey Catholic Faith-Based
5. *Judy Moody Series* by Megan McDonald (M)

## Level N-P



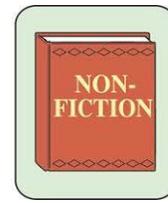
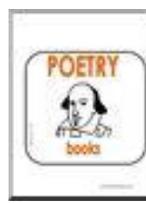
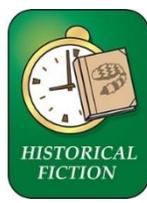
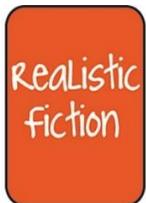
1. *American Girl History Mysteries:* (multiple authors) (N)
2. *Ballpark Mysteries:* by David A. Kelly (N)
3. *Red Rock Mystery Series:* by Jerry Jenkins & Chris Fabray Christian Faith-Based (M-O)
4. *Hardy Boys Secret Files Series:* by Franklin W. Dixon (N)
5. *Nancy Drew Notebooks Series:* Carolyn 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.**

	TITLE	AUTHOR	GENRE
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

**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:

<http://www.readbrightly.com/8-great-chapter-books-third-graders/>

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

<https://www.greatschools.org/gk/book-lists/favorite-books-for-third-graders/>