

**SUMMER READING LIST: STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 3
STEERE FARM and W.L. CALLAHAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
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ALL students are required to read at least one book from the appropriate lists below, and the other may be a book of their choice.

MOST CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 3.5 ~ 3.9)*

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective* by Donald J. Sobol

Ten-year-old Leroy (nicknamed "Encyclopedia") Brown always manages to solve his father's cases at the dinner table, so he decides to pen his own detective agency.

The End of the Beginning by Avi

Avon the snail and Edward, a take-charge ant, set off together on a journey to an undetermined destination in search of unspecified adventures.

Judy Moody *by Megan McDonald

Third grader Judy Moody is in a first day of school bad mood until she gets an assignment to create a collage all about herself and begins creating her masterpiece, the Me collage.

Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O'Malley

Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.

Owen Foote, Super Spy by Stephanie Greene

Owen and his friends decide that spying on the school principal at his own house will be a fun challenge.

Young Thomas Edison by Michael Dooling

Includes bibliographical references. Presents a short illustrated biography of inventor Thomas Edison, and chronicles his childhood and early interest in science, as well as his many inventions.

Tornado by Betsy Cromer Byars

As they wait out a tornado in their storm cellar, a family listens to their farmhand tell stories about the dog that was blown into his life by another tornado when he was a boy.

Cam Jansen and the Catnapping Mystery* by David Adler

While visiting Aunt Molly at a fancy downtown hotel, Cam uses her photographic memory to help one of the guests find her stolen luggage and pet cat, and to catch the thief.

Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown

After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he is sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

MORE CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 3.0 ~ 3.4)*

Three Names of Me by Mary Cummings

A girl adopted from China describes how her three names--one from her birth mother, one from the orphanage, and one her American parents gave her--are each an important part of who she is.

Cam Jansen and the Birthday Mystery* by Davis Adler

When Cam's grandparents are robbed on their way to her parents' surprise birthday party, Cam uses her photographic memory to solve the mystery.

Lost! : A Story in String by Paul Fleischman

A grandmother tells a story about a young girl who uses her wits and what is available to her to help her survive when she is lost in the snow with instructions for creating a number of string figures mentioned in the story.

Prairie School by Avi

In 1880, Noah's aunt teaches him how to read as they explore the Colorado prairie together, as Noah pushes Aunt Dora in her wheelchair.

The Ink Drinker by Eric Sanvoisan

A boy who hates books discovers an ink-drinking vampire in his father's bookshop and follows him to his underground vault.

You Lucky Dog by Stephanie True Peters

Lou meets a wonderful dog that seems to be able to play and follow the rules of soccer better than the 'Cats do, but his true owner is sure to want him back.

Dandelions by Eve Bunting

Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska territory.

New York's Bravest by Mary Pope Osborne

Tells of the heroic deeds of the legendary New York firefighter, Mose Humphreys.

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin

A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations.

It's a Fair Day, Amber Brown* by Paula Danziger

Upset with her parents for arguing on what she hoped would be a perfect day, Amber gets lost at a county fair when she tries to follow her best friend Justin and his family through the crowd.

LESS CHALLENGING (Reading Levels 2.5 ~ 2.9)*

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride* by Kate DiCamillo

Every weekend Mr. Watson takes his pig for a ride in his pink convertible. One Saturday morning Mercy the pig seizes her chance, jumps into his lap, and grabs the wheel!

Nate the Great and the Stolen Base* by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat

Someone has stolen second base and Nate is called to help.

A to Z Mysteries: The Deadly Dungeon* by Ron Roy

Back in another adventure, Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose now travel to Maine to visit the castle home of mystery writer Wallis Wallace. While cleaning up the playhouse in the garden, the children discover a trap door that leads to a secret tunnel!

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

The children at Napeville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.

Pirates Don't Change Diapers by Melinda Long

Jeremy Jacobs won't help Captain Braid Beard and his crew dig up the treasure they buried in his backyard until they help him placate his cranky baby sister!

The Babe and I by David Adler

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth.

Diary of a Spider by Doreen Cronin

A young spider discovers, day by day, that there is a lot to learn about being a spider, including how to spin webs and avoid vacuum cleaners.

If You Give a Pig a Pancake by Laura Numeroff

Presents a children's story of the chaos that can happen in the house when you give a pig a pancake.

Owen by Kevin Henkes

Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.

Stink : The Incredible Shrinking Kid* by Megan McDonald

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

***These titles are books in a series by the author. You may choose another title in the series, but be aware that the reading levels vary.**