

# 3RD & 4TH GRADE SUMMER READING PACKET

GREENE STREET FRIENDS SCHOOL/SUMMER 2013

## Dear Parents,

It is essential for your child to read over the summer to actively nurture the love of reading, develop literacy skills, and be prepared for the following school year. The goal of our summer reading program is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and to acquaint students with a wide range of authors of fiction, nonfiction, and series books. With this goal in mind, we have provided a list of children's book authors appropriate for third and fourth grade students. Feel free to use this list as a guide, but do not feel limited by our suggestions.



In addition to independent reading, parents should read aloud at least one chapter book with their child. This shared reading experience will help develop your child's vocabulary and critical thinking skills. During the read aloud (i.e. after each paragraph, page, or chapter), pause with your child to discuss the book. Ask your child questions, such as, "What is happening in the book?" "Can you identify the problem?" "What do you think is going to happen next?" "What in the text makes you think so?" "What part/ passage stands out to you and why?"

Our goal is for reading to be fun and meaningful. Through independent and shared reading, we hope your child will experience the "thrills and skills" of reading.

Something that is new this year is that the 3rd and 4th grade teachers will expect students to read a specific book and be able to talk and write about that particular book at the beginning of the school year.

Happy Reading!

Your 3rd and 4th grade teachers

## WHAT YOU'LL FIND IN THIS PACKET



Information  
about each  
grade's  
**required  
reading book**



**BOOK SUGGESTIONS BY  
GENRE AND SUBJECT**  
Suggestions for where to get started  
when you're looking for fiction,  
nonfiction, graphic novels, and  
others.



**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM  
3RD AND 4TH GRADERS** See  
what other students at the school  
are reading!

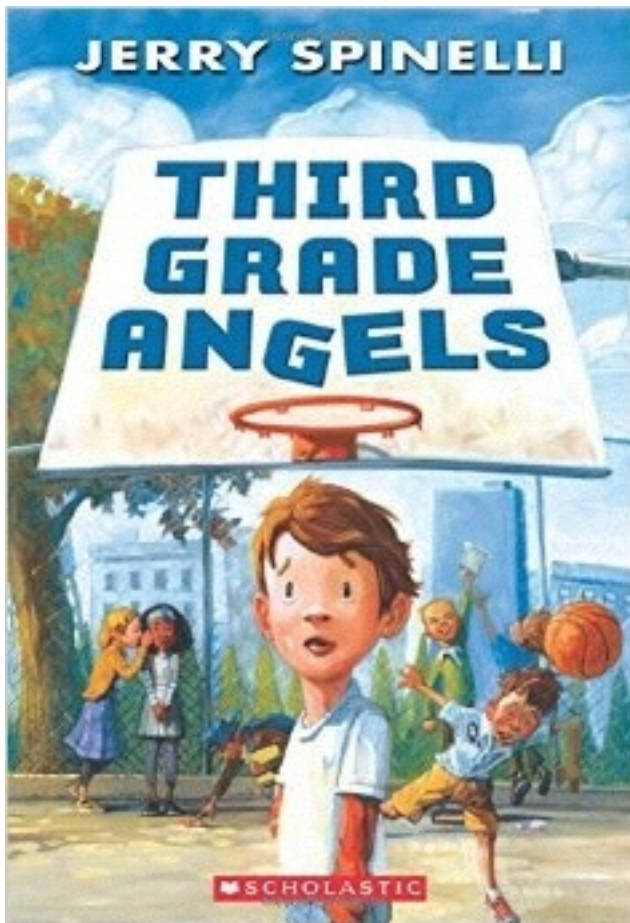
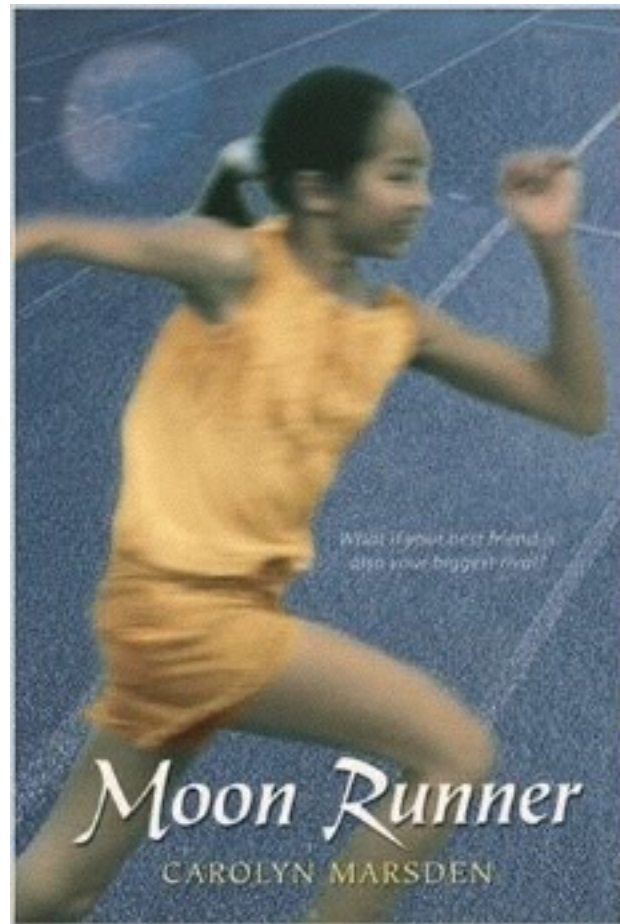


**SUMMER CHALLENGE** There  
are lots of different kinds of reading.  
Can you get reading BINGO this  
summer?

4th Grade will be reading. . .

## Moon Runner by Carolyn Marsden

We look forward to discussing it with you!



3rd Grade will read. . .

## Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

Enjoy and come ready with some thoughts share!



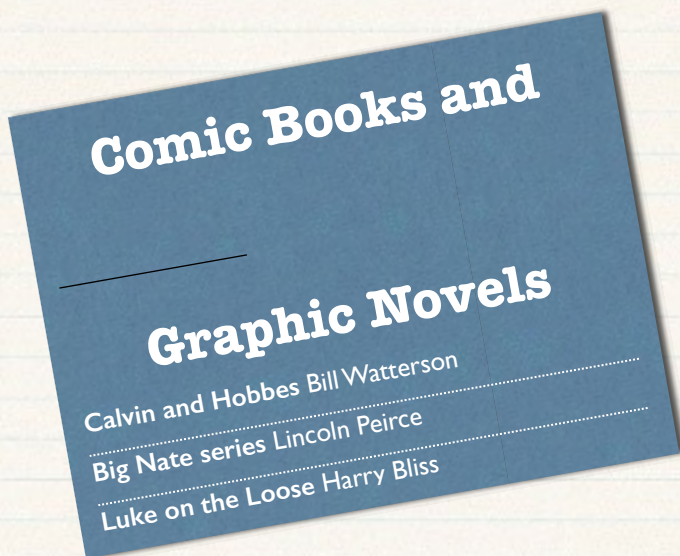
## Looking for fiction?

- Avi: *Crispin, Poppy, The Fighting Ground*
- Judy Blume: *Fudge-A-Mania, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Freckle Juice*
- Oliver Butterworth: *The Enormous Egg, The Trouble with Jenny's Ear*
- Betsy Byars: *Trouble River, The Midnight Fox, Boo's Dinosaur*
- Matt Christopher: *Little Lefty, The Home Run Kid Races On, Shadow Over the Back Court*
- Beverly Cleary: *Ramona Series, Muggie Maggie, Henry and Paper Route, The Luckiest Girl*
- Andrew Clements: *Jake Drake series*
- Bruce Coville: *Moongobble and Me, Sixth Grade Alien Series, Space Brat Series*
- Roald Dahl: *The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Twits*
- Patricia Reilly Giff: *Water Street, Willow Run, All the Way Home, Fourth Grade Celebrity, Polk Street School*
- Kate Dicamillo: *Because of Winn-Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux, The Magician's Elephant*
- Jean Craighead George: *Autumn Moon*
- Dan Gutman: *The Talent Show, Roberto and Me, Ray and Me*
- Karen Hesse: *The Music of Dolphins, Stowaway, Witness*
- Polly Horvath: *My One Hundred Adventures, The Corps of the Bare-Boned Plane*
- James Howe: *Bunnica: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery, The Celery Stalks at Night, Howliday Inn, Return to Howliday Inn*
- Gordon Korman: *Schooled, Maxx Comedy, No More Dead Dogs*
- Lois Lowry: *All About Sam, The Silent Boy*
- Ann M. Martin: *Jump Rope Rhymes, A Dog's Life, The Runaway Doll, The Babysitters' Club*
- Gary Paulsen: *Brian's Saga, Wood Runner, Lawn Boy, The Glass Café*
- Louis Sachar: *Holes, Small Steps, There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom, Sixth Grade Secrets*
- Jon Scieszka: *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Tales, Summer Reading is Killing Me!*

1. Polk Street School Patricia Reilly Giff
2. Bad Kitty Nick Bruel
3. Judy Moody/Stink Megan Mc Donald
4. Cam Jansen David A. Adler
5. Clementine Sara Pennypacker
6. Alvin Ho Lenore Look
7. Baseball Card Adventures Dan Gutman
8. A to Z Mysteries Ron Roy
9. Cornelia stories Pam Muñoz Ryan
10. My Weird School Dan Gutman
11. Ellray Jakes Sally Warner
12. Percy Jackson Rick Riordan
13. Time Warp Trio Jon Scieszka
14. Junie B. Jones
15. Horrible Harry Suzy Kline
16. Jake Drake Andrew Clements



- Brian Selznick: *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, *The Houdini Box*, *The Boy of a Thousand Faces*
- Dick King Smith: *Ace: The Very Important Pig*; *Babe: The Gallant Pig*; *The Catlady*, *The Golden Goose*, *Harriet's Hare*
- Jerry Spinelli: *Crash*, *Mania Magee*, *Knots in My Yo-Yo String*
- Bill Wallace: *Trapped in Death Cave*, *Snot Stew*, *Red Dog, Dog Called Kitty*
- E.B. White: *Charlotte's Web*, *Stuart Little*, *A Cricket in Times Square*
- Elizabeth Winthrop: *The Castle in the Attic*, *Belinda's Hurricane*, *Luke's Bully*, *The Battle for the Castle*
- Laurence Yep: *Dragonwings*, *Dragon's Gate*, *Dragon of the Lost Sea*

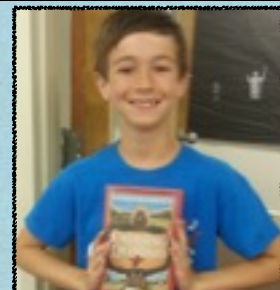


**THE MAGIC FINGER** by Roald Dahl

It is like a Fairy Tale about a girl and magic and how anger can get out of control. I like this book because it tells the story of how you shouldn't get mad over little things. It's also funny.

-- Jessica

**What kind of fiction are the 3rd and 4th graders reading?**



**CHASING REDBIRD** by Sharon Creech

Chasing Redbird is about a girl named Zinnie. She likes the peace and quiet and being alone. When she discovers a trail, she clears it away. Not only does she clear the trail away, she also clears some of her families deepest secrets.

-Gus

# Looking for nonfiction?

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David Adler: *The Babe and I, America's Champion Swimmer; Gertrude Ederle, Heroes for Civil Rights*

Joanna Cole: *You Can't Smell A Flower with Your Ear!: All About the 5 Senses; Space Explorers; Food Chain Frenzy*

Douglas Florian: *Lizards, Frogs, and Polliwogs; Bing Bang Boing; Laugh-eteria*

Russell Freedman: *Immigrant Kids; Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott; Give Me Liberty: The Story of the Declaration of Independence*

Jean Fritz: *Early Thunder; George Washington's Breakfast;*

*And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?*

Lee Bennett Hopkins: *Incredible Inventions; Hamsters, Shells, and Spelling Bees; Got Geography!*

Kathleen Krull: *Hilary Rodham Clinton; The Road to Oz, A Woman for President, Pocahontas, Harvesting Hope, Houdini*

Kathryn Lasky: *Beyond the Burning Time; Memoirs of a Bookbat; A Brilliant Streak: The Making of Mark Twain*

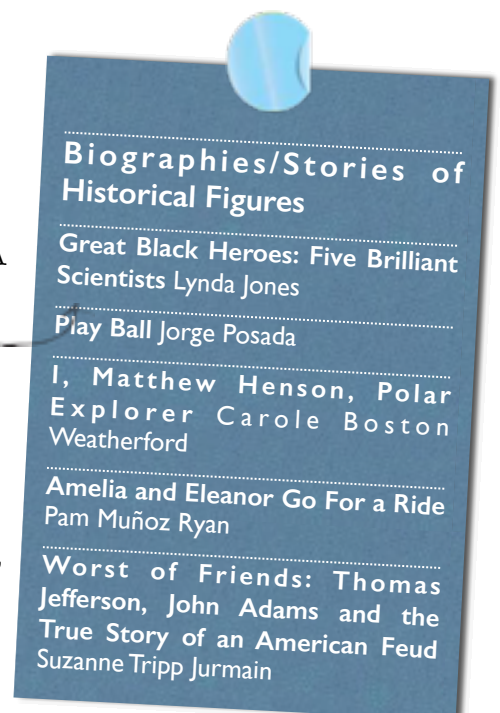
Sandra Markle: *Finding Home, Hip-Pocket Papa, Little Lost Bat, A Mother's Journey*

Sy Montgomery: *Journey of the Pink Dolphins, Spell of the Tiger, Search for the Golden Moon Bear, Saving the Ghost of the Mountain*

Jim Murphy: *Blizzard!, The Great Fire, A Savage Thunder, A Young Patriot*

Mary Pope Osborne: *Space: A Nonfiction Companion to Midnight on the Moon; Mummies and Pyramids: A Nonfiction Companion to Mummies in the Morning*

Seymour Simon: *Lightning, The Human Body, Wolves, Global Warming, Tropical Rainforests*



## WHAT ARE 3RD & 4TH GRADERS READING?



**Because of Mr Terupt and Mr Terupt Falls Again**

by Rob Buyea

These books are touching and show the meaning of true friendship. One of the things I loves about this book is that each chapter changes perspective from child to child of some kids in the class. The books involve wrestling, friendship, love, family, mean high-schoolers, not together parents, standing up for yourself and growing up.

-Lucy



**Encyclopedia Brown** by Donald Sobol

I recommend this book because you can really predict what's going to happen and kind of figure out the mystery before it tells you. It's a mystery story and each chapter is a different mystery

— Ollie



## WHAT ARE THE 3RD & 4TH GRADERS READING?



Elijah says:

**The Book of Three** by Lloyd Alexander

I recommend this book to people who like short adventure stories. It was also good because it is kind of realistic but also has some fiction.



Jules says:

**Number the Stars** by Lois Lowry

It has a lot of adventure and a strong message. Good for strong readers.



Joelle says:

**Percy Jackson & The Olympians (Series)**

by Rick Riordan

I like this series because it is funny!

## Books about 3rd Grade

**How to Tame a Bully** Nancy Wilcox Richards

**Invisible in the 3rd Grade** Margery Cuyler

**Third Grade Detectives** George E. Stanley

**Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel** Nikki Grimes

**Good Grief Third Grade** Colleen O'Shaughnessy  
McKenna

**Swamp Monster in Third Grade** Debbie Dadey

**Third Grade is Trouble** Barbara Baker

**How to Be Cool in the Third Grade** Betsy Duffey

**7 x 9 = Trouble** G. Brian Karas

**Katie Kazoo: I Hate Rules** Nancy Krulik

**That Crazy Eddie and the Science Project of Doom**  
Judy Cox

## Books about 4th Grade

**Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing** Judy Blume

**Who's Afraid of Fourth Grade?** Nancy Krulik

**The Ghost in Room 11** Betty Ren Wright

**Fourth Grade Rats** Jerry Spinelli

**Fourth Grade Fuss** Johanna Hurwitz

**The Fabled Fourth Graders of Aesop Elementary School** Candace Fleming

# 3RD & 4TH GRADE SUMMER READING BINGO CHALLENGE

This summer, the 3rd and 4th grade teachers want you to challenge yourself to read new things and read in new ways. Can you get reading bingo by getting 5 in a row?

Want an extra challenge? Try to check off every single box!

practice reading one part of your book until you can read it smoothly aloud	partner read with an adult	read a biography of a famous person	read an article in a newspaper	read a book recommended by a teacher
read a fantasy book	read a realistic fiction book	read a recipe	read a nonfiction book	practice reading a poem until you can perform it from memory
read a book that is part of a series	find a just right book and explain to someone why it's just right for you		read a picture book	read a book recommended by your librarian
read a book of poetry	read a book with a friend and discuss it together	read a book recommended by a student	read a book that has been made into a movie	read aloud to an adult
read a comic book or graphic novel	read a myth	read aloud to a younger child	read a historical fiction book	read a magazine