

3rd Grade List of Recommend Reading

Title	Copyright Date	Author: Last name, First Name	Lexile	Genre	Awards/Reviewing Agencies	Annotation
After Happily Ever After, Rapunzel Lets Her Hair Down	2005	Bradman, Tony	570	Fiction		So what happens AFTER Happily ever After?
Alvin Ho	2008	Look, Lenore	570	Fiction		Alvin has a long list of things he's afraid of, including the dark, heights, shots and school. One thing he's not afraid of: anything that explodes!
Case of the Library Monster, The	2011	Butler, Dori Hillestad	460	Fiction		Buddy is a dog; a therapy dog at school; a detective. Lots of humor and twists and turns!
Curse of the Cheese Pyramid, The	2004	Stilton, Geronimo	450	Fiction		Popular series about an adventurous mouse who runs a newspaper.
Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story in Nine Innings	2003	Hopkinson, Deborah	380	Fiction	Starred Review for Horn Book ALA Booklist National Council For Social Studies Notable Children's Trade	This picture book is "inspired by" the life of pioneering female baseball player Alta Weiss, who in 1907 pitched for the Vermilion Independents, a semipro team. Hopkinson tells her story with practiced skill--vivid details, lively language, varied pacing. The illustrations convey much emotion and narrative content. With a concise, informative author's note, a timeline, and a black-and-white photo of Weiss on the back cover. <i>Horn Book</i>
Hair for Mama	2007	Tinkham, Kelly	530	Easy		It's family picture time, but instead of fun, it's sad. Marcus's mom has cancer and has lost her hair because of her treatments. What can Marcus do?
Henry's Freedom Box	2007	Levine, Ellen	380	Fiction	Starred Review ALA Booklist (2/1/07) Starred Review Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books ALA Booklist (2/1/07) Caldecott Honor	Levine recounts the history of slave Henry "Box" Brown, who is mailed in a wooden box to Philadelphia and freedom. The powerful tale is told through direct, simple language, and a note explains the story's historical basis. The pencil, watercolor, and oil paint illustrations resonate with beauty and sorrow. There is no sugarcoating; however, the conclusion is moving and satisfying. <i>Hornbook</i>
I speak English for my Mom	1989	Stanek, Muriel	540	Easy		Lupe translates for her mom until she learns English. It warms the heart in this common experience in our community.
Jaguar's Jewel, The	2000	Roy, Ron	520	Fiction		Great beginning mysteries for middle graders. Dink, Josh and Ruth Rose solve them all!
Jenny Archer, Author	1989	Conford, Ellen	440	Fiction		A series that understands childhood and the experiences (and humor).
Junie B. , First Grader, Boss of Lunch	2002	Park, Barbara	400	Fiction		One of the most popular series ever! Junie B. sees things diferently... maybe we do, too!
Judy Moody Saves the World	2002	McDonald, Megan	530	Fiction		Things are always happening to Judy and her brother, Stink and we enjoy reading about them!
Last Stop on Market Street	2015	de la Pena, Matt	610	Easy	Newbery Winner, Caldecott honor	A boy and his grandmother ride the bus into another neighborhood to help with a soup kitchen.
Lowriders in Space	2014	Camper, Cathy	430	Graphic		A graphic book with Spanish words and culture throughout. Three friends customize their car for a Lowrider competition.
Lucha Libre: The Man in the Silver Mask	2005	Garza, Xavier	1140	Bilingual		Carlitos is so excited to attend a wrestling match in Mexico with his dad, but where's his uncle? He promised to be there.
Monica and the School Spirit Meltdown	2011	Gallagher, Diana	440	Fiction		Read all about Monica and her friends fresh out of your own text stream!
My Weird School, Miss Daisy is Crazy!	2004	Gutman, Dan	650	Fiction		Funny things happen at this school.
Painted Words	1998	Aliki	550	Easy		A beautiful pair of stories told from 2 viewpoints. One is the class where a new student comes - and she doesn't speak English, but she can paint. The other viewpoint is from Mari when she speaks English and is able to tell her own story.
Pirates Past Noon	1994	Osborne, Mary Pope	400	Fiction		Beloved series that takes you through time for adventure.
Quarterback Comeback	2011	Maddox, Jake	550	Fiction		A high interest fiction series about sports for both girls and boys

Ramona Quimby, Age 8	1981	Cleary, Beverly	860	Fiction	Horn Book Newbery Honor	Ramona likes that she's old enough to be counted on, but must everything depend on her? Mrs. Quimby has gone back to work so that Mr. Quimby can return to school, and Ramona is expected to be good for Mrs. Kemp while her parents are away, to be brave enough to ride the school bus by herself, and to put up with being teased by Danny the Yard Ape. In Ramona's world, being eight isn't easy, but it's never dull! In this Newbery Honor Book, Beverly Cleary lovingly chronicles Ramona's experiences. <i>Perma-Bound</i>
Roller Girl	2015	Jamieson, Victoria	440	Graphic Novel	Starred Review Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books ALA Booklist Kirkus Reviews Newbery Honor ALA/YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers	At summer roller derby boot camp, coaches, teammates, and celebrity roller Rainbow Bite cheer on twelve-year-old Astrid as she faces the challenges of derby as well as tweendom. When time comes for her big end-of-summer bout, "Asteroid" is ready to roll. Jamieson's dialogue captures coming-of-age within a subculture authentically; the graphic-novel format is used resourcefully. Have this at the ready for Telgemeier fans.. <i>Hornbook</i>
Separate is Never Equal	2014	Tonatiuh, Duncan	870	Non Fiction	Pura Bel Pre Honor	Did you know that long before Brown Vs. Board of Education there was a legal case in California that brought to the public eye the unequal schools for Hispanic children?
War That Saved My Life, The	2015	Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker	580	Fiction	Newbery Honor book Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award	Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him. So begins a new adventure of Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother? <i>Perma-Bound</i>
Wednesday Surprise, The	1989	Bunting, Eve	540	Easy		Each Wednesday Anna and her grandmother read stories together to prepare a surprise for Anna's dad. But guess who's learning to read?
Whatever After Fairest of All	2012	Mlynowski, Sarah	400	Fiction		A spunky heroine discovers a mirror in the basement and the fun begins.