

# Third Grade Summer Reading

Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are required to read at least two books from the following list. You may choose one of the books listed below or any book written by the spotlight author or classic series. **One book must be a biography** which will be used to complete the attached "Can a Character" reading project. Projects will be due August 29.

Have a WONDERFUL summer!

Ben & Me  
Chocolate Fever  
Homer Price  
How to Eat Fried Worms  
The Keeping Quilt  
Little House in the Big Woods  
Mr. Popper's Penguins  
Ramona Quimby, Age 8  
Sarah, Plain and Tall

Robert Lawson  
Robert Kimmel Smith  
Robert McCloskey  
Thomas Rockwell  
Patricia Polacco  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Richard Atwater  
Beverly Cleary  
Patricia MacLachlan

**Spotlight Author:** Jack Prelutsky (poetry)

## **Classic Series:**

The Boxcar Children  
Encyclopedia Brown  
Dear America

Gertrude Chandler Warner  
Donald Sobol  
various authors

**Biographies:** (these are SUGGESTIONS - you may choose ANY biography that is of interest to your child)

Abe Lincoln Remembers  
Amelia Earhart (Young Patriots Series)  
Buzz Aldrin: Reaching for the Moon Buzz Aldrin  
Duke Ellington  
Eleanor Everywhere: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt  
Oh, the Places He Went  
*Any biography from the following series:*  
Childhood of Famous Americans  
Who Was Series  
Young Patriots Series

Ann Turner  
Jane Moore Howe  
(autobiography)  
Andrea Pinkney  
Monica Kulling  
Maryann Weidt  
  
various authors  
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# Third Grade Summer Reading Project "Can a Character"

## What You Need:

coffee can or large soup can  
construction paper  
fabric scraps  
glue  
scissors

colored yarn  
crayons, colored pencils or markers  
index cards cut into strips  
any other craft materials

## What You Do:

1. Read a biography from the Summer Reading List.
2. Make the can look like the character by cutting and gluing on pieces of construction paper, fabric, yarn, or any other craft materials.
3. Write 5 sentences that tell about your character on index card strips.
4. Put the strips in the can.
5. Bring the can to school by Monday, August 16.

