

Dartmouth Public Schools Summer Reading List Students Entering Grade 3



Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to engage in many family activities. Please continue to include reading as part of your family time together. In response to the numerous requests we have received regarding just right books, we have put together a list of book choices that you might find helpful. You will find this list includes titles that are high-interest, award winning titles recommended by Dartmouth teachers. Additionally we have included Dartmouth student's favorites.

Don't' forget...

- Pack a book wherever you go this summer
- Participate in activities at your local library this summer
- Start a kids book club
- Recognize that your child may have additional book choices
- Read to your kids, even the older ones



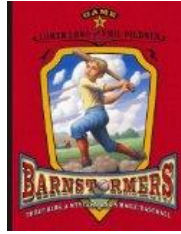
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Favorite Books for Grade 3

- **Barnstormers**
Baseball books

In the late 1800s, a baseball with strange powers belonging to their late father works wonders for three children and a traveling baseball team which must raise \$10,000.

by Phil Bildner



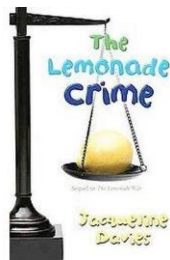
- **Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride**

Mr. Watson's usual Saturday drive in his Cadillac with his favorite pig, Mercy, turns into an adventure when an unexpected passenger shows up in the back seat and Mercy finds herself behind the wheel.

by Kate DiCamillo

- **The Lemonade**
Crime

Following *The Lemonade War*, Scott Spencer, an alleged thief, is put on trial by his classmates who construct an authentic tribunal to determine his fate and end up surprising themselves with their verdict.
Jacqueline Davies



- **Ruby Lu, Brave and True**

by Lenore Look

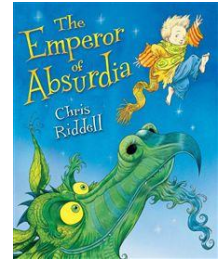
"Almost-eight-year-old" Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks, learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.

by Lenore Look

- **The Emperor of Absuridia**

A young boy journeys in search of a dragon, through a strange land where he finds wardrobe monsters, pillow hills, and umbrella trees.

by Chris Riddell



- **Ivy and Bean**

When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support for her antics from Ivy, the new neighbor who, is less boring than Bean first suspected.

by Annie Barrows

- **The Dragon's Child**

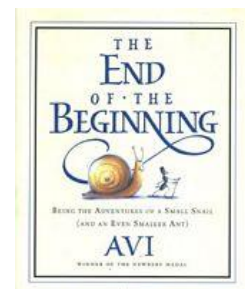
Dando, a young dragon who cannot fly, is captured by dangerous humans, but a kind slave girl, an orphaned bird, and the melancholy son of the dragon's captor help him escape his imprisonment and learn to fly.

by Jenny Nimmo

- **The End of the Beginning**

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

by Avi



- **Ghosthunters**

Tom, not yet 10, is deathly afraid of ghosts and unable to convince his family he has

seen one in the basement of the apartment building they live in.

by Cornelia Funke

- **Lexi's Tale**

Narrated by Lexington, the helpful, street-smart squirrel from Pee-Wee's Tale who always has an idiom from the world of squirrels, passed down by his mother, to help guide his actions.

by Johanna Hurwitz

- **Rainbow Magic**

by Daisy Meadows

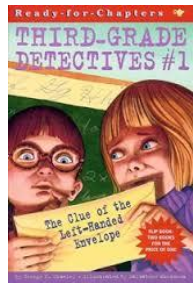


- **Stink**

by Megan McDonald

- **Third Grade Detectives**

by George Edward Stanley



- **Time Warp Trio**

by Jon Scieszka

- **Zelda and Ivy**

By Laura McGee Kvasnosky

Favorite Series

- **A to Z Mysteries**

by Ron Roy

- **Amber Brown**

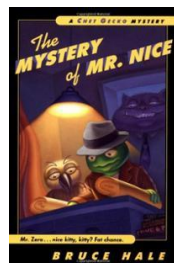
by Paula Danzinger

- **Andrew Lost**

by J. C. Greenburg

- **Cam Jansen**

by David Adler



- **Chet Gecko Mysteries**

by Bruce Hale

- **Cobble Street Cousins**

by Cynthia Rylant

- **Dinosaur Dove**

by Rex Stone

- **Elliot's Park**

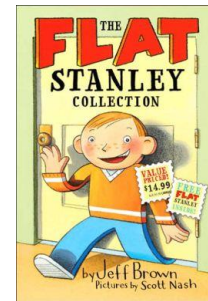
by Patrick Carman

- **Fairy Realm**

by Emily Rodda

- **Flat Stanley**

by Jeff Brown



- **Geronimo Stilton**

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- **High Rise Private Eyes**

by Cynthia Rylant

- **Horrible Harry**

by Suzy Kline

- **Humpty Dumpty Jr: Hardboiled Detective**

by Nate Evans

- **Iris and Walter series**

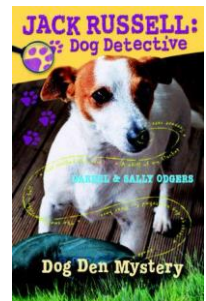
by Elissa Guest

- **Jack Russell Dog Detective**

by Darrel Odgers

- **Jigsaw Jones Mysteries**

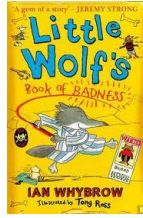
by James Preller



- **Judy Moody**

by Megan McDonald

- **Little Wolf**
by Ian Whybrow



- **Mercy Watson**
by Kate DiCamillo

- **My Weird School**
by Dan Gutman

- **Rainbow Magic**
by Daisy Meadows

- **Stink**
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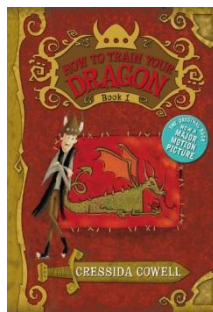


- **Time Warp Trio**
by Jon Scieszka

- **Zelda and Ivy**
By Laura McGee Kvasnosky

- **How to Train Your Dragon**

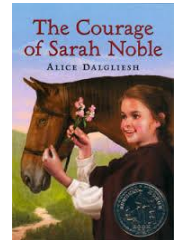
In this silly chapter book, the Viking boy Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, son of the chief, finds himself needing to find and train a dragon and becomes an unlikely hero in the process. Cressida Cowell



- **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**
by Simms Taback

- **Officer Buckle and Gloria**
by Peggy Rathmann

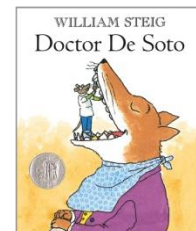
- **Courage of Sarah Noble**
by Alice Dagliesh



- **The Hundred Penny Box**
by Sharon Bell Mathis

- **The Whipping Boy**
by Sid Fleischman

- **Doctor DeSoto**
by William Steig

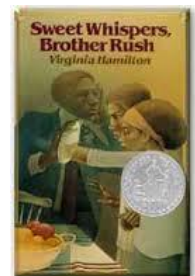


- **Bears on Hemlock Mountain**
by Alice Dagliesh

- **After the Rain**
by Norma Fox Mazer

- **Scorpions**
by Walter Dean Myers

- **Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush**
by Virginia Hamilton



Classics

- **Because of Winn-Dixie.**

Ten year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie. Kate DiCamillo

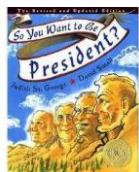
Award Winning Books

- **The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**

by Mordicai Gerstein

- **So You Want to Be President?**

by Judith St. George



- ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle.***

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Beverly Clearly

- ***Sarah, Plain and Tall.***

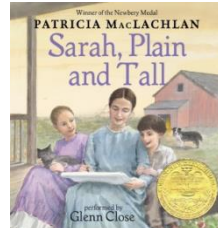
First published 1985.

This sweet prairie tale of a family's

experiences with Sarah,

a mail-order bride from Maine, begins with children Anna and Caleb worried that their new mother might not like being away from the sea.

Patricia MacLachlan



- ***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.***

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Roald Dahl

Dartmouth Kid Picks Summer 2015

Grade 3 Kid Picks:

- Calvin and Hobbs by Bill Watterson
- Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce
- World According to Humphrey (Series) by Betty G. Birney
- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- Warriors by Erin Hunter
- The Contract by Derek Jeter
- My Weird School (Series) by Dan Gutman
- Smile by Raina Telgemeier
- Swindle by Gordan Korman
- Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown
- Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
- Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia
- The Incurable Children of Ashton Place: Book V: The Unmapped Sea by Maryrose Wood
- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
- I Am John F. Kennedy by Grace Norwich
- Magic Tree House: Moonlight on the Magic Flute by Mary Pope Osborne
- Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- The Fenway Foul-Up by David A. Kelly
- Magic Tree House: Danger in the Darkest Hour by Mary Pope Osborne
- Clementine's Letter by Sara Pennypacker
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kenney
- The Lemonade War (Series) by Jacqueline Davies
- Is There a Cure For Chocolate Fever? By Robert Kimmel Smith