



# WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families and Incoming Third Grade Students,

Welcome to Third Grade! As you begin to enjoy summer, we encourage you to continue to make reading an important part of your family’s activities. While reading instruction will be emphasized by your child’s teacher throughout the school year, children need to continue to read during the summer months, not only for enjoyment, but also to sustain and strengthen skills they have already developed. We have provided a list of *suggested* titles appropriate for Third Grade-aged children to get you started with ideas, but **please feel free to read beyond** them! If needed, you can reach out to your child’s teacher for additional guidance about appropriate book choices.

Upon request, a Chromebook can be made available to your incoming Third Grade student for reading digital texts if needed. Please reach out to the elementary school at which your child is registered to make arrangements.

Reading over summer vacation may not be a priority for children, but parents and teachers should make it one. Why? Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and [critical thinking skills](#) for the coming year. Literacy expert Julie Wood believes that it is necessary for children to [read on a daily basis](#) in order to maintain literacy skills learned in the previous school year.

All of this information can be accessed on the District’s website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Have a wonderful, word-filled summer!

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WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUMMER READING *SUGGESTED* TITLES LIST  
BOOKS TO SHARE WITH INCOMING THIRD GRADE STUDENTS  
SUMMER 2022

**Also consider reading:**

- Books of personal interest
- Other books by the same authors
- Fairy tales & Nursery rhymes
- Old favorites over and over!

**Students Entering Grade 3**

Adler, David. *Cam Jansen Series*  
Alphin, Elaine Marie. *Dinosaur Hunter*  
Bader, Bonnie. *Graphs*  
Barrows, Annie. *Ivy and Bean M*  
Bottner, B. & Kruglik, G. *Pish and Posh L*  
Brill, M. T. *Bronco, Charlie and the Pony Express L*  
Byers, B. *Me Tarzan P*  
Calmenson, S. and J. Cole. *Gater Girl Series*  
Christopher, Matt. *Peach Street Mudders Series*  
Clifford, E. *Flatfoot Fox Series*  
Cushman, Doug. *Inspector Hopper's Mystery Year K*  
Dadey, D. & M. T. Jones. *The Bailey School Kids...Series*  
Danziger, Paula. *Amber Brown Series*  
DiCamillo, Kate. *Mercy Watson Series*  
Figley, Marty Rhodes. *School Children's Blizzard L*  
Gantos, Jack. *Rotten Ralph Series*  
Giff, P. R. *Kids of the Polk Street School Series*  
Gifford, Peggy. *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Writing Thank You Notes*  
Greenfield, Eloise. *In the Land of Words: New and Selected Poems*  
Howe, James. *Pinky and Rex Series*  
Hurwitz, Johanna. *Russell Sprouts M*  
King-Smith, Dick. *A Mouse Called Wolf O*  
Kinney, Jeff. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series*

Kline, Suzy. *Mary Marony and the Snake, Horrible Harry Series: Molly Zander Series*  
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Krensky, Stephen. *Arthur Chapter Book Series*  
Krulike, Nancy. *Katie Kazoo Series*

**Finding a book that is right for you:**

- Select a book you would like to read.
- Look through the book and read a page.
- Every time you come to a word you don't know, count it on your finger.
- If you use up five or more fingers by the end of the page, the book is too difficult for you to read independently, but read it with your parent.
- Select another book to read independently.
- A great resource to help you find books is: [www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)

Kvasnosky, Laura McGee. *Zelda and Ivy Series*  
Maitland, Barbara. *The Bookstore Burglar*  
McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Series*  
Murphy, Stuart J. *Math Start Series*  
Osborne, Mary Pope. *Magic Treehouse Series*  
Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones Series*  
Parish, Peggy. *Amelia Bedelia Series*  
Patrick, Jean L.S. *The Girl Who Struck Out Babe Ruth L*  
Preller, James. *Jigsaw Jones Mystery Series*  
Roy, Ron. *A-Z Mysteries Series*  
Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton Series; Mr. Putter and Tabby Series; The High-Rise Private Eyes Series*  
Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. *Nate the Great Series*  
Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*  
Stevenson, James. *Heat Wave at Mud Flat*  
St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be an Inventor S*  
Tripp, Valerie. *Hopscotch Hill School Series*  
Warren, Gertrude C. *The Boxcar Children Series*

**Students Entering Grade 4**

Baglio, Ben M. *Animal Ark Series*  
Benton, Jim. *Franny K. Stein. Mad Scientist Series*  
Birney, Betty G. *The World According to Humphrey O*  
Barasch, Lynne. *Radio Rescue*  
Blume, Judy. *Superfudge Q*  
Brock, Betty. *No Flying in the House P*  
Cheney, Lynne. *A is for Abigail Q*

Christopher, Matt. *Sports Series*  
Cleary, Beverly. *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* **O**  
Cowell, Cressida. *How to Train Your Dragon Series*  
Dahl, Roald. *Fantastic Mr. Fox* **P**; *Matilda* **S**,  
*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* **R**  
Davies, J. *The Lemonade War*  
DiTerlizzi, T. *The Spiderwick Chronicles*  
Eriksen, John. *Hank the Cowdog Series*  
Goodman, Susan. *Brave Kid Series*  
Greenburg, Dan. *Zack Files Series*  
Greene, Stephanie. *Owen Foote, Frontiersman* **N**  
Hale, Bruce. *Chet Gecko Mystery Series*  
Hatkoff, I., C. Hatkoff, & P. Kahumbu. *Owen and  
Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable  
Friendship* **T**  
Herzog, B. *H is for Home Run! A Baseball  
Alphabet*  
Hillman, Ben. *How Strong Is It? A Mighty Book  
About Strength*  
Hurst, Carol Otis. *Rocks in His Head* **K**  
Jenkins, Emily. *Toys Go Out* **Q**

Jenkins, Steve. *Living Color*  
Keene, Carolyn. *The Nancy Drew Notebooks Series*  
Kline, Suzy. *Herbie Jones Series*  
Levinson, Nancy Smiler. *Prairie Friends* **J**  
Mahy, M. *Tingleberries, Tuckertubs, and  
Telephones* **P**  
Manes, S. *Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days!* **N**  
Martin, Ann. *Babysitter's Club Series*  
Pennypacker, Sara. *Clementine* **O**  
Piven, H. *What Athletes Are Made Of*  
Rodowsky, Colby. *Not My Dog* **N**  
Roy, Ron. *Capital Mysteries Series*  
Sachar, Louis. *Wayside School Series*  
Scieszka, Jon. *The Time Warp Trio: The Knights  
of the Kitchen Table* **P**  
Silverstein, Shel. *A Light in the Attic*  
Sobol, Donald. *Encyclopedia Brown Series*  
Stelling, Diane. *The Giant and the Mouse*  
VanDraanen, Wendelin. *Shredderman Series*  
Warner, G C. *Boxcar Children Series*  
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House Books Series*