

Rising Third Grade Summer Bridges

Summer Learning

For families looking for optional summer practice opportunities, we recommend the following books for rising third-grade students to help reinforce skills and support readiness for our third-grade curriculum:

- [Summer Language Arts Review 2nd Grade](#) from summerskills.com
- [Summer Math Skills Sharpener 2nd Grade](#) from summerskills.com

These books provide a suggested schedule for completing the activities, which can help create a consistent learning routine and structure throughout the summer.

Summer Reading

Reading is an important part of helping your child maintain and strengthen their skills over the summer. We encourage students to read independently each day while also continuing to enjoy books shared with family members. Novels, nonfiction books, magazines, graphic novels, and favorite series all help build vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency.

Audiobooks are also a wonderful option, especially during summer travel or long car rides. Listening to rich language and engaging stories helps students develop vocabulary, strengthen comprehension, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

If you like funny books, read:

- The 13-Story Treehouse Series by Andy Griffiths
- Hamster Princess Harriet the Invincible by Ursula Vernon
- Bad Kitty Series by Nick Bruel
- Alvin Ho Series by Leonore Look
- Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater
- Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows
- Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom by Swanson & Behr
- The Riot Brothers by Mary Amato
- Justin Case - Shells, Smells, and the Terrible Flip-Flops of Doom by Rachel Vail
- The Best of Iggy by Annie Barrows

If you like modern classics, read:

- The Series of Unfortunate Events - The Bad Beginning by Lemony Snicket
- Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume
- Henry Huggins by Beverly Cleary
- Stuart Little by E. B. White
- Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne
- Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

If you like historical fiction stories, read:

- Once Upon a Time by Stuart Gibbs
- Skylark by Patricia MacLachlan
- Soldier Dogs by Marcus Sutter
- Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- I Survived by Lauren Tarshis

If you like adventure and mystery books, read:

- The Magnificent Makers Series by Theanne Griffith
- Kid Spy Series by Mac Barnett
- The Secret Explorers Series by DK & SJ King
- Dragons And Marshmallows Citro, Asia
- James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- The Lost Library by Rebecca Stead and Wendy Mass

If you like fantasy & science fiction books, read:

- Whatever After Series by Sarah Mlynowski
- The Princess in Black Series by Shannon Hale
- The Spiderwick Chronicles Series by Tony DiTerlizzi
- Upside-Down Magic Series By Sarah Mlynowski
- Dragon Masters series by Tracey West
- Trapped in a Video Game by Dustin Brady
- The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd
- Legends of Lotus Island by Christina Soontornvat
- Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing
- Catalina Incognito by Jennifer Torres
- Lightningborn by Julie Kagawa

If you like animal books, read:

- Dogtown by Katherine Applegate and Gennifer Choldenko
- Olga and the Smelly Thing From Nowhere by Elise Gravel
- Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen by Candace Fleming
- Mountain Dog by Margarita Engle
- Bad Bella by Ali Standish
- The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney
- The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- Ranger in Time by Kate Messner
- Millie by McCall Hoyle
- The Dinosaur Club - The T. rex Attack by Rex Stone