

## LCS Summer Reading List for Students Entering Third Grade

<b>Required Reading and Project</b>	<u><i>James and the Giant Peach</i></u> by Roald Dahl	fiction	870	6.7	8	Make a diorama of the giant peach with James and all the sea creatures being pulled through the sky by the seagulls while passing the clouds topped with the Cloud-Men.
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**SUGGESTED  
Reading List**

**STUDENTS MUST CHOOSE**  
**3 BOOKS FROM BELOW**

Author	Title	Type of Book	Lexile	Reading Level	RC Points	Description
Sonnenblick	<u><i>Dodger and Me</i></u>	fiction	810	4.7	9	Dodger is a third class genie who tries to help 10-year-old Willie get rid of the girl who has been following him around and tries to get Willie's mother to stop being so protective.
Banks	<u><i>Max's Words</i></u>	fiction	420	2.4	1	Max wants to start a collection since his brothers collect coins and stamps. Max decides to collect words and discovers the importance of how words are put together to create stories.
White	<u><i>Stuart Little</i></u>	fiction	920	3.9	5	A tiny mouse is adopted by a human family and sets out to win over the family members.
Grindley	<u><i>Dear Max</i></u>	fiction	820	4.8	5	Max begins writing letters to his favorite author, D.J. Lucas. Together they share the problems of being a 9-year-old who is being bullied and a famous author who is having trouble with her next book.
Osborne	<u><i>Magic Tree House #1</i></u> <u><i>Dinosaurs Before Dark</i></u>	fiction	240	2.5	3	Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to an ancient time zone where they see live dinosaurs.
Atwater	<u><i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i></u>	humorous fiction	910	4.9	5	The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the polar regions.
Cox	<u><i>Butterfly Buddies</i></u>	friendship, school story	290	3.1	4	In this transition to chapter book story, two students working together on a project to study the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly and learn how important it is to feel accepted.
Cleary	<u><i>Ramona Quimby, Age 8</i></u>	humorous fiction	860	3.5	6	With her father returning to college and her mother working full time, Ramona muddles through the hard times to prove she can be dependable.
Kelly	<u><i>Lucy Rose: Big on Plans</i></u>	diary/journal, humorous fiction	950	4.8	7	In this second book in the "Lucy Rose" series, eight-year-old Lucy writes in her diary about her summer plans to try to keep her parents together, spend her birthday with her father, and try to keep the squirrels from ruining the apricots in her grandparents' tree.
Rockwell	<u><i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i></u>	fiction	650	3.5	4	During the first day of his new school year, a fifth grader squares off against a bully and winds up accepting a dare that could change the balance of power with the class.
Kinney	<u><i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i></u>	fiction	950	5.3	7	Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley hope just to survive. But when Rowley becomes popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.