

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading List**

Allard, Harry. ***Bumps in the Night***

Dudley Stork enlists his friends to help rid his house of things that go bump in the night.

Anderson, C. W. ***Billy and Blaze***

A little boy who loves horses gets a special birthday present.

Bang, Molly. ***The Paper Crane***

A mysterious man enters a restaurant and pays for his dinner with a paper crane that magically comes alive and dances.

Bemelmans, Ludwig. ***Madeline's Rescue***

A hound rescues a schoolgirl from the Seine, becomes a beloved school pet, is chased away by the trustees, and returns with a surprise.

Blume, Judy. ***Freckle Juice***

Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's freckle recipe for fifty cents.

Bond, Michael. ***A Bear Called Paddington***

From the day Paddington was discovered on a railway platform in London, he was seldom far from imminent disaster, but it always seemed to turn into hilarious fun.

Brenner, Barbara. ***Wagon Wheels***

Shortly after the Civil War a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. ***The Chalk Box Kid***

Nine-year-old Gregory's house does not have room for a garden, but he creates a surprising and very different garden in an unusual place.

Catling, Patrick S. ***The Chocolate Touch***

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Cleary, Beverly. ***Muggie Maggie***

Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge to her.

Cohen, Caron. ***The Mud Pony: A Traditional Skidi Pawnee Tale***

A poor boy becomes a powerful leader when Mother Earth turns his mud pony into a real one, but after the pony turns back to mud, he must find his own strength.

DePaolo, Tomie. ***The Legend of the Bluebonnet***

A retelling of the Comanche Indian legend of how a little girl's sacrifice brought the flower called bluebonnet to Texas.

Donnelly, Judy. ***The Titanic Lost ... and Found***

A simple account of the sinking of the Titanic and the discovery of its remains many years later.

Flack, Marjorie. ***The Story About Ping***

A little duck finds adventure on the Yangtze River when he is too late to board his master's houseboat one evening.

Kellogg, Steven. ***Pecos Bill***

Incidents from the life of Pecos Bill, from his childhood among the coyotes to his unusual wedding day.

Kline, Suzy. ***Herbie Jones***

Herbie's experiences in the third grade include finding bones in the boy's bathroom, wandering away from his class on their field trip, and being promoted to a higher reading group.

LeGuin, Ursula. ***Catwings***

Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.

Lindgren, Astrid. ***Pippi Longstocking***

Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

Lobel, Arnold. ***Fables***

Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich.

Maclachlan, Patricia. ***Three Names***

Great-grandfather reminisces about going to school on the prairie with his dog Three Names.

Marshall, James. ***A Summer In the South***

A great detective, Eleanor Owl, is drawn into a mystery while vacationing at a beachside hotel.

Mathis, Sharon Bell. ***The Hundred Penny Box***

Michael's love for his great-great-aunt who lives with his family leads him to intercede with his mother who wants to toss out all her old things.

Milne, A. A. ***Winnie-the-Pooh***

Christopher Robin and his friends have adventures including Pooh Bear using a balloon to get honey, Piglet meeting a Heffalump, and Eeyore having a birthday.

Peterson, John. ***The Littles***

Only a few inches tall, the members of the Little family encounter a myriad of dangers, especially when the house cat comes their way.

Pinkwater, Daniel. ***Aunt Lulu***

Tired of working as a librarian in Alaska, Aunt Lulu takes her sled and her fourteen Huskies and moves to Parsippany, New Jersey.

Polacco, Patricia. ***Chicken Sunday***

To thank Miss Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, three children sell decorated eggs to buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

Prelutsky, Jack. ***The New Kid On the Block***

Humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloopers.

Robinson, Nancy K. ***Just Plain Cat***

Changes at school, his father's photography business, and his kitten keep Chris busy.

Roop, Connie and Peter. ***Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie***

In the winter of 1856, a storm delays the lighthouse keeper's return to an island off the coast of Maine, and so his daughter Abbie must keep the lights burning by herself.

San Souci, Robert. ***The Talking Eggs***

A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.

Silverstein, Shel. ***The Giving Tree***

A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.

Soto, Gary. ***The Skirt***

When Miata leaves on the school bus the skirt that she is to wear in a dance performance, she needs all her wits to get it back without her parents' finding out that she has lost something yet again.

Thurber, James. ***Many Moons***

Though many try, only the court jester is able to fulfill Princess Lenore's one wish.

Van Allsburg, ***Chris. Jumanji***

Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.

Viorst, Judith. ***The Tenth Good Thing About Barney***

In an attempt to overcome his grief, a boy tries to think of the ten best things about his dead cat.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler. ***The Boxcar Children***

Henry, Jessie, Violet and Benny are orphans. Determined to make it on their own, they set out to find a safe place to live. They discover an old, red boxcar that provides shelter from a storm. Against all odds, they make it into their home and become the Boxcar Children!

White, E. B. ***Stuart Little***

The debonair mouse, Stuart Little, sets out in the world to find his dearest friend, a little bird who stayed a few days in his family's garden.

Williams, Margery. ***The Velveteen Rabbit***

By the time the Velveteen Rabbit is dirty, worn out, and about to be burned, he has almost given up hope of ever finding the magic called Real.

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