

Summer Reading  
Going on to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade?



Something old - We always like to recommend books you might like to read over the summer. Some of those suggestions are listed below. These suggestions include books that our teachers recommend, award-winning books and books that other students have enjoyed.

Something new - The new piece is our Required Reading List. At Washington, we know that our students need to be ready to hit the ground running in the fall to keep pace in our Gifted Program. We are asking all new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to read three of the five titles listed here. They can be found at local book stores or at the public libraries. This list will provide them with an instant connection to new friends in August. Classroom teachers will have students working in groups on fun projects related to their reading.

In addition, the Rockford Public School District is providing every student a "pack" of summer reading books, free to keep and add to your home library. These titles, four fiction and four non-fiction, were selected to be captivating and to appeal to student interests. Enjoy!

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## Required Reading

(Choose at least 3)

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary  
The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary  
The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl  
Sheep by Valerie Hobbs  
Phineas L. MacQuire Erupts by Frances O'Roark Dowell

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Looking for more ideas? Here are some additional reading suggestions you might enjoy!

### Guided Reading Level R

Caddie Woodlawn  
Fig Pudding  
How to Eat Fried Worms  
The Enormous Egg  
The Landry News  
The Library Card  
The Midnight Fox

### Guided Reading Level T

Bud, Not Buddy  
The Barn  
Boy  
Cousins  
Joey Pigza Loses Control  
The Middle Moffat  
Woodsong

### Guided Reading Level S

The Borrowers  
The Friendship  
Good-bye My Wishing Star  
Lily's Crossing  
On My Honor  
Poppy  
Sahara Special

### Guided Reading Level U

The BFG  
Ella Enchanted  
My Side of the Mountain  
Loser by Jerry Spinelli  
Nothing But the Truth  
The Outcasts  
Julie of the Wolves

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Need even more ideas?

[http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington\\_Reading.htm](http://www.myschoolisgreat.org/Washington_Reading.htm) - Look at the Summer Reading Ideas