Suggested Reading for Kids Entering 3rd Grade

**Easy Juvenile Fiction**

- Duffey, Betsy. *How to be Cool in the Third Grade.* Robbie tries to be “cool” after a bully targets him.
- Farjeon, Eleanor. *Elsie Piddock Skips in Her Sleep.* Everyone knows about Elsie and her rope skipping— even the fairies.
- Grimes, Nikki. *Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel.* Dyamonde may be new in town, but it won’t stop her from making a name for herself.
- Han, Jenny. *Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream.* Clara Lee enters the Little Miss Apple Pie competition.
- Kelly, Katy. *Lucy Rose: Big on Plans.* Lucy Rose has big plans for the summer between third and fourth grades.
- Kerrin, Jessica Scott. *Martin Bridge Blazing Ahead!* Martin’s camping trip is a weekend with the works.
- Look, Lenore. *Ruby Lu, Brave and True.* Almost 8-years-old Ruby Lu has adventures galore.
- Reynolds, Aaron. *Metal Man.* With the help of the Metal Man, Devon tries to weld his own sculpture.
- Woodson, Jacqueline. *The Other Side.* A fence divides land but not friendship between two girls, one white, one African-American.

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- Friedman, Laurie B. *Mallory’s Guide to Boys, Brothers, Dads, and Dogs.* Mallory is determined to become an expert on boys, brothers, dads, and dogs.
- Harper, Charise Mericle. *Just Grace.* Why is Grace’s neighbor getting mail from her cat?
- Krosoczka, Jarrett. *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute.* (Graphic Novel) What does Lunch Lady do when she’s not serving up lunch? She serves up justice!
- McAllister, Angela. *Digory the Dragon Slayer.* Digory is mistaken for a fierce dragon hunter.
- McCall Smith, Alexander. *Akimbo and the Elephants.* Akimbo helps his father set a trap for a hungry lion.
- Osborne, Mary Pope. *The One-Eyed Giant.* Adventures with Greek gods and monsters.
- Stilton, Geronimo. *The Giant Diamond Robbery.* (Geronimo Stilton) Geronimo becomes a caddie for his grandfather in a golf tournament.

**Non Fiction**

- Maestro. *Coming to America: The Story of Immigration.* How did the U.S. become such a diverse nation?
- Jenkins. *Actual Size.* Imagine—an eyeball bigger than your head!
- Bishop. *Backyard Detective: Critters Up Close.* What lives in your yard or in the park?
- Graham. *You Wouldn’t Want to Be on Apollo 13!* The unlucky Apollo 13 mission to the moon.
- Dennis. *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle.* A wild dog befriends a Marine in Iraq.
- Solheim. *It’s Disgusting — And We Ate It!* Fun facts about food. Don’t read this while eating!
- Cole. *Ms. Frizzle Adventures: Imperial China.* The Frizz takes her students to Ancient China.
- Coleman. *Talkin’ About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman.* Learn about the first African American woman to earn a pilot’s license.
- Einstein. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein.* The strange but brilliant child, Albert Einstein.

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