



Miss Hausler's Third Grade Summer Reading List

EVERYONE MUST READ THE FOLLOWING TWO BOOKS:

- **Freckle Juice** by Judy Blume
 - Nicky has freckles — they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty. One day after school, Andrew works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got his freckles. When know-it-all Sharon overhears, she offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe — for fifty cents. It's a lot of money, but Andrew is desperate. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens...
- **The Chocolate Touch** by Patrick Skene Catling
 - John Midas loves chocolate. He loves it so much that he'll eat it any hour of any day. He doesn't care if he ruins his appetite. He thinks chocolate is better than any other food! But one day, after wandering into a candy store and buying a piece of their best chocolate, John finds out that there might just be such a thing as too much chocolate. . . .

EVERYONE MUST CHOOSE ONE BOOK FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST:

(*) – ENTERING THIRD GRADE

(**) – THIRD GRADE

(***) – FOURTH GRADE

- ***Ramona the Brave** by Beverly Cleary
 - Teenagers think they've got it rough. Try being a misunderstood 6-year-old! Ramona Quimby is bound and determined to be brave as she weathers first grade, her mom's return to work, and sleeping in the spooky dark all alone. But nothing seems to go her way this year. From a fierce dog on the sidewalk to a copycat in her classroom, Ramona has her hands full.
- ***Jake Drake: Know-it-all** by Andrew Clements
 - Jake Drake is excited about Despres Elementary School's first science fair. He wants to win the grand prize: a brand-new Hyper-Cross-Functional Bluntinum Twelve computer system. And he *really* wants to beat third grade know-it-alls, Marsha McCall and Kevin Young. The trouble is, to beat the know-it-alls, Jake has to become a know-it-all himself. And he may just lose more than he wins.
- ***Class Clown** by Johanna Hurwitz
 - Lucas Cott is one of the smartest kids in Mrs. Hockaday's third grade -- but he is also the most rambunctious. Lucas doesn't mean to be the class clown, so he promises to try to behave, even though it doesn't sound like much fun. With the best intentions, Lucas still manages to cause the unexpected when he accidentally lets a yardful of autumn leaves loose in his classroom, gets his head stuck in a chair during a school assembly, and even makes a daring bet with Cricket, the class brain. But when Mrs. Hockaday assigns him the part of a clown in their class circus, Lucas knows he would be better as the ringmaster. Can he convince his teacher, or will he always be just the class clown?
- ****Stone Fox** by John Reynolds Gardiner
 - Willy lives on a potato farm in Wyoming with his grandfather. It is hard work, but they have fun, too. Until, one day, Grandfather won't get out of bed. The doctor can find nothing wrong with him; he's just given up on life. Willy is determined to find out what's wrong and fix it so Grandfather will get back to living. He learns the root of the trouble is back taxes and Grandfather owes \$500. The farm could be taken away from them. Little Willy has an ingenious idea of how to get the money. Will his idea work? Will he be able to pay the taxes and keep the farm?
- ****The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary
 - Ralph is not like the other mice at the Mountain View Inn. He is always looking for adventure. One day Ralph makes friends with a boy in room

215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling. And once a mouse can ride a motorcycle...almost anything can happen!

- **** Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard Atwater**
 - Poor Mr. Popper isn't exactly unhappy; he just wishes he had seen something of the world before meeting Mrs. Popper and settling down. Most of all, he wishes he had seen the Poles, and spends his spare time between house-painting jobs reading all about polar explorations. Admiral Drake, in response to Mr. Popper's fan letter, sends him a penguin; life at 432 Proudfoot Avenue is never the same again.
- **** Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry**
 - Second-grader Gooney Bird Greene is new to Watertower Elementary School. She tells fantastic stories, which are "always absolutely true." Her clothes are always unusual, ranging from pajamas with cowboy boots to a pink tutu over green stretch pants. Her classmates want to tell stories like her, but will their stories be good enough to share?
- ***** Wayside School Series by Louis Sachar**
 - There'd been a terrible mistake. Wayside School was built with thirty classrooms— one on top of the other...thirty stories tall! (The builder said he was very sorry.) That may be why all kinds of funny things happen at Wayside School...especially on the thirteenth floor. Within this series, you will meet Mrs. Gorf, the meanest teacher of all, terrible Todd, who always gets sent home early, and John who can read only upside down--along with all the other kids in the crazy mix-up school that came out sideways. But you'll never guess the truth about Sammy, the new kid...or what's in store for Wayside School on Halloween!
- ***** James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl**
 - What happens when you spill mysterious seeds around a peach tree? For James, it means a giant peach, and the large peach brings an even larger amount of adventure. James ends up cooped in the peach with a kind old grasshopper, a silk-making Silkworm, a spider, a bad-mouthed caterpillar, and a friendly lightening bug in this exciting tale.
- ***** No Talking by Andrew Clements**
 - The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. But the real problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. That's why the principal uses her red plastic bullhorn. A lot. Then one day Dave Packer, a certified loudmouth, bumps into an idea - a big one that makes him try to keep quiet for a whole day. But what does Dave hear during lunch? A girl, Lynsey Burgess, jabbering away. So Dave breaks his silence and lobs an insult. And those words spark a contest: Which team can say the fewest words during two whole days? And it's the boys against the girls. How do the teachers react to the silence? What happens when the principal feels she's losing control? And will Dave and Lynsey plunge the whole school into chaos?

Suggested Titles:

- **Fantasy:**
 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
 - Tales of Oliver Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen
- **Folklore, Folktales, Fables, and Fairy Tales**
 - The First Dog by Jan Brett
 - Cinderella illustrated by Marcia Brown
 - The Adventures of Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi
 - Hansel and Gretel by the Brothers Grimm
 - Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola
- **Historical Fiction**
 - The Little House Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder
 - Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
 - The Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall
 - American Girls Collection published by the Pleasant Company
- **Humor**
 - Amelia Bedelia Series by Peggy Parish
 - Matilda by Roald Dahl
 - Stuart Little by E.B. White
- **Multicultural**
 - When Africa Was Home by Karen Lynn Williams
 - A Country Far Away by Nigel Gray
 - Harvey Potter's Balloon Farm by Jerdine Nolan
- **Mystery**
 - The Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler
 - The Adventures of the Bailey School Kids Series published by Debbie Dadey and Marcia Thronton Jones
 - Nate the Great Series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- **Non-Fiction**
 - Abe Lincoln Gets His Chance by Frances Cavanah
 - The Story of Thomas Alva Edison by Margaret Cousins
 - Eyewitness Readers Series published by Dorling and Kindersley
- **Picture Books**
 - You are Special by Max Lucado
 - King Bidgood's in the Bathtub by Audrey Wood
 - Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsburg
 - All the Places to Love by Patricia MacLachlan
 - The Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant
- **Poetry**
 - Where the Sidewalk Ends and A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
 - Miss Spider's Tea Party by David Kirk
 - A Sip of Aesop by Jane Yolen
 - The New Kid on the Block by Jack Prelutsky
- **Realistic Fiction**
 - The Box Car Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner

- Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh
- How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- Miss Rumphius