



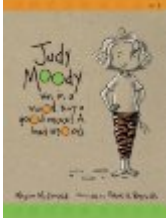

# Summer Reading List

## For Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Book Title	Synopsis	Lexile Level
<p><i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> By: Louis Sachar</p> 	<p>There was a terrible mistake-- Wayside School was built with one classroom on top of another, thirty stories high! (The builder said he was sorry.) Maybe that's why all kinds of funny things happened at Wayside-- especially on the thirteenth floor.</p>	<p>460L</p>
<p><i>Owen Foote, Mighty Scientist</i> By: Stephanie Greene</p> 	<p>Owen Foote wants to be a real scientist with a white lab coat. He'd like to spend the next school year in Mr. Wozniak's fourth-grade class, where science is king. Owen figures that Mr. Wozniak will let him and his friend Joseph in if they can win first prize in the school science fair. But the "project," a lizard named Chuck, isn't exactly cooperative. The boys come up with another idea that seems like a winner, but once again, unruly personal feelings seem to be undermining the scientific method. It takes an inspired blend of science and friendship to get them back on track. Fast-paced and funny, this new story treats themes of competition, ambition, squeamishness, and loyalty in the appealing style Owen Foote fans have come to expect.</p>	<p>530L</p>
<p><i>Judy Moody</i> By: Megan McDonald</p>	<p>The mercurial Judy Moody will delight any kid who's known a bad mood or a bad day and managed to laugh anyway. Judy Moody</p>	<p>530L</p>




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	<p>was in a mood. Not a good mood. A bad mood. A mad-faced mood." To start, Judy Moody doesn't have high hopes for third grade. Her new desk won't have an armadillo sticker with her name on it. Her new classroom will not have a porcupine named Roger. And with her luck, she'll get stuck sitting in the first row, where Mr. Todd will notice every time she tries to pass a note to her best friend, Rocky. An aspiring doctor, Judy does have a little brother who comes in handy for practicing medicine, a cool new pet, and a huge Band-Aid collection. Judy also has an abundance of individuality and attitude, and when Mr. Todd assigns a very special class project, she really gets a chance to express herself! Megan McDonald's spirited text and Peter Reynolds's wry illustrations combine in a feisty, funny first chapter book for every kid who has ever felt a little out of sorts.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Gooney Bird Greene</i> By: Lois Lowry</p> 	<p>From the moment <i>Gooney Bird Greene</i> arrives at Watertower Elementary School, her fellow second-graders are intrigued by her unique sense of style and her unusual lunches. So when story time arrives, the choice is unanimous: they want to hear about <i>Gooney Bird Greene</i>. And that suits her just fine, because, as it turns out, <i>Gooney Bird</i> has quite a few interesting and</p>	590L

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	<p>"absolutely true" stories to tell. Through Gooney Bird and her tales, acclaimed author Lois Lowry introduces young readers to the concepts and elements of storytelling. By demonstrating some of the simple techniques that reveal the extraordinary in everyday events, this book will encourage the storyteller in everyone.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>SOS Titanic</i> By: Eve Bunting</p> 	<p>Fifteen-year-old Barry O'Neill, traveling from Ireland to America on the maiden voyage of the Titanic, finds his life endangered when the ship hits an iceberg and begins to sink.</p>	690L
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Back in Time</i> By: Geronimo Stilton</p> 	<p>Join Geronimo Stilton as he travels back in time to Ancient Greece!</p>	730L
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>26 Fairmount Avenue</i> By: Tomie DePaola</p> 	<p>Tomie DePaola's stories from the momentous year his family built their new house at 26 Fairmount Avenue highlight his wit, sense of humor, and strong family bonds. The book earned raves from reviewers of all ages and a Newbery Honor award.</p>	760L

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*Beezus and Ramona*

By: Beverly Cleary



Ramona Quimby is the youngest of all the famous characters in Mrs. Cleary's wonderful Henry Huggins stories. She is also far and away the most deadly. Readers of the earlier books will remember that Ramona has always been a menace to Beezus, her older sister, to Henry, and to his dog Ribsby. It is not that Ramona deliberately sets out to make trouble for other people. She simply has more imagination than is healthy for any one person. In this book Ramona and her imagination really come into their own. Starting with a fairly mild encounter with the librarian, which is harder on Beezus than anyone else, Ramona goes from strength to strength, winding up by inviting her entire kindergarten class to a part at her home without mentioning it to her mother. The riot that ensues is probably the most hilarious episode in this extremely funny book, which proves that Mrs. Cleary's imagination is almost as lively as Ramona's.

780L

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### Other Great Books to Explore:

*A to Z Mysteries Series*

*Animal Ark Series*

*Encyclopedia Brown Series*

*Magic Tree House Series*

*Nancy Drew Notebook Series*

*Paddington Series*

*Who Was Series*

*What Was Series*

*Titles by Roald Dahl*

*Titles by Newbery Authors*

*Magazines and Newspapers*

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