

**PARADISE CANYON SUMMER READING LIST  
FOR INCOMING THIRD GRADERS  
Don't forget to continue reading aloud together!**

**GENERAL FICTION:**

<b>Applegate, Katherine</b>	Crenshaw	<b>Friedman, Laurie</b>	Mallory (SERIES)
<b>Bond, Michael</b>	Paddington Bear (SERIES)	<b>Green, Poppy</b>	The Adventures of Sophie
<b>Broach, Elise</b>	The Masterpiece	<b>Mouse (SERIES)</b>	
Adventures (SERIES)		<b>Hurwitz, Joanna</b>	any
<b>Brown, Jeff</b>	Flat Stanley (SERIES)	<b>Johannes, Shelley</b>	Beatrice Zinker (SERIES)
<b>Coven, Wanda</b>	Heidi Heckelbeck (SERIES)	<b>Kline, Suzy</b>	Horrible Harry (SERIES)
<b>Dillard, Sarah</b>	Mouse Scouts (SERIES)	<b>Spinelli, Jerry</b>	Third Grade Angels
<b>Earhart, Kristin</b>	Misty Inn (SERIES)	<b>Winkler, Henry</b>	Here's Hank (SERIES)
<b>English, Karen</b>	Nikki and Deja (SERIES)		

**FANTASY-ish FICTION:**

<b>Abbott, Tony</b>	Secrets of Droon (SERIES)	<b>McMullan, Kate</b>	Dragon Slayer
<b>Coville, Bruce</b>	Moongobble and Me (SERIES)	<b>Academy (SERIES)</b>	
<b>DiCamillo, Kate</b>	The Tale of Despereaux	<b>Krulik, Nancy</b>	Magic Bone (SERIES)
<b>DiTerlizzi, Tony</b>	Spiderwick Chronicles (SERIES)	<b>Quinn, Jordan</b>	Kingdom of Wrenly (SERIES)
<b>Eager, Edward</b>	Half Magic (SERIES)	<b>Riordan, Rick</b>	Percy Jackson (SERIES)
<b>MacDonald, Alan</b>	Troll Trouble (SERIES)		

**THE CLASSICS:** *If you'd like to introduce the classics to your incoming third grader, try the **Bullseye Step Into Classics** or **Dover Children's Thrift Classics** series. These are abridged editions to the originals. (Most of the original "classics" have an AR level of 9.0 or higher, making it difficult for the average third grader to comprehend. These two series, however, are easy to read and understand.) Titles include: Anne of Green Gables, The Secret Garden, The Call of the Wild, Black Beauty, The War of the Worlds, and dozens of other titles.*

**COMEDY/HUMOR:**

<b>Barrows, Annie</b>	Ivy and Bean (SERIES)	<b>Pennypacker, Sara</b>	Clementine (SERIES)
<b>Birney, Betty</b>	Humphrey (SERIES)	<b>MacDonald, Megan</b>	Judy Moody (SERIES)
<b>Blume, Judy</b>	Fudge-A-Mania (and others)	<b>Rockwell, Thomas</b>	How to Eat Fried Worms
<b>Cronin, Doreen</b>	Chicken Squad (SERIES)	<b>Sachar, Louis</b>	Wayside School (SERIES)
<b>DiCamillo, Kate</b>	Tales From Deckawoo	<b>Sheinmml, Courtney</b>	Stella Bats (SERIES)
Drive (SERIES)		<b>Trine, Greg</b>	Melvin Beederman,
<b>Green, D.L.</b>	Zeke Meeks (SERIES)	<b>Superhero (SERIES)</b>	
<b>Gutman, Dan</b>	My Weird School (SERIES)	<b>Warner, Sally</b>	Ellray Jakes (SERIES)
<b>Henkes, Kevin</b>	The Year of Billy Miller	<b>Williams, Mo</b>	The Story of Diva and Flea
<b>Howe, James</b>	Bunnicula (SERIES)		

**SPORTS FICTION:**

<b>Bowen, Fred</b>	any
<b>Christopher, Matt</b>	any
<b>Gutman, Dan</b>	Baseball Card Adventures (SERIES)

**SCIENCE FICTION-ish:**

<b>Bunting, Eve</b>	Wanna Buy an Alien?
<b>Gaiman, Neil</b>	Fortunately the Milk
<b>O'Ryan, Ray</b>	Galaxy Zack (SERIES)
<b>Scieszka, Jon</b>	Frank Einstein (SERIES), Time Warp Trio (SERIES)

## ADVENTURE:

<b>Avi</b>	The Good Dog, Windcatcher
<b>Bulla, Clyde</b>	any
<b>Meisel, Peter</b>	Stinky Spike (SERIES)
<b>Petersen, John</b>	The Littles (SERIES)
<b>Wetterer, Margaret</b>	Kate Shelley and the Midnight Express

## HISTORICAL FICTION:

<b>Byars, Betsy</b> the Woof Society	Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of	<b>Paris, Harper</b> Somewhere (SERIES)	Greetings From
<b>Cheng, Andrea</b>	The Bear Makers	<b>Monjo, F.N.</b>	The Drinking Gourd
<b>Dalglish, Alice</b>	The Courage of Sara Noble	<b>Osborne, Mary Pope</b>	Magic Tree House (SERIES)
<b>Levine, Ellen</b>	Henry's Freedom Box	<b>Tashjian, Janet</b>	Marty Frye Private Eye
<b>MacLachlan, Patricia</b>	Sarah Plain and Tall (SERIES)	<b>Wilder, Laura Ingalls</b>	A Little House Chapter
<b>McMullan, Kate</b> Prairie Diary	As Far as I Can See: Meg's	Book (SERIES)	

## MYSTERY/GHOST:

<b>Adler, David</b>	Cam Jansen (SERIES)	Clue Crew (SERIES)	
<b>Bauer, Marion Dan</b>	Blue Ghost (SERIES)	<b>Preller, James</b>	Jigsaw Jones (SERIES)
<b>Clifford, Eth</b>	Flatfoot Fox (SERIES)	<b>Roy, Ron</b>	A to Z Mysteries (SERIES)
<b>Dadey, Debbie</b>	Bailey School Kids (SERIES)	<b>Sobol, Donald</b>	Encyclopedia Brown (SERIES)
<b>Jones, Marcia T.</b>	Ghostville Elementary (SERIES)	<b>Tashjian, Janet</b>	Marty Frye Private Eye (SERIES)
<b>Joose, Barbara</b>	Wild Willie Mystery (SERIES)	<b>Van Draanen, W.</b>	Shredderman (SERIES)
<b>Keene, Carolyn</b>	Nancy Drew and the	<b>Warner, Gertrude</b>	Boxcar Children (SERIES)

**FOR THE RELUCTANT READER:** If you have a reluctant reader, remember the goal is to encourage a love of books. Try allowing your child to read anything he or she finds interesting including COMIC BOOKS, JOKE BOOKS and GRAPHIC NOVELS. Don't worry about "challenging" him or her with "classic" books or ones that have a high AR level; that will come with time and maturity. For now, these titles may help spark his or her interest.

<b>Bruell, Nick</b>	Bad Kitty (SERIES)
<b>Hale, Shannon</b>	The Princess in Black (SERIES)
<b>Look, Lenore</b>	Alvin Ho (SERIES)
<b>Kirby, Stan</b>	Captain Awesome (SERIES)
<b>Marois, Andre</b>	The Sandwich Thief (SERIES)
<b>Peirce, Lincoln</b>	Big Nate (SERIES)
<b>Pilkey, Dav</b> Dog Man (SERIES)	Ricky Ricotta (SERIES),
<b>Sherry, Kevin</b>	Yeti Files (SERIES)
<b>Stilton, Geronimo</b>	Geronimo Stilton (SERIES)