

**Oxford Center School**  
**2017 Suggested Summer Reading for**  
**Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders**

Dear Families:

We're happy to offer some suggestions for your child's summer reading pleasure in this brochure. Please encourage your child to read **ANYTHING** that appeals to him/her whether it's listed here or not. Allowing them to choose books that they will actually read is a great way to help your child become a better reader.

**Happy Reading!!!**

*Mrs. Sharkey*

*Mrs. Redfern*

Encourage your child to write down the title of every book he/she read along with the number of pages in the book.

We will give an extra recess to every class that has at least 75% of students submit a reading log – no matter how many pages they read!!

... BUT EXTRA PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WHO READ 400 PAGES OR MORE!!!



### **Tips**

- ❖ Read aloud to your children – it builds their vocabulary and listening skills (and it's fun for both of you)!
- ❖ Reading poetry together is especially fun – try taking turns or asking your child to find the rhyming words!
- ❖ Be a role model – your children will be excited to see you take time to read (and it will give you some relaxation time!)
- ❖ Audiobooks are a great way to make a long car ride more fun for the whole family!

Be sure to enjoy the Oxford Public Library's summer program, Build a Better World! ([www.oxfordlib.org](http://www.oxfordlib.org))

## **Early Chapter Books**

*Magic Tree House* (Osborne)  
*A to Z Mysteries* (Roy)  
*Help! I'm Trapped* (Strasser)  
*Flat Stanley* (Brown)  
*Cam Jansen* (Adler)  
*Fractured Fairy Tales* (Anholt)  
*Jigsaw Jones* (Preller)  
*Geronimo Stilton* (Scholastic)  
*Rainbow Magic Fairies* (Meadows)



## **Favorite Poets**

Shel Silverstein  
Susan Freese  
Caroline Kennedy  
Jack Prelutsky  
Doug Florian

## **More Advanced Chapter Books/Series:**

*The Humphrey series* (Birney)  
*Ivy & Bean* (Barrows)  
*Animal Ark or Dolphin Diaries* (Baglio)  
*Weird School* (Gutman)  
*Spiderwick Chronicles* (DiTerlizzi)  
*Whatever After* (Mylowski)  
*Hank Zipzer books* (Winkler)

## **Nonfiction Suggestions**

- ❖ *The Lego Book* (Lipkowitz)
- ❖ *Brick by Brick* (Smith)
- ❖ *Energy Island* (Drummond)
- ❖ *Fantastic Rainy Day Book* (Wilkes)
- ❖ *Fur, Fins, and Feathers* (Maxwell)
- ❖ *125 True Stories of Amazing Animals*  
(Nat'l Geo Kids)
- ❖ *Ada's Violin* (Hood)



## **\*\*\*Challenge\*\*\***

Take a picture of your child reading over the summer and have him/her bring it to school; we will post them on a bulletin board in the hallway for the whole month of September!

**Prizes will be awarded based on creativity and humor!**