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Welcome to the Reading Explorer Challenge!

Congratulations on taking the first step toward making reading an exciting part of your family's year! This book list and reading challenge are designed to help your 3rd grader grow as a reader, explore a variety of genres, and create lasting memories through the magic of books.

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How to Use This Book List at Home

Explore Different Categories

- The book list is organized into fun and engaging categories, such as "Classic Favorites," "Animal and Nature-Themed Books," "Adventure and Fantasy," and more. Encourage your child to pick books from various categories to broaden their reading horizons.
- This approach will help your child discover new genres, topics, and authors they might love!



Set a Reading Goal

- Decide as a family how many books your child will aim to read over the school year. For example, you could set a goal of reading one book from each category or completing a specific number of books from the list.
- To make the challenge even more rewarding, break the goal into smaller milestones, such as reading 5, 10, or 20 books, and celebrate each achievement.



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Celebrate Progress

- Once your child reaches their reading goal, use the included Certificate of Achievement to recognize their hard work! Celebrating milestones builds confidence and motivates them to keep reading.
- You can also create family traditions like a "Reading Reward Night," where you watch a movie based on a favorite book or enjoy a special treat.

Incorporate Reading into Your Routine

- Set aside dedicated reading time each day or week. Even 15 minutes of reading before bed can make a big difference!
- Encourage your child to read both independently and aloud with the family. Reading aloud builds confidence, fluency, and comprehension, while independent reading fosters focus and a love of books.



Choose Books That Match Their Interests

- Let your child take the lead in selecting books from the list. If they are excited about the topic or characters, they're more likely to stick with it!
- Feel free to supplement the list with books from your local library or bookstore that spark their curiosity.

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Why Reading Aloud Matters



- Reading aloud with your child is a powerful way to:
 - Build their listening comprehension skills.
 - Expose them to more complex vocabulary and sentence structures.
 - Spark meaningful conversations about characters, themes, and lessons in the story.

At the same time, independent reading is equally important for building focus, fluency, and confidence. Find a balance between the two that works for your family!

Tips for a Successful Reading Challenge

- **Make It Fun:** Create a cozy reading corner, let your child use a fun bookmark, or add stickers to the reading log for each book finished.
- **Be Flexible:** If a book isn't capturing your child's interest, it's okay to switch to a different one. The goal is to nurture a love of reading.
- **Encourage Conversations:** Ask questions about the story to help your child think critically and connect with what they're reading. Examples: "What was your favorite part?" or "How would you have solved that problem?"
- **Model Reading:** Let your child see you reading too! It's a great way to show that reading is a lifelong activity.



What's Included



- Curated Book List: A diverse collection of books organized by category, perfect for readers.
- Reading Log Template: A simple and fun way to track your child's progress throughout the year. Select from various templates to suit your reading goals.
- Certificate of Achievement: Celebrate your child's success when they reach their reading goals!

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Fiction

- ☐ Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
- ☐ The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary
- ☐ James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl
- ☐ Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
- ☐ The Chocolate Touch – Patrick Skene Catling
- ☐ Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
- ☐ Ivy + Bean – Annie Barrows
- ☐ The Boxcar Children Series by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- ☐ The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- ☐ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Animal Stories

- ☐ Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
- ☐ The Year of the Panda by Miriam Schlein
- ☐ The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
- ☐ The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden
- ☐ Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl
- ☐ Animal Ark Series by Ben M. Baglio
- ☐ Billy and Blaze Series by C.W. Anderson

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Adventure and Fantasy

- ☐ My Father's Dragon – Ruth Stiles Gannett
- ☐ The Magic Tree House – Mary Pope Osborne
- ☐ Stuart Little – E.B. White
- ☐ Wings of Fire Series by Tui T. Sutherland
- ☐ Jake Drake, Bully Buster – Andrew Clements
- ☐ The 13-Story Treehouse – Andy Griffiths
- ☐ How to Train Your Dragon Series by Cressida Cowell
- ☐ The Wild Robot by Peter Brown
- ☐ Owl Diaries: Eva's Treetop Festival – Rebecca Elliott
- ☐ Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure! – Jeff Brown

Humor and Fun

- ☐ Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar
- ☐ Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald
- ☐ Clementine Series by Sara Pennypacker
- ☐ Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney
- ☐ Big Nate Series by Lincoln Peirce
- ☐ Horrid Henry Series by Francesca Simon
- ☐ The Bad Guys Series by Aaron Blabey
- ☐ The Dork Diaries Series by Rachel Renée Russell

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Friendship and Life Lessons

- ☐ The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- ☐ The Year of the Dog by Grace Lin
- ☐ Ivy and Bean Series by Annie Barrows
- ☐ Gooney Bird Greene by Lois Lowry
- ☐ Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
- ☐ Jake Drake, Bully Buster by Andrew Clements
- ☐ The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies
- ☐ The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
- ☐ Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
- ☐ Rules by Cynthia Lord

Social Emotional Learning

- ☐ Be Kind – Pat Zietlow Miller
- ☐ Enemy Pie – Derek Munson
- ☐ Ruby’s Wish – Shirin Yim Bridges
- ☐ Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon – Patty Lovell
- ☐ Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai
- ☐ Those Shoes – Maribeth Boelts
- ☐ A Bad Case of Stripes – David Shannon
- ☐ The Name Jar – Yangsook Choi

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Non-Fiction

- ☐ Who Was Helen Keller? – Gare Thompson
- ☐ Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty
- ☐ Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty
- ☐ How to Be an Engineer by Carol Vorderman
- ☐ What If You Had Animal Teeth!? by Sandra Markle
- ☐ Who Was Albert Einstein? by Jess Brallier
- ☐ If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen
- ☐ The Story of Ruby Bridges – Robert Coles
- ☐ Me...Jane – Patrick McDonnell
- ☐ National Geographic Kids Everything Series (Dinosaurs, Weather, etc.)

Graphic Novels

- ☐ Dog Man Series by Dav Pilkey
- ☐ Narwhal and Jelly Series by Ben Clanton
- ☐ Hilo Series by Judd Winick
- ☐ Bird and Squirrel Series by James Burks
- ☐ Baby-Sitters Little Sister Graphic Novels by Ann M. Martin
- ☐ The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill
- ☐ Amulet Series by Kazu Kibuishi
- ☐ Smile by Raina Telgemeier

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Seasonal and Holiday Stories

- ☐ The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barbara Robinson
- ☐ Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- ☐ The Night Before Halloween by Natasha Wing
- ☐ Valentine's Day Disaster by Geronimo Stilton
- ☐ The Little Scarecrow Boy by Margaret Wise Brown
- ☐ The Pumpkin Book by Gail Gibbons
- ☐ How to Catch an Elf by Adam Wallace
- ☐ The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- ☐ Happy New Year, Mallory! by Laurie B. Friedman
- ☐ Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson

Poetry and Rhyming Book

- ☐ National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry
- ☐ Poems to Learn by Heart by Caroline Kennedy
- ☐ Love That Dog by Sharon Creech
- ☐ A Light in the Attic by Shel Silverstein
- ☐ The Crossover (Graphic Edition) by Kwame Alexander
- ☐ If Not for the Cat – Jack Prelutsky

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Empowering Stories

- ☐ The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- ☐ I Am Enough by Grace Byers
- ☐ Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon by Patty Lovell
- ☐ The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
- ☐ Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty

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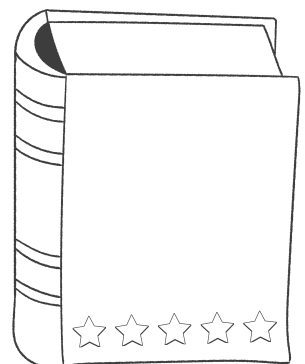
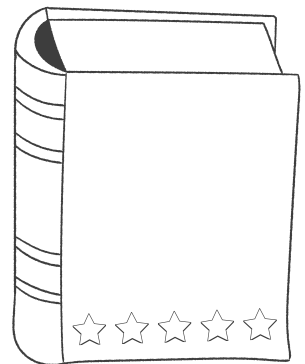
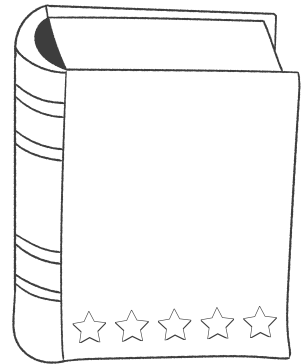
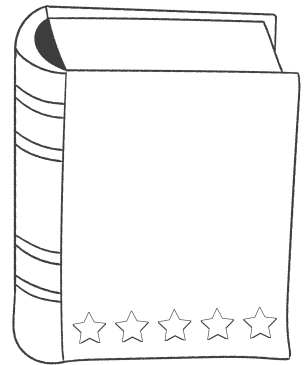
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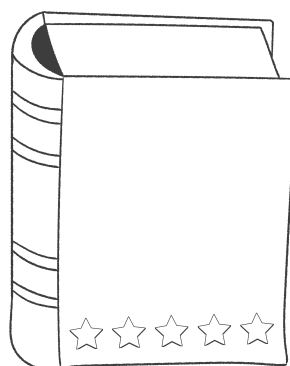
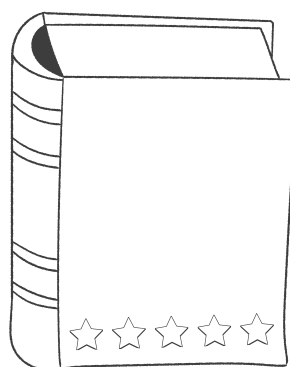
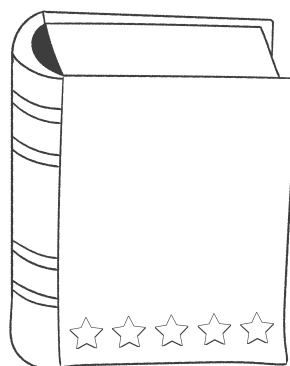
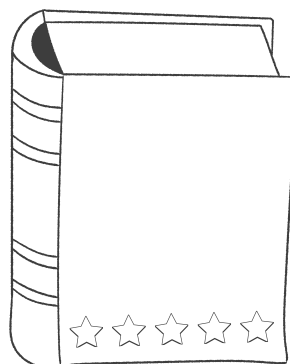
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