

## Westerly Public Library

All public libraries (including Westerly) run a Summer Reading Program filled with fun activities and prizes to help encourage summer reading. This year's theme is "**Build a Better World**". To get started, come in anytime beginning June 26th, and receive your Reading Record and begin reading! Once you've finished your reading record, bring it in to receive your free book, coupons to local and state attractions and certificate of completion. This year in lieu of prizes, for every child who finishes our Children's Summer Reading Program, \$1 will be donated to Heifer



International cause of their choice, thanks to the generosity of The Friends of Westerly Library and Wilcox Park. For more information, call the library at 401-596-2877 x316, or visit the WPL website or their Facebook page (Westerly Library & Wilcox Park).



### Helpful Websites

Free internet access is available at the Westerly Public Library.

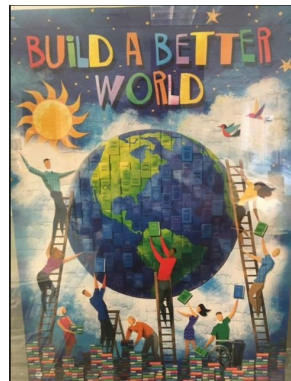
Find books using the CLAN (Statewide) Catalog at from home or at Westerly Public Library.

<http://www.westerlylibrary.org/>

RI Educational Media Association's links to websites such as the Caldecott and Newbery winners <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/american-library-association-announces-2016-youth-media-award-winners>

RI Children's Book Awards  
<http://www.olis.ri.gov/services/children/ricba/nomineepdfs/ricba2016nominees.pdf>

International Reading Association's Children's Choices  
[https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/2016\\_cc\\_final.pdf?sfvrsn=10](https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/2016_cc_final.pdf?sfvrsn=10)



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Dear Parents/Guardians of Children entering Grade Three:

Summer has arrived! Research shows that by reading at home a minimum of 20 minutes per day, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency will improve. We hope that this summer students will continue to enjoy learning through reading. We have, therefore, provided this list that contains a variety of books that are written at different levels of difficulty.

Enjoyment is the main purpose of summer reading. After you have read a story, please take some time to try the reading activities that we have included and fill in the reading log.

Have a wonderful vacation while reading some great books. Please return the signed reading log to next year's teacher in September.

Sincerely,

Grade Three Teachers  
Westerly Public Schools

Happy Summer!



**Suggested Summer Reading List**  
Entering Grade Three

Books on this list may be borrowed or requested from your local library. Some may be available in bookstores.

<p><b>Picture Book</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 A Fine Fine School by Sharon Creech</li> <li>📖 The Toughest Cowboy by John Frank</li> <li>📖 Tuesday by David Wiesner</li> <li>📖 Traction Man is Here – Mini Grey</li> <li>📖 Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming</li> </ul>	<p><b>Poetry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 A Hippopotamusn't by J. Patrick Lewis</li> <li>📖 Put Your Eyes Up Here by Kalli Dakos</li> <li>📖 Summersaults by Douglas Florian</li> <li>📖 A Family of Poems by Caroline Kennedy</li> <li>📖 The Burger and the Hotdog by Jim Aylesworth</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nonfiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Titanic Lost and Found by Donnelly</li> <li>📖 Rain Forests: a nonfiction companion to Afternoon on the Amazon by Will and Mary Pope Osborne</li> <li>📖 Leonardo's Horse by Jean Fritz</li> <li>📖 Dinosaur Discoveries by Gail Gibbons</li> <li>📖 Tyrannosaurus Rex by Richard Gaines s</li> </ul>	<p><b>Fairy Tales</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock by Kimmel</li> <li>📖 Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters by John Steptoe</li> <li>📖 The Brave Little Seamstress by Mary Pope Osborne</li> <li>📖 Three Silly Billies by Margie Palatini</li> <li>📖 Babushka Baba Yaga by Patricia Polacco</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fiction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Dear Whiskers by A. W. Nagda</li> <li>📖 Franny K. Stein books</li> <li>📖 The Three Questions by Jon J. Muth</li> <li>📖 End of the Beginning by Avi</li> <li>📖 Shredderman(series) by Wendelin Van Draanen</li> </ul>	<p>Other suggested titles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>📖 Amelia Bedelia (Parish)</li> <li>📖 Encyclopedia Brown (Sobol)</li> <li>📖 Henry Huggins (Cleary)</li> <li>📖 Nate the Great (Sharmat)</li> <li>📖 Two Bad Ants (Van Allsburg)</li> <li>📖 Where the Sidewalk Ends (Silverstein)</li> <li>📖 Ramona Quimby, Age 8 (Cleary)</li> <li>📖 Flat Stanley (Brown)</li> <li>📖 Mrs. Katz and Tush (Polacco)</li> </ul>

**Also look for:**

Adventures of the Bailey School Kids, Encyclopedia Brown, Frog and Toad (Lobel), Henry and Mudge Series (Cleary), I Can Read books, Cam Jansen, Nate the Great, Step into Reading, Boxcar Children Series.

**Suggested authors:**

Marc Brown; Matt Christopher; Roald Dahl; Tomie DePaola; Patricia Reilly Giff; Steven Kellogg; Bill Martin, Jr.; Peggy Parrish; Cynthia Rylant; Shel Silverstein; Judith Viorst.



**Summer Reading Activities**  
*Suggested Activities for Children Entering Grade 3*

1. Build a diorama (shoe-box scene) of a favorite part of the book.
2. Before reading a book to your child, activate prior knowledge. Ask him/her to predict what the story will be about.
3. Talk about things you have read. Make connections to the child's life and the real world.
4. During a read-aloud, ask your child to close his/her eyes and visualize what is happening in the story.
5. Take turns reading sentences, paragraphs, or pages out loud; don't forget to give your child *time* to correct mistakes or use *strategies* for sounding out words.
6. Draw a picture of your favorite part and write your name on it.
7. Join the Westerly Public Library and visit often.
8. Write a summary of the book and email it to a friend or relative.
9. Have discussions and ask questions such as:
  - ◆ Why did a character behave in a certain way?
  - ◆ If you were in a character's shoes, what would you have done?
  - ◆ What might happen next in the story?
  - ◆ What can you learn from the story?
10. Create a PowerPoint presentation (computer) of the sequence of events.
11. Create a crossword puzzle using ideas and key words from the book.  
Share it with a friend.

**Research shows that children who learned to read early...**

- ✓ Had someone read to them
- ✓ Read and shared real books
- ✓ Read books over and over again

