



## Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 3

**Abdul's Story** by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow  
**Ablaze With Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas** by Jeanne Walker Harvey  
**All the Way to the Top** by Annette Bay Pimentel  
**Anglerfish: The Seadevil of the Deep** by Elaine Alexander, art by Fiona Fogg  
**Aven Green (series)** by Dusti Bowling  
**Barnaby Unboxed** by The Fan Brothers  
**Batcat** by Meggie Ramm  
**Bear Goes Sugaring** by Maxwell Eaton III  
**Big Foot and Little Foot** by Ellen Potter  
**CatStronauts (series)** by Drew Brockington  
**Cornbread & Poppy (series)** by Matthew Cordell  
**Crossings** by Katy S. Duffield  
**Digging for Words** by Angela Burke Kunkel  
**Ducks Overboard** by Markus Motem  
**Eerie Elementary (series)** by Jack Chabert  
**Facts vs. Opinions vs. Robots** by Michael Rex  
**Gross as a Snot Otter** by Jess Keating  
**How to Find a Fox** by Kate Gardner  
**In a Jar** by Deborah Marcero  
**InvestiGATORS (series)** by John Patrick Green  
**It Fell From the Sky** by Terry and Eric Fan  
**Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You** by Sonia Sotomayor  
**King of the Birds** by Elise Gravel  
**Leeva at Last** by Sara Pennypacker  
**Let Liberty Rise!** by Chana Stiefel  
**Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History** by Vashti Harrison  
**Meet Yasmin (series)** by Saada Faruqi  
**Megabat** by Anna Humphrey  
**Mindy Kim series** by Lyla Lee  
**Ocean Meets Sky** by The Fan Brothers  
**Over and Under series** by Kate Messner  
**Peace** by Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul  
**Princess in Black (series)** by Shannon Hale  
**Sir Ladybug** by Corey R. Tabor  
**Snail Crossing** by Corey R. Tabor  
**Someone Builds the Dream** by Lisa Wheeler

**Sugar in Milk** by Thrity Umrigar

**The Barnabus Project** by The Fan Brothers (*2023 COCBA winner*)

**The Elephants Come Home** by Kim Tomsic

**The Fastest Girl on Earth! Meet Kitty O'Neil, Daredevil Driver!** by Dean Robbins

**The Floating Field** by Scott Riley

**The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship** by Ibtihaj Muhammad

**The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess** by Tom Gauld

**The Lulu Collection** by Judith Viorst & Kevin Cornell

**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family** by Ibtihaj Muhammad

**Tiny Creatures** by Nicola Davies

**We Are Water Protectors** by Carole Lindstrom

**Wind Riders: Rescue on Turtle Beach** by Jen Marlin

**Yoshi's Big Swim: One Turtle's Epic Journey Home** by Mary Wagley Copp

**Zoey and Sassafras** (series) by Asia Citro

### **2026 ELEMENTARY NUTMEG NOMINEES** (grades 2-3)

**Darwin's Super-Pooping Worm Spectacular** by Polly Owen

**The Egg Incident** by Ziggy Hanaor

**Feathers Together** by Caron Levis

**Great Carrier Reef** by Jessica Stremer

**Henry, Like Always** by Jenn Bailey

**The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists Put a Dinosaur Back**

**Together Again and Again... and Again** by Sean Rubin

**Just Harriet** by Elana K. Arnold,

**The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish** by Chloe Savage

**The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale** by Jon Klassen

**The World's Best Class Plant** by Liz Garton Scanlon & Audrey Vernick

**Wombats! Go Camping** by Maddie Frost



### **Charter Oak Children's Book Award (COCBA) 2025**

**I am Stuck** by Julia Mills

**A Day with No Words** by Tiffany Hammond

**The Curious Why** by Angela DiTerlizzi

**The Candy Dish** by Kobi Yamada

**Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider** by Jessica Lanan

**The Fastest Drummer: Clap Your Hands for Viola Smith** by Dean Robbins

**Log Life** by Amy Hevron

**Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers and Other Poems by Extraordinary Animals**  
by Aparna Varma