

**AQUINAS ACADEMY**  
**2021-22 SUMMER READING LIST**  
**GRADE 3**

Dear Parents,

Below you will find our recommended Summer Reading List for rising 3rd graders. The list has been divided into 3 separate “Literary Genres,” to provide children with an opportunity to explore grade-level appropriate fiction, non-fiction, and folklore titles in the classical tradition.

Please help your child **select a book from each one of the 3 “Literary Genres”** to read in preparation of next school year. Children are encouraged to read additional titles from each category, but only one per genre is necessary for the completion of the Summer Reading Assignments. After your child has read a book, he or she should complete the assignments outlined below:

**For the Biography and Fairy Tale/Tall Tale books:**

Complete the attached “Book Reflection” template for each book. (scroll down to see bottom 2 pages)

**For the Fiction book:**

Create a new Book Jacket

Materials:

8.5” x 11” Paper of your choice (computer, construction, cardstock, etc.)

Coloring Materials of your choice (crayon, colored pencil, marker, etc.)

Directions:

1. Fold your piece of paper in half
2. On the front, draw and color a picture of an important scene or symbol from the book that will catch the reader’s attention.
3. Make sure you include the Title of the Book and the Author on the front cover.
4. On the back, write your own 4-6 sentence summary about the book (without giving anything away!) that will make the reader want to read the book. **DO NOT COPY THE SUMMARY FROM THE BOOK.** Use your own words and ideas. Be sure to include main characters and the problem they face.
5. Your finished Book Jacket should be neat, colorful, and have no spelling errors.

Your child should bring the **three** book assignments with him or her on the first day of classes this fall. We will celebrate the end of summer and the start of the new school year by sharing them with the class.

Happy Reading!

Miss Amon & Mrs. Hodanich

## **GRADE 3 SUMMER READING LIST**

### **Fiction Books:**

Cherry, Lynne. The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest

The many animals that live in a great Kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an axe of the importance of not cutting down their home.

Dahl, Roald. Fantastic Mr. Fox

In order to feed his family every night, tricky Mr. Fox must outwit three mean farmers to acquire food. Along the way he and his family have many wild adventures!

DePaola, Tomie The Clown of God

This retelling of an old French legend stars a little juggler whose unique talent leads him to what might be a Christmas miracle.

DiCamillo, Kate The Tale of Despereaux.

Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents finds adventure as he sets out to rescue a princess from the rats. Winner of the 2004 John Newberry Medal.

Konigsburg, E.L. From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

Eleven-year old Claudia Kinkaid and her nine-year-old brother Jamie find adventure and mystery when they run away from home to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Polacco, Patricia. Thundercake.

A true story about a grandmother helping her granddaughter overcome her fear of thunderstorms through distraction and real accomplishments.

Cleary, Beverly Ramona Quimby, Age 8.

Tales of a young third-grader's experiences as she starts a new school year at a new school.

Smith, Robert K. Chocolate Fever

Henry Green doesn't just like chocolate... he's crazy about it! Read how Henry comes down with the world's first case of "chocolate fever."

### **Fiction Series Books (choose one title)**

Norton, Mary The Borrowers

Tells the story and adventures of a family of tiny people who live beneath the floor of a dilapidated English country home.

Pope, Mary Osborne Magic Tree House Series

In this series, brother and sister team Jack and Annie discover a "Magic Tree House" in the woods that can transport them to different places and historical periods.

Warner, Gertrude Chandler The Boxcar Children

This mystery series tells about the adventures of the four Alden children.

## Fairy Tales and Tall Tales:

Andersen, Hans Christian:

The Emperor's New Clothes: ISBN # 1563976994

The Nightingale: ISBN # 0836249275

Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm:

The Frog Prince: ISBN # 1587262797

The Twelve Dancing Princesses: ISBN # 9780553897401

Osborne, Mary Pope American Tall Tales.

This is a collection of traditional tall tales about American folk heroes such as Pecos Bill, John Henry, Paul Bunyan, and many more!

## Biographies:

Mary, Mother of Jesus dePaola, Tomie ISBN # 978480411388

Francis: The Poor Man of Assisi dePaola, Tomie ISBN # 9781480411340

Mother Teresa Saint of the Poor Morgan, Nina. ISBN # 0-8172-3997-9

Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland dePaola, Tomie. ISBN # 0823410773

\*\*\*Please scroll down to view and print the "Book Reflection" templates you will need to complete for the Biography and Fairy Tale/Tall Tale books of your Summer Reading Assignment.

# Book Reflection

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Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

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Who is your favorite character and why?

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What is the best part of this book and why?

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How would you rate this book?



Would you recommend this book to a friend?

Yes

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