

For Students Entering Third Grade

One Tiny Turtle by Nicola Davies

Davies's (Bat Loves the Night) dramatic rendering of the lifecycle of the Loggerhead Turtle draws readers into the mysteries of this reclusive deep-sea creature, while Chapman's (The Emperor's Egg) aqua-tinted full-spread illustrations bring the ocean world to life in all its majestic beauty. Loggerhead swims alone in the vastness of the Water, munches on crabs, floats over coral reefs and crawls with slow, heavy steps across the beach to lay her eggs. By the time Loggerhead's hatchlings race for their lives across the beach, under threat of attack, readers will be emotionally invested in their difficulty. (RL 2)

The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon by Mike Thaler

OH NO, it's the class trip from the Black Lagoon! The kids have no idea where they are going and imagine a doomed class trip full of ferocious animals, maniacal monsters, and scary aerial acrobatics. It's any kid's nightmare--danger and homework everywhere. And there's your teacher, mean Mrs. Green—she's going to quiz you on everything! Don't worry because the kids stop letting their imaginations run wild and soon realize that they are going to a very cool zoo. There's never a dull moment in the Black Lagoon! (RL 2.5)

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon by Paula Danzinger

This heroine's perky, first-person narrative ("I, Amber Brown, am one very excited Excited third grader") allows readers to make her acquaintance immediately—an effortlessly. They'll learn straight away that Amber's life is about to change, and she is not happy about it. Her best friend, Justin, is moving away. Since pre-school, they have been "a great team": he helps her with fractions ("which I only half understand"); she eats the cream center out of Oreos and passes the cookie part to him (We call it teamwork. Hannah Burton calls it 'gross') Though she tries to keep a stiff upper lip, Amber's emotions get the best of her when Justin, while packing decides to throw out the chewing gum ball they have accumulated. She resolves never to speak to him again, but the two make peace in an affecting scene that brings a brief but memorable close to the novel. (RL3)

The Search for Sunken Treasure by Geronimo Stilton

Holey cheese, what an adventure! Geronimo was off to the Ratlapagos Islands with his family in search of a long-lost buried treasure. But oh, how Geronimo hates traveling! Being on a ship in the middle of the sea wasn't his idea of a fabumouse time. Geronimo was also beginning to suspect that they weren't the only ones searching for the treasure. (RL 3) This chapter book is part of a very exciting series. If you choose this advanced book we suggest that it be read aloud to your child.

Please choose three of the four reading choices to enjoy over the summer and review in the fall. Thank you and Happy Reading! ☺