Rising third graders are required to read at least one of the following **FICTION** books:

- **Ruby Lu Brave and True**, by Lenore Look  
  - If you like this book, check out more from the series (Simon & Schuster)
- **Third Grade Angels**, by Jerry Spinelli  
  - If you like this book, check out **Fourth Grade Rats** (Scholastic, Inc.)
- **Mercy Watson to the Rescue**, by Kate DiCamillo  
  - If you like this book, check out more from the series (Candlewick Press)

Rising third graders are required to read at least two short **NON-FICTION** books. Students may choose any topic that is of interest to them, or refer to the list of picture book favorites below suggested by Lamplighter third grade literacy teachers:

- **Island: A Story of the Galapagos**, by Jason Chin
- **Bones: Skeletons and How they Work**, by Steve Jenkins
- **Never Smile at a Monkey: And 17 Other Important Things to Remember**, by Steve Jenkins
- **The Bravest Dog Ever: The True Story of Balto**, by Natalie Standiford and Donald Cook
- **The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins: An Illuminating History of Mr. Waterhouse Hawkins, Artist and Lecturer**, by Barbara Kerley and Brian Selznick
- **2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow's Kids**, by Amy Zuckerman and Jim Daly
- **A City Through Time**, by Philip Steele
- **Castle**, by David Macaulay
- **Alex the Parrot: No Ordinary Bird: A True Story**, by Stephanie Spinner
- **Where Do Presidents Come From? And Other Presidential Stuff of Super Great Importance**, by Michael Townsend
- **D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths**, by Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- **Mission: Mars**, by Pascal Lee