

# The Three's Summer Reading List

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## **Balancing Act, by Ellen Stohl Walsh**

This book cleverly uses a see saw to introduce the concept of balance. It starts out with two mice and ends up with many different animals joining in. The story is not only about math but also about friendship and cooperation. The author of "Mouse Paint" has made another great book for little hands to hold and love!!

## **Beautiful Oops, by Barney Saltzberg**

Everyone makes mistakes and it is no big deal. This book shows that mistakes can sometimes turn into something quite beautiful!! This interactive book is filled with such unimaginable creativity! It is hard to fathom how the book was created!!! The children love, love, love this book!!!

## **Can You Make a Scary Face?, by Jan Thomas**

The book is filled with wiggles and laughter. A very bossy ladybug has the children interact with her throughout the story. She tells them to pretend that there is a bug on their noses. Laugh along with your children as they do everything imaginable to get rid of that annoying bug!!! Get ready to do the chicken dance!!!

## **Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?, By Susan Shea**

This interactive book talks about animate versus inanimate objects. If a duckling can grow to become a duck - can a cupcake grow to become a cake? The pages unfold and reveal the most colorful illustrations. It is fun to make up your own questions with your children once the book comes to an end.

## **Doctor Squash the Doll Doctor, by Margaret Wise Brown**

This is a reissue of a favorite "Golden Book" from the 50's. Here we have a teddy bear with a bloody nose and a toy fireman with a broken leg. Doctor Squash always come to their rescue. When our friend the doctor becomes ill all the toys rally round him to make him all better!!!

### **Duck! Rabbit!, by Amy Rosenthal**

Two unseen characters discuss the animals in this story. Is it a duck? Is it a rabbit? The optical illusions in the book are creative but very realistic. This story helps children understand that each person can see things very differently. Each time you read this story - you may come to a different conclusion!!!

### **I Love Monkey, by Suzanne Kaufman**

Monkey tries again and again to be something special. He wants to be a grasshopper, a squirrel or anything other than himself. In the end Monkey learns that each of us is very special in his/her very own way. This book is a must-have for teaching the concept of self-esteem.

### **Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes, by Eric Litwin**

Pete the cat is one happy guy. No matter what comes his way he keeps moving along and singing his song!!! The story takes Pete on a journey through strawberries, blueberries and a mud puddle. Each time this happens his shoes change colors. The children love imagining what will happen next. We all love singing his song and grooving along. This is a great book about being positive no matter what comes our way!!

### **Spork, by Amy Krause Rosenthal**

Spoon has always been happy with his life. However, when he sees what knife, fork and chopsticks can do - he becomes very unhappy with his lot in life. This story teaches children and adults alike that we all have very special qualities. It is so important for children to learn how to find contentment and celebrate themselves!!!

### **There's Going to Be a Baby, by John Burningham**

When a mother tells her young son that a baby is on the way many thoughts pop into his head. His imagination runs wild but with the help of his mother he is able to begin to grasp the idea of a new baby joining the family. This is a great story for a child waiting for a new sibling to arrive.

**Three Little Kittens and Other Nursery Rhymes, by Tony Ross**

This is a classical book of nursery rhymes. It is filled with a great sense of humor. The illustrations will capture your little one's attention. Nursery rhymes are such an important part of your child's reading experience!! Take this book out and read it again and again!!!

**Yummy - Eight Favorite Fairy Tales, by Lucy Cousins**

The vibrant illustrations will immediately catch your child's eyes!! Lucy Cousins has taken some favorite fairy tales and made them thrilling, scary and totally enthralling. This is a must for your fairy tale collection!!

**Zoo I Drew, by Todd Doodler**

This animal alphabet book is an eye-catcher from the start. The rhyming verse holds the children's attention. It is a book that not only teaches the alphabet but also evokes a great conversation about the animals in the zoo.

Dear Moms and Dads,

There is nothing better than snuggling up with your little ones at bedtime and reading together. I love recommending books. Don't hesitate to see me in the fall for suggestions

**Have a great summer!!!!**

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