GRADE THREE
Picture Books

Mr. Putney’s Quacking Dog
Jon Agee
Meet Mr. Putney’s unusual friends in this clever riddle book.

Verdi
Janell Cannon
Verdi wants to remain young forever instead of become boring like the old snakes around him. Can he figure out a way?

Puss in Boots
John Cech
When the miller dies the third son inherits the cat, whose cleverness helps him make his fortune.

Grace for President
Kelly S. DiPucchio
Grace is dismayed when she finds out there has never been a woman president. She decides to run for school president, as a start.

Just Right Stew
Karen English
Victoria watches while her family members try to replicate her Grandmother’s stew, never able to reveal that she knows the secret!
**Stone Soup**  
Heather Forest

This is the story of hungry travelers who are turned away by the townspeople because they feel like they don't have enough food for themselves. When the travelers decide to make stone soup, the townspeople are curious—and surprised by the feast they can turn out when everyone contributes just a little.

**The Man Who Walked Between the Towers**  
Mordicai Gerstein

In 1974, French aerialist Phillippe Petit strung a tightrope between the World Trade Center towers and spent an hour walking, dancing, and performing high-wire tricks one quarter of a mile in the sky.

**Lemonade in Winter**  
Emily Jenkins

Two siblings decide to set up a lemonade stand in winter and try to attract customers and keep track of their earnings. Will they break even?

**Medio Pollito: a Spanish Tale**  
Eric Kimmel

Medio Pollito, the half-chick, travels to Mexico, helping others along the way. Who will help him when he gets into trouble?

**The Highest Number in the World**  
Roy MacGregor

Gabe is so disappointed when team jerseys are handed out that she considers quitting hockey altogether.
**Goin' Someplace Special**  
Patricia McKissack

In segregated 1950s Nashville, a young African American girl braves a series of indignities and obstacles to get to one of the few integrated places in town: the public library.

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**The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth**  
Margaret Musgrove

It is said that long, long ago, a beautiful spider created a web so intricate and magnificent that the weavers of Ghana still tell the story today. The colorful patterns of this magical web were soon woven into a unique new fabric: kente cloth, the remarkable gift that the spider gave to people everywhere!

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**Of Thee I Sing**  
Barack Obama

In this beautiful letter to his daughters, President Barack Obama has written a moving tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation.

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**The Graves Family**  
Patricia Polacco

When the spooky Graves family moves to town and tries to fit in with the “normal” residents of Union City, everyone is in for a few surprises.
The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South
Robert D. San Souci

A Southern folktale in which kind Blanche, following the instructions of an old witch, gains riches, while her greedy sister makes fun of the old woman and is duly rewarded.

Math Curse
Jon Scieszka

When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.

The Lorax
Dr. Seuss

A greedy individual thoughtlessly pollutes the air, land, and water of the Bar-ba-loots' paradise in order to build his giant industry.

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters
John Steptoe

In this African Cinderella tale, two sisters are tested along their journey to meet the King. One sister responds to the tests with scorn and the other with kindness. Will either of them get to marry the King?

The Three Pigs
David Wiesner

This version of the three pigs begins normally enough—until the Wolf blows the pigs right out of the story!
Lon Po Po: a Red-Riding Hood story from China
Ed Young

Three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a hungry wolf disguised as their grandmother.