



The Reading Link

Connecting You
and The Classroom

The Waterfall

by Jonathan London

Dear Families,

This week we will read about a family who goes backpacking and makes a thrilling climb to the top of a waterfall. As we read, we'll be looking for examples of cause and effect. Below are some easy ways to help your child practice reading skills.

Thanks!
The Third Grade Team



Quick Takes (10 minutes each)

Book Links

Read Aloud

With your child, visit the National Park Service web site at http://www.mansfieldct.org/schools/southeast/curriculum/3/reading/redirect_1-3_weblinkparks.htm. There, use *waterfall*, as a keyword to search for information about waterfalls in the Park system. With your child, choose one waterfall to read about.

If your child enjoyed *The Waterfall*, check out these books:

📖 **Hurricane!** by Jonathan London (Lothrop).

📖 **The Boxcar Children and the Mystery in San Francisco** by Gertrude Chandler Warner (Whitman) Available at the Mansfield School Libraries.

Bonus

The boy in the story *The Waterfall* tells of an experience that made his heart feel “big and wild.” Ask your child if that feeling ever happened to him or her.

Encourage your child to read at least twenty to thirty minutes a day outside of class.

Twenty Questions

Play Twenty Questions with your child, using a camping theme, such as “Things I Would Take Along on a Camping Trip,” or “Things I Might Find on a Camping Trip.”



Fun Fact

Did you know that the highest waterfall in the world is *Salto Angel* (Angel Falls) in Venezuela? Its total drop is 3,212 feet, or about two-thirds of a mile. Because it is located deep in the jungle, for many years it could be seen only from an airplane.

