



The Reading Link

Connecting You
and The Classroom

The Lost and Found

By Mark Teague

Dear Families,

This week we'll be reading a humorous adventure story in which a new girl and two friends find a fantasy world when they fall into the school lost-and-found box while looking for a missing hat. As we read, we will pay attention to the order of events in the story. Below are some easy ways you can help your child practice reading skills.

Thanks!
The Third Grade Team

Quick Takes (10 minutes each)

Read Aloud

Look at a box of oatmeal, pasta, or rice with your child and help him or her read the cooking directions. Point out that the steps are written in order, and ask your child what he or she thinks might happen if you didn't follow the steps in order.



List It!

With your child, try to name as many objects as possible that might turn up in the school lost-and-found box by the end of the year. If you want, have your child write down the objects as you both name them.

What If . . .

Suggest this to your child: What if you found an unusual object in the lost and found—something besides the usual hats and gloves? Have fun thinking about what that object might be, what it would do, and how it came to be there. Have your child write a creative paragraph about that object.

Book Links

If your child enjoyed *The Lost and Found*, check out these books:

📖 **The Secret Shortcut** by Mark Teague (Scholastic). Available at the Mansfield School Libraries.

📖 **The Adventures of Sparrowboy** by Brian Pinkney (Simon) Available at the Mansfield School Libraries and the Mansfield Public Library.

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

Fun Fact

Did you know that the first time a man wore a top hat in London, it caused a riot? According to newspapers of the time (the early 1800s), several women fainted, children screamed, and dogs yelped!

