

SUMMER READING

GRADE 3



2013

Dear 3rd graders:

It is really great that you will be in third grade next fall!! To help you prepare for third grade, it is asked that you do some activities this summer. These should be fun and educational at the same time.

*****1. Please read at least 2 books*** this summer (preferably 3, 4, or more). The number you read should depend on the length. An average length is 40 to 50 pages. If you read shorter books, read more. If you read longer books, read fewer. Choose books you like, but not books that are too hard OR too easy.**

A simple "finger trick" could help you decide if a book is appropriate for you.

***Open to a middle page and begin to read. Each time you come to a word that is unfamiliar or you can't decode, put up a finger. By the end of the page, see how many fingers you have up:**

0-1 fingers: easy (may be too easy)

2-3 fingers: medium (probably a good level)

4-5 fingers: hard (may be too difficult for you)

Keep track of all the books you read on your book log. Write the title and author of each book at the top of the page. Show your feelings about the book by checking the appropriate column.

*****One book everyone is asked to read is How to be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffey. For this book, please complete the story map available at the school office and return it to school in the fall. We will use this for an activity the first week of school. Try to be specific and neat on your story map.*****

The following activities should be fun!

- **2. Play games using Math flash cards (Concentration, Go Fish, etc.) Computer games are also good ways to practice your Math Facts. There are many good websites that have Math games on them. (Check out sites on the 3rd grade website.) Knowing your Math Facts is important!! These games will help you master them which is so important for success in Math.**

- *3. Keep a journal in which you write about the things you do over the summer. This will keep your Writing skills in practice. (Another idea is to make a book about your summer, or make up a story and write it as a book.) We can share our writing when we come back to school. It will be fun to read about our summer adventures.**

**Have a safe and happy summer!!!
See you in the Fall,
Mrs. Popp**

Entering 3rd Grade Suggested Summer Reading List

Third Grade Reads!

The goal of our summer reading program is to encourage the enjoyment of reading and acquaint students with specific authors, as well as to encourage the reading habit by suggesting a wide range of authors of fiction, nonfiction and series books. Summer reading is a time when children can focus on the fun of reading by reading what interests them. Visit your *local* Public Library and let the celebration of summer reading begin!

I. Look for fiction books by these authors *:

David Adler	Suzy Kline	Cynthia Rylant
Matt Christopher	Elizabeth Levy	Louis Sachar
Andrew Clements	Lois Lowry	John Scieszka
Bruce Coville	Megan McDonald	Barbara Seuling
Judy Delton	Patricia McKissack	William Steig
Jean Craighead George	David McPhail	James Stevenson
Gail Gibbons	Mary Pope Osborne	Geronimo Stilton
Tony Johnston	Marge Palatini	Chris Van Allsburg
Steven Kellogg	John Lawrence Peterson	Jean Van Leeuwen
Dick King-Smith	Patricia Polacco	Jane Yolen
	Ron Roy	

II. Explore nonfiction books by these authors *:

David Adler	Gail Gibbons	Jack Prelutsky (poetry)
Aliki	Eric Kimmel (folktales)	Judith St. George
Melvin Berger	Kathleen Krull	Seymour Simon
Joanna Cole	Robert San Souci (folktales)	Charles R. Smith (poetry)

III. Browse for your favorite Series *

A to Z Mysteries	Geronimo Stilton	Paddington
Amber Brown	Invisible Inc.	Ricky Ricotta
American Girls	Judy Moody & Stink	Ruby Lu Books
Andrew Lost	Junie B. Jones	Scholastic Q & A
Any Caldecott	Katie Kazoo, Switcheroo	Secrets of Droon
Winner/Honor	Magic Tree House	Spider Starch Books
Bailey School Kids	Maximum Boy	Spiderwick Chronicles
Boxcar Children	Minnie and Moo	Step into Reading
Capital Mysteries	Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle	Time Warp Trio
Clarice Bean	My Weird School	
Cobble Street Cousins	Outside & Inside	You Wouldn't Want to
Encyclopedia Brown	Owen Foote	Be ...
Franny K. Stein		

IV. Remember Student Magazines, too!

* Some authors write for older children, too. Be sure to check appropriateness of books chosen.

Please contact the school office for a copy of
the required story map.

HAPPY READING!