

3rd Grade

Dear parents,

When choosing a book for independent reading there should be no more than 5 unfamiliar words on a page. If your child selects a high interest book that is too hard for them, it is totally acceptable for you to read the book with them. Interest level on a particular topic is very motivating and a key ingredient that fuels their desire to read. For this reason, the books I've included on the book list are merely helpful suggestions, not required.

For their summer reading goal I expect them to read 3 books at least 40 to 50 pages in length. When they finish reading each book they need to write a 5-10 sentence summary in their journal. Please initial it in the space provided. It's helpful for you to check spelling and mechanics. Please encourage them to write neatly so it is a reflection of their best effort.

I'd like them to bring their journal back to me on the first day of school. I'll reward their efforts with a certificate of accomplishment, 25 points to spend at our classroom store, plus 2 free homework passes (one for spelling and one for math). They can earn additional reward points for reading more than 3 books. There are extra forms in the extra credit section of their journal. Additional forms are also available in the school office during the summer months.

I sincerely hope these goals are not too burdensome for anyone to achieve. I want to see their skill level growing over the summer so they can have a strong beginning in 3rd grade. Thank you for all your help and support!

Sincerely,
Linda Hanlon

3rd Grade Summer Reading List

This list of suggested book series and authors are only ideas, you are welcome to read any books that are at an appropriate reading level. The following list moves from easier to more difficult books.

Nate the Great, by Marjorie Sharmat
Amelia Bedelia series, by Peggy Parish
Patricia Reilly Giff Books
Bill Pete books
Hello Reader books (level 3 or 4)
Horrible Harry series, by Suzy Kline
Cam Jensen series, by David Adler
Magic Tree House series, by Mary Pope Osborne
The Bailey School Kids series, by Debbie Dudley & Marcia Thornton Jones
The Little series, by John Peterson
Encyclopedia Brown series, by Donald Sobol
Little House series, by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Beverly Cleary books
Matt Christopher Sports books
E. B. White books

Christian Authors and Publishers

Arch Paperback Books
Baglio, Ben
Broadmen Press
Davoll, Barbara
Focus on the Family
Levene, Nancy
Lewis, C.S.
Murphy, Elspeth
Osborne, Mary Pope
Paretti, Frank
Richardson, Arletta
Roddy, Lee
Taylor, Kenneth