

Dear Parents of New Third Graders,

Your child has been given the opportunity for free, to maintain and improve their academic skills over the summer. It has been well documented that as early as first grade, summer learning loss can already be recognized. Also, by the end of sixth grade, students who have experienced this type of loss over the years are on average two years behind their peers. These statistics are very alarming!

In order to combat this learning loss, your child is being provided with the Motivation Math workbook. Students need to complete the Introduction, Partner Practice, Independent Practice, and Assessment portions of each unit. Although not required, students are encouraged to also complete the Critical Thinking and Motivation Station pages. It is vitally important for students to complete 2-3 units a week in order to get the most out of this tool. This pacing will allow your child to connect the skills to their schema that already exists in their brains. While summer learning loss has been shown to affect all areas, math skills are hit the hardest with an average of 2.6 months of loss.

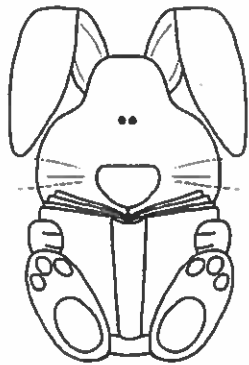
Incoming third graders are also required to complete three reading assignments to offset the two months of possible reading skills lost. This summer students need to read three chapter books and complete a summary for each. Three forms are attached to this letter, one for each book chosen. A list of possible chapter books is also provided with this letter, but students may choose a book that is not included on it. Encourage your child to pick from a variety of genres.

All these summer assignments should be completed and turned in at the beginning of the next school year. As a reminder while your child has become a fluent reader, they still love to cozy up to their parents and be read to as well. Life moves quickly and children grow up and out before you know it, enjoy this quiet sweet time together.

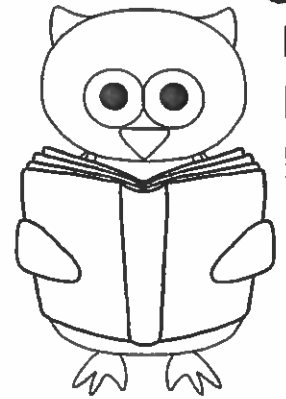
Enjoy Your Summer!

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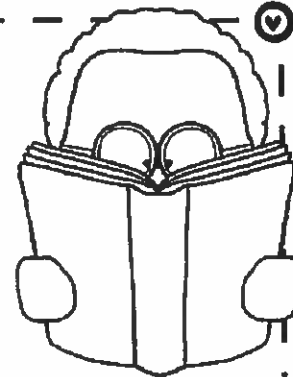


Second Grade Recommended Reading



Cam Jansen books by David Adler
Berenstain Bears books
The Pain and the Great One books by Judy Blume
Arthur books by Marc Brown
Golly Sisters Go West books by Betsy Byars
The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle
Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire by Miriam Cohen
Bill and Pete stories by Tomie dePaola
Mercy Watson books and Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo
Skateboarding by Matt Doeden
Waiting for Wings by Lois Ehlert
The Magic Hat by Mem Fox
Kids of Polk Street School books by Patricia Giff
Iris and Walter books by Elissa Haden Guest
Pinky and Rex books by James Howe
Ready Freddy by Abby Klein
Horrible Harry books by Suzy Kline
Frog and Toad books, Mouse Soup by Arnold Lobel
Space Case and any of the Fox books by Edward Marshall
Knots on a Counting Rope by Bill Martin
Daisy Jane, Best Ever Flower Girl by Megan McDonald
Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne
Amelia Bedelia books by Peggy Parrish
Junie B. Jones books by Barbara Parks
Henry and Mudge books, Poppleton books,
or Mr. Putter and Tabby books by Cynthia Rylant
Marvin Redpost books by Louis Sachar
Nate the Great books by Marjorie Sharmat
Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa books by Erica Silverman
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig
Black Lagoon books by Mike Thaler

Third Grade Recommended Reading



Secrets of Droon by Tony Abbott

American Girl Series

Roscoe Riley Rules Series by Kathleen Applegate

Ruby and the Book Boys Series by Derrick Barnes

Ivy and Bean Series by Anne Barrows

Fudge Series by Judy Blume

Flat Stanley Series by Jeff Brown

Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls by Meg Cabot

Ramona, Henry Huggins, etc by Beverly Cleary

Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wendy Coven

Dyamonde Daniel Books by Nikki Grimes

Weird School Series by Dan Gutman

Captain Awesome Series by Stan Kirby/George Connor

Amazing Days of Abby Hayes Series by Anne Mazer

Stink Series by Meghan McDonald

Judy Moody Series by Meghan McDonald

Fairy Books by Daisy Meadows

Puppy Palace Series by Ellen Miles

Magic Treehouse Series by Mary Pope Osborne

Big Nate Series by Lincoln Pierce

Clementine Series by Sarah Pennypecker

A to Z Mystery by Ron Roy

Wayside School Books by Louis Sachar

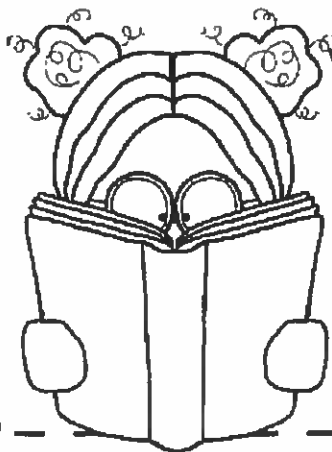
Nate the Great by Marjorie Sharmat

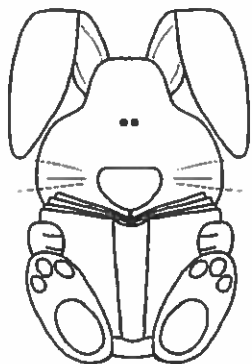
I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshish

Various Authors-DC Super Pets

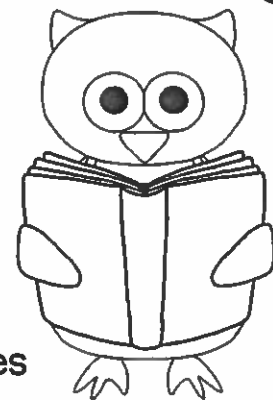
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Stick Dog series by Tom Watson





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Fudge Series by Judy Blume

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Heidi Heckelbeck Series by Wendy Coven

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Dyamonde Daniel Books by Nikki Grimes

Diary of the Wimpy Kid Series by Jeff Kinney

Captain Awesome Series by Stan Kirbey

Judy Moody Series by Meghan McDonald

Timmy Failure Series by Stephen Pastis

Big Nate Series by Lincoln Pierce

Stilton, Geronimo-Geronimo Stilton Series

29 Clues Series by Various Authors

Various Authors-DC Super Pets

Warner, Gertrude-Boxcar Children

Stick Dog series by Tom Watson

Any books by Andrew Clements

Smile (and other books) by Raina Telgemeier

Shiloh series by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Nonfiction by Gail Gibbons

Nonfiction by Seymour Simon

The Borrowers series

Bunnicula by James Howe

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