

Dear Third Grade Parents,

Summer is an especially important time to encourage your child to do the assigned reading and to spend time reading just for fun. Studies have shown that children who read more become better readers, and children who read over the summer months often gain, rather than lose, important skills.

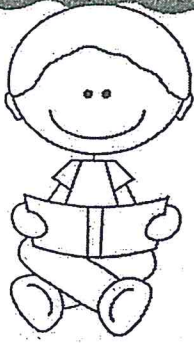
Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is also about being able to share what you know.

This summer we are **requiring your child to read 3 chapter books and complete 3 book report sheets**. There are two fiction chapter book reports and one non-fiction book report sheet. The book report sheets are provided in this packet as well as online. A list of suggested age appropriate titles are attached. Any combination of fiction and non-fiction is acceptable. In addition to the book reports, your child can complete the **READING LOG sheet**. There are 19 books on the summer reading challenge page but any reading material can count as a completed reading book for their log. Any combination of fiction and non-fiction is acceptable. On the first day of school please return 3 complete book report sheets for a grade and the reading log sheet for an additional prize. We trust this will be an exciting summer of reading for your child.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Tanksley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Your 3rd Grade Teacher



How can I help my child with reading?



Helping your child develop a love of reading can be a wonderful experience for a parent. Here are a few useful tips for you to use to encourage your child to read.

1. Try not to pressure your child into reading if they have no interest. This will quickly turn reading into a chore. Instead share the reading, read a page or sentence each.
2. Find out what interests your child and aim to find reading material that will "hook" him or her into reading more about the topic.
3. Don't limit reading to only books, use the internet, signs around you, magazines, comics. Anything that has text on it and your child finds enjoyable to read will be beneficial for your child.
4. Create a space for reading, somewhere comfortable and with minimal distractions. Encourage your child to use this space both by themselves as well as to share a book with someone.
5. Be patient! No-one learns to read overnight and for some it takes a little longer than others. Persevere and continue to make reading an enjoyable activity.

Non-Fiction Book Report

Title:

Author:

Explain what this information book is about.

5 Interesting facts I
learned from this book:

Remember to write facts in your own words!

1. _____

Page _____

2. _____

Page _____

3. _____

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4. _____

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5. _____

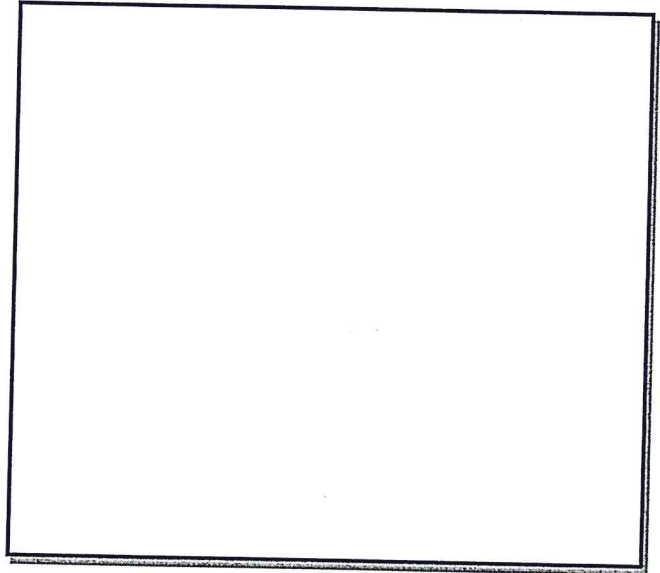
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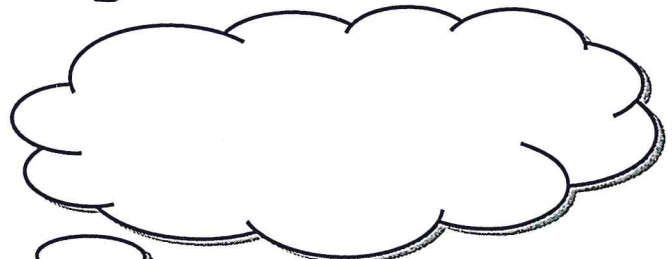
I rate this book:

Diagram

Choose an explanation from the text and illustrate using a diagram.
Write a caption underneath.



Opinion



Write down an opinion on the topic of this book.

By:

of pages
in book

Name: _____

Date: _____

Book Report Form



Title _____

Author _____

Rate Book



Setting

Characters

Write 3 sentences about the book

Draw a picture of your favorite part of the book

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing.

Name : _____ Date: _____

Story Title: _____

Author: _____

Vocabulary Words	Definition

Fiction or **Non-Fiction**
(False) (Not False)

because _____

Genre: _____

Point of View

Who is telling the story?

First Person or **Third Person**
(character in the story) (narrator or outsider)

Pronoun Clues:

Author's Purpose

Persuade **Inform** **Entertain**

Characters

Who is the main character?

Two character traits that describe this character:

_____ & _____

How are you and the main character similar?

How are you and the main character different?

Supporting Characters:

Setting

Where does the story mainly take place?

Summer Reading Challenge

Great books for second grade going to third grade

Title	Author's Last Name
Magic Tree House series	Osborne
Judy Moody and Stink series	McDonald
Ivy and Bean series	Barrow
A to Z mystery series	Roy
Katie Kazoo Switcheroo series	Krullik
The Bed and Biscuit series	Carris
Down Girl and Sit series	Nolan
Dory Fantasmagory series	Hanlon
Narwhal and Jelly graphic novel series	Clanton
Chicken Squad series	Cronin
Maybelle series	Speck
The Buddy Files series	Butler
Scaredy Squirrel series	Daywalt
The Princess in Black series	Hale
Bea Garcia series	Zemke
Jasmine Toguchi series	Florence
The Critter Club series	Barkley
Roscoe Riley Rules series	Applegate
Humphrey's Tiny Tales series	Birney

Teacher: Mrs. Lanksley

Reader:

