

Welcome, 3rd graders!

Who is excited for summer break? I know I am! As we prepare for the summer and the upcoming school year, I want to emphasize the importance of summer reading for our incoming 3rd graders.













Students are encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes each day, aiming to complete a total of 350 pages over the summer. Both fiction and nonfiction books are allowed. Additionally, students will keep track of their reading through a log and will complete a book report on one book they read during this time. The Reading Log and Book Report are attached to this packet.

It is mandatory to read *First Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli. We will be starting with this book as a novel study in the beginning of the year.

Setting aside time for reading makes this project manageable and enjoyable. Thank you for your support in fostering a love for reading in our students!

Have a fantastic break!

Summer Reading Log for: _____

Title	Author	# of pages	Rate this book
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			
			

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Total number of pages read: _____

Summer Book Report

Reading books helps us learn new things, use our imagination, and understand the world around us. Fiction books tell made-up stories, while nonfiction books give us real facts about people, places, or things. When we read, it's important to remember what happened in the story or what information we learned.

Fill in the Blank: Fill in the blank with the correct information about your book.

1. The title of my book is _____.
2. The author of my book is _____.
3. My book is _____ (fiction or nonfiction).
4. The main character in my book is _____.
5. Did I learn anything from reading this book?

Open-Ended Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What was your favorite part of the book? Why?

2. If you could meet a character or person from the book, who would it be and what would you ask them?

3. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Summer Non-Fiction Reading List for 3rd Graders

1. **"National Geographic Kids: Weird But True!" Series**
 - A fun collection of bizarre facts and trivia about animals, science, and the world.
2. **"Who Was?" Series (Various Authors)**
 - Biographies of notable figures, such as **"Who Was Albert Einstein?"** and **"Who Was Rosa Parks?"** that introduce young readers to influential people in history.
3. **"The Magic School Bus" Series by Joanna Cole**
 - Explores various scientific concepts through exciting adventures with Ms. Frizzle and her class, such as **"The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body."**
4. **"The Great American Inventors" by Patricia Lakin**
 - A look at the lives and inventions of famous American inventors and how they changed the world.
5. **"If You Lived At The Time of The American Revolution" by Kay Moore**
 - An engaging exploration of what life was like during the American Revolution for children.
6. **"Everything Kids: Science Experiments Book" by Tom Robinson**
 - A fun guide filled with simple and safe science experiments that kids can do at home.
7. **"Animals in the Wild" Series by various authors**
 - Captivating books about different animals and their habitats, such as **"Animals of the Rainforest."**
8. **"The Story of Earth: The First 4.5 Billion Years" by Catherine Barr and Steve Williams**
 - An illustrated overview of the history of Earth, from its formation to present day.
9. **"Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World" by Rachel Ignotofsky**
 - A beautifully illustrated book showcasing the contributions of women in various scientific fields.
10. **"How We Got to Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World" by Steven Johnson (Adapted for Kids)**
 - An exploration of the history of innovation and how certain inventions changed society.

Bonus Title:

- **"The Secret Garden: A Graphic Novel" by Mariah Marsden (adaptation)**

These non-fiction books provide a mix of education and entertainment, encouraging curiosity and learning during the summer! If you need more recommendations or have specific topics in mind, just let me know!