

Summer Reading List  
for Upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders



Englewood on the Palisades

Charter School

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Reading Book Report Project

Grading Rubric-Total of 20 points

Use this checklist to check your work

Did I complete my project and turn it in by the first day of school?	Yes    No	2 points (You will lose 1 point for each day it is late.)
Did I include my first and last name on my project?	Yes    No	2 points (1 point for their first name, 1 point for their last name)
Is my work creative and original? Is it neat and attractive?	Yes    No	2 points
Do I have at least 10 sentences written in my own words?	Yes    No	5 points
Did I follow the project directions?	Yes    No	3 points
Are the title and author of the <u>novel</u> I read written on my project?	Yes    No	2 points (1 for the title, 1 for the author)
Did I use correct <u>spelling</u> , <u>capitalization</u> , <u>grammar</u> , and <u>punctuation</u> ?	Yes    No	4 points (1 point for accuracy in each category)

Final Score \_\_\_\_\_ points

**Third Grade**  
**Summer Reading Book Report Project**  
*Due: First day of School*

All incoming third graders are required to read at least three chapter books this summer. You are to choose your books from three different genres as follows:

- Poetry
- Science Fiction
- Mystery
- Non-fiction
- Realistic Fiction
- Historical Fiction
- Biography
- Folktales
- Fantasy

**Directions:**

1. **Keep track of your daily reading on the attached Daily Reading Log (attached).**
2. **In addition, you must create ONE BOOK REPORT PROJECT for one of the three books you read this summer. Your project will be GRADED according to the Grading Rubric (attached). Make sure you have circled "yes" for including and completing every item listed in the first column of the Grading Rubric.**
3. **For the other two books, you must WRITE A SUMMARY FOR EACH STORY on the Summer Book Report Summary sheet (attached).**
4. **IMPORTANT: The Book Report project, the 2 summaries and the Daily Reading Log must be given to your Third Grade teacher NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

**Choose one of the following book report project ideas:**

- ❖ **Create a poster** on a poster board to advertise or sell the book. Include the title and author of the book. Include a written summary and pictures that detail the beginning, middle and end along with the characters and settings. Summary must be at least 10 sentences, typed or written in your own words.
- ❖ **Surf the Net.** Where did the story take place? (For example, California). Look on the internet to find 10 facts about that place. **Write** the 10 facts on poster board, typed or written in your own words. Include the title and author of the book, along with the name and pictures of the location.

Be creative! Happy Reading!

# Summer Book Report Summary

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Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Illustrator \_\_\_\_\_

Setting(s) (Where does the story take place? There may be more than 1 setting.):

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Main Characters (Write their names and a brief description of who they are)

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Dear Parents and Students,

Attached, please find the summer reading list. This summer reading list was compiled to include a variety of genres, interest levels, and diverse authors. These are only recommendations, -NOT requirements. We highly encourage you to explore other titles and authors. It is most important that students continue to read over the summer. Our goal is to aspire lifelong readers by providing positive reading experiences. Here are the benefits of reading:

- Exercises your brain
- Teaches you about the world around you
- Improves your vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills
- Develops your imagination
- Encourages empathy

Don't forget to take a trip to the local public library to explore more books! Happy Reading!

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

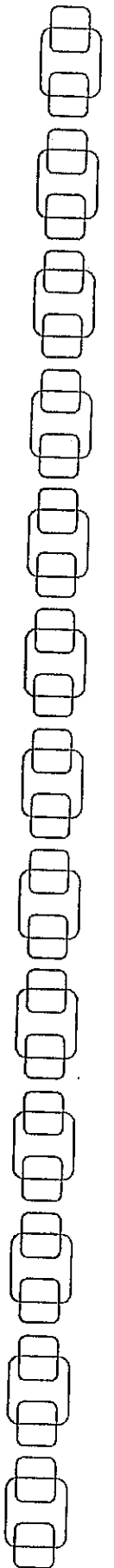
Summer Reading Fact

**Q: MY CHILD CAN READ MORE DIFFICULT BOOKS AND WANTS TO! HE/SHE CAN READ ALL THE WORDS ON THE PAGE WITHOUT MAKING MISTAKES. HE/SHE EVEN SEEMS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STORY. ARE YOU SURE I SHOULDN'T GIVE MY CHILD MUCH HARDER BOOKS?**

**A:** It is critically important that children DO NOT read books that are too difficult for them. Research has shown that reading books that are at the "frustration level" can actually stunt readers' growth, or send them backwards in their development. "Harder books" often deal with themes and issues that are more mature. These texts, while perhaps "readable" or "decodable" by your child, may not be developmentally appropriate for your child's age. Also, please keep in mind that just because a reader can read each word on the page smoothly and without error, does not mean that he/she is able to comprehend the sophisticated themes and layered plot lines that these texts may contain.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"*

*"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." — Margaret Fuller*



## Fiction

TITLE	AUTHOR
Artie the Doughnut	Keller, Laurie
Battle Bunny	Scieszka, Jon and Mac Barnett
Because of Winn Dixie	Dicamillo, Kate
Chocolate Fever	Smith, Robert Kimmel
Chocolate Touch	Catling, Patrick Skene
Dory Fantasmagory	Hanlon, Abby
Fudge	Blume, Judy
Lemonade War	Davies, Jacqueline
Lulu and the Brontosaurus	Viorst, Judith
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Dicamillo, Kate
Mr. and Mrs. Bunny - Detectives Extraordinaire!	Horvath, Polly
Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight	Mass, Wendy and Brawer, Michael
Stone Fox	Gardner, John Reynolds
Thank you Mr. Falker	Polacco, Patricia
The Chicken Squad: the first misad-venture	Cronin, Doreen
The Great Cake Mystery	Smith, Alexander McCall
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Coles, Robert
Third Grade Angels	Spinelli, Jerry
Year of Billy Miller	Henkes, Kevin
You Read To Me, I'll Read To You	Hoberman, Mary Ann

## Non-Fiction

TITLE	AUTHOR
A Black Hole is not a Hole	Carolyrn, DeCristiano
Brothers at Bat	Vernick, Audrey
Creep and Flutter: The Secret World of Insects and Spiders	Arnosky, Jim
Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Skelton	McCarthy, Meghan
Eat Your Math Homework	McCallum, Ann
Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World	Rose, Deborah Lee
George Washington's Teeth	Chandra, Deborah
Hi, Kool : a Year of Seasons	Muth, John J
Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball	Coy, John
Island: A Story of the Galápagos	Chin, Jason
Mama Built a Nest	Ward, Jennifer
Mysterious patterns: finding fractals in Nature	Campbell, Sarah C
Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands	Roy, Katherine
Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation	Duncan
Snakes (and Other Titles)	Bishop, Nic
The Beetles Were Fab (And they were funny)	Krull, Kathleen
The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth	Krull, Kathleen
Shimmer and Splash: The Sparkling World of Sea Life	Arnosky, Jim
The Animal Book: A Collection of Fastest, Toughest, Cleverest, Shiest—and Most Surprising—Animals on Earth	Jenkins, Steve
To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt	Rappaport, Doreen

## Fiction Series

TITLE	AUTHOR
43 Old Cemetery Road	Klise, Kate
A to Z Mysteries	Roy, Ron
Alvin Ho	Look, Lenore
Bad Kitty	Bruel, Nick
Bailey School Kids	Dadey, Debbie
Big Nate	Petre, Lincoln
Calvin Coconut	Salisbury, Graham
Carn Jansen	Adler, Dan
Cinderella Smith	Bardeen, Stephanie
Clementine	Pennyacker, Sarah
EllRay Jakes	Warner, Sally
Geronimo Stilton	Stilton, Geronimo
Goony Bird Greene	Lowry, Lois
Ivy and Bean	Barrows, Annie
Judy Moody	McDonald, Megan
Lunch Lady	Krosoczka, Jarrett J.
Magic Tree House	Osborne, Mary Pope
Mallory	Friedman, Laurie B.
My Weird School Series	Gutman, Dan
Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth	O'Connor, Jane
Princess Posey	Roth, Stephanie

To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt Rappaport, Doreen

## Recommended Summer Reading List Upcoming 3rd Graders

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fiction	<i>Judy Moody (series)</i> Judy is a third-grade girl but she is very much the tomboy, and boys love this series as much as girls. Judy comes up with the most intriguing solutions.	Megan McDonald
Fiction	<i>Cam Jansen (series)</i> No wrongdoer is a match for Cam Jansen, the girl with the amazing photographic memory. With Cam Jansen on the case, the mystery is always solved.	David Adler
Fiction	<i>Third Grade is Terrible</i> Eight-year old Liza is really looking forward to third grade, but the first day of school is ruined when she is transferred to Mrs. Rumford's class. Will Liza be able to survive the school year without her best friend, Heather, in her new class?	Barbara Baker
Fiction	<i>Slam Dunk Saturday</i> Nine-year-old Billy wants to do well in his school's basketball fund-raiser, but he is intimidated by a loud-mouthed schoolmate.	Jean Marzollo
Fiction	<i>Stink (series)</i> Stink's sister Judy measures him every morning and it's always the same: 3 feet, 8 inches tall. Even the class newt is growing faster than he is. Then one day, the ruler reads: 3 feet, 7 and three-quarter inches! Can it be? Is Stink shrinking?	Megan McDonald
Fiction	<i>Baseball Saved Us</i> A Japanese-American boy learns to play baseball when he and his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II. His ability to play helps him after the war is over.	Ken Mochizuki
Fiction	<i>Magic Treehouse- (series) Civil War on Sunday</i> The Magic Tree House takes Jack and Annie back in time to the American Civil War. They meet Clara Barton, the famous nurse, and help take care of wounded soldiers.	Mary Pope Osbourne
Fiction	<i>Tonight on the Titanic</i> Jack and Annie find a terrier in the magic tree house that leads them to the "Titanic" on the night it hits an iceberg	Mary Pope Osbourne
Fiction	<i>Pink and Say</i> The true story of Civil War valor in which a 15-year old Yankee soldier, Say, alone and bleeding, is dragged to safety by a fellow Union soldier from the forty-eighth colored regiment. They are ultimately captured and separated, and Say survived to pass the story down through the author's family.	Patricia Polacco



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Fiction	<i>Dust for Dinner</i>	Ann Warren Turner
	Jake narrates the story of his family's life in the Oklahoma dust bowl and the journey from their ravaged farm to California during the Great Depression.	
Fiction	<i>The Yellow Star</i>	Carmen Agra Deedy
	King Christian X of Denmark was loved by his people, and he loved them. When the Nazis invaded his country during World War II, the wise king had to think of a way to save the Danish Jews. Would his bravery and loyalty be enough?	
Fiction	<i>The Other Side</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
	This book is a moving narrative about the racial tensions that Clover discovers as she wonders why a fence separates the black side of town from the white side. Annie, a white girl, sits on the fence in rain or shine, and Clover becomes friends with her.	
Fiction	<i>Freedom Summer</i>	Deborah Wiles and Jerome Lagarrigue
	This story, about the friendship of a white child named Joe and black child named John Henry, recalls the racism prevalent in America during the period just before the Civil Rights Movement. Joe and John Henry wait for the day when they will both be able to play in the town pool together.	
Fiction	<i>Summer Reading is Killing Me</i>	Jon Scieszka
	This installment of the popular Time Warp Trio series is homage to some of the best-ever summer reading lists. Sam, Fred and Joe happen to have in their possession a bona fide time traveling book. When one of the boys absentmindedly puts their summer reading list in the book, they find themselves in the midst of a literary battle of evil against good!	
Fiction	<i>Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger (series)</i>	Louis Sachar
	Surely, Wayside School was already strange enough. The builders built a 30-story school sideways with the rooms piled one on top of another - except for the 19th floor where Miss Zarves teaches class. There is no 19th floor, and there is no Miss Zarves. Nevertheless, there is a 13th floor. Mrs. Jewls, however, takes a maternity leave. Before she returns with her little stranger, Wayside School gets a little stranger.	
Fiction	<i>Dude Where's My Spaceship? (Weird Planet Series)</i>	Dan Greenburg
	Klatu is such a varnal He crashed the spaceship into planet Earth with his brother Lek and sister Ploo onboard. Stuck in the middle of the Nevada desert with nowhere to run, Ploo is captured by army Earthlings who think that she is an enemy of humankind. Can Klatu and Lek rescue Ploo from the terrifying Major Paine? Or will Ploo be held prisoner in Area 51 forever?	
Fiction	<i>Katie Kazoo: Switcheroo (series)</i>	Nancy E. Krulik
	Katie is an ordinary third-grader--except for one very extraordinary problem! She accidentally wished on a shooting star to be anyone but herself and what Katie soon learns is that wishes really do come true--and in the strangest ways....	
Fiction	<i>Freckle Juice</i>	Judy Blume
	Andrew Marcus wants freckles more than anything. Unfortunately "know it all" Sharon is the only one who knows the secret recipe for Freckle Juice that will give Andrew all the freckles he could ever want. The catch is, it will cost him five weeks of allowance!	



## Third Grade



***The Absent Author*** by Ron Roy

Dink Duncan and his two friends investigate the apparent kidnapping of famous mystery author Wallis Wallace. (*A to Z Mysteries Series*)

***Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon*** by Paula Danziger

Amber's in first grade and is having a sad time. Her best friend Justin is getting ready to move to a distant state. (*Amber Brown Series*)

***Arthur and the Seventh-Inning Stretcher*** by Marc Brown

Binky refuses to join his teammates in pre-game warm-ups, until he injures himself while running the bases in a game. (*Arthur Chapter Book Series*)

***Boxcar Children*** by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The resourceful Alden children survive without adult supervision and made a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar. (Series)

***Bunnicula: A Rabbit-Tale of Mystery*** by Deborah Howe

When the family started finding white vegetables, drained dry, with two fang marks in them, Chester, the cat, was sure Bunnicula, the rabbit, was a vampire. But what should be done about it? None of the family seemed to grasp the trouble, and Chester's hilarious hints were totally misunderstood. (Series)

***Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*** by Roald Dahl

Strange things happen when four unruly children and Charlie enter Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory.

***The Chocolate Touch*** by Patrick Skene Catling

Instead of gold, everything John Midas touched turned to precious chocolate.

***Day of the Dragon King*** by Mary Pope Osborne

The magic treehouse takes Jack and Annie back two thousand years to China where they must find the copy of an old legend before the Imperial Library is burned down. (*Magic Treehouse Series*)

***Encyclopedia Brown Shows the Way*** by Donald J. Sobol

Encyclopedia Brown, brilliant fifth-grade amateur detective solves ten crimes. The reader may match solutions with those at the end of the book. (Series)

***The Field Guide*** by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi

When the Grace children go to stay at their great-aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to faeries and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. (*Spiderwick Chronicles Series*)

***The Gold-Threaded Dress*** by Carolyn Marsden

This story shares the struggle of a young girl new to this country and her very special dress that she hopes might win her friendship with the children at school.

***The Good, the Bad, and the Goofy*** by Jon Scieszka

The Time Warp Trio find themselves in the Wild West of yesteryear, rubbing elbows with cowboys and Indians. (*Time Warp Trio series*)

***The Ink Drinker*** by Eric Sanvoisin

A boy who hates books discovers an ink-drinking vampire in his father's bookshop and follows him to his underground vault. (Series)

***Jake Drake: Bully Buster*** by Andrew Clements

Now a fourth-grader in this popular series, Jake seems to be a bully magnet, and new kid Link Baster is a superbully. What happens when they're teamed up for a class project? (Series)

***Junie B. Jones Is Captain Field Day*** by Barbara Park

As captain of Room Nine's field day team, Junie B. Jones tries to rally her troops after they lose several events. (*Junie B. Jones Series*)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>
Fiction	<i>The Secrets of Droon (series)</i>	Tony Abbott
If you want to read Harry Potter but aren't quite ready, get the magic with the first book in <del>The Secrets of Droon series</del> . Full of spells, enchantments, and mystical creatures, this adventure welcomes you to chapter books with simple language and characters. When three kids chase a ball through the basement, they enter a whole new world.		
Fiction	<i>The Bailey School Kids (series)</i>	Debbie Dadey & Marcia Thornton Jones
There are some pretty weird grown-ups living in Bailey City. But could the town's mad scientist really turn his snow sculpture into a living, breathing dragon? The Bailey School Kids are going to find out?		
Biography	<i>Lincoln and Douglas: An American Friendship</i>	Nikki Giovanni
This book offers a glimpse into the unusual friendship between two great American leaders. At a time when racial tensions were high and racial equality was not yet established. Lincoln and Douglass formed a strong bond over shared ideals and worked alongside each other for a common goal.		
Biography	<i>Harvesting Hope: The Story of Caesar Chavez</i>	Kathleen Krull
The dramatic story of Chavez's 340-mile march to protest the working conditions of migrant farm workers in California is the centerpiece of this well-told biography.		
Biography	<i>A Picture Book of Paul Revere</i>	David Adler
Adler briefly traces his subject's life, covering the major points and important dates. The famous midnight ride is described, but not allowed to overwhelm the rest of the man's accomplishments.		
Biography	<i>Susan B. Anthony: Fighter for Women's Rights</i>	Deborah Hopkinson and Amy June Bates
This biography presents Anthony as a lifelong advocate for women's equality. Hopkinson recounts her subject's birth into a Quaker family, her education, her teaching career at a boarding school, and her return home to Rochester, NY, in order to work for change.		
Biography	<i>Mary McLeod Bethune</i>	Eloise Greenfield
During the years following the Civil War in rural South Carolina where opportunities for blacks to go to school were nonexistent, Mary McLeod Bethune had to overcome many obstacles to pursue her dream of education for all children.		
Biography	<i>A Picture Book of Thurgood Marshall</i>	David Adler & Robert Casilla
A story about the life of a highly regarded Supreme Court justice, Thurgood Marshall, an African American appointed by President Johnson.		
Nonfiction	<i>Nonfiction books related to Social Studies and Science Standards</i>	
Science-Rocks, minerals, soils, weathering, fossils, heat, magnets, habitats, pollution, Habitats of Georgia Social Studies-Greek architecture, Olympic Games, Paul Revere, Frederick Douglas, Susan B. Anthony, Mary McLeod Bethune, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Thurgood Marshall, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Cesar Chavez Rivers and mountains of USA, levels and branches of government.		

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