



June 2026

Dear Third Grader,

We are so excited to welcome you into the third grade classroom this year! As your summer begins, there are a few things to be thinking about to prepare for third grade. One of the most important things you can do over the summer is **read**. There are so many places to dive into a great book so enjoy as many books as you can! Try to read at least five days per week for 30 minutes minimum. You can keep track of your reading on the reading log we have provided. Return this during the first week of school. We would also love for you to bring a picture of your favorite reading spot or a picture of you reading the most exciting book you found this summer.

As you prepare for third grade, you should be working on your **writing** skills as well. You can start by keeping a short journal of your favorite summer experiences. Your journal entries could be about time you've spent with a friend, a funny family memory, a trip you've taken, or anything else that you particularly enjoyed over the summer. With each journal entry, try to fill a whole page! We look forward to reading about your summer adventures on the first day of school!

Lastly, please continue to practice your **math facts** to stay sharp! You can use flashcards, ask your family to quiz you, write with sidewalk chalk outdoors, or download some math games for your computer or smart device. No matter which method you choose, have fun with it!

We are so excited about next year and have already begun making plans for a fantastic year together. Some things to look forward to are: Class Dojo Store, A Viking Quest, the 50 states, the human body, fun chapter books, and multiplication and division to name a few. Be sure to spend a lot of time outside and enjoy your summer!

Warmly,

Ms. Gray and Mr. Wilson

Third Grade Teachers

University Lake School



Suggested Summer Reading Ideas for Incoming 3rd Graders

READ! READ! READ! We encourage readers at all levels to read for pleasure during the summer. It is important for students to explore various genres, series, and authors, and simply try to instill the joy and desire to immerse themselves in a good book. Please allow your child to choose any age appropriate material and encourage but not force a positive reading routine. As students move from “learning to read” to “reading to learn” it is vital that students at least want to pick up a book and increase personal reading stamina.

Here are some suggestions:

- Magic Tree House series
- Geronimo Stilton series
- A to Z Mysteries series
- I Survived series (historical fiction)
- Who Would Win series
- Cam Jansen series
- The World According to Humphrey series
- Junie B. Jones series
- Lemony Snicket series
- Disaster Squad series by Rekha Rajan
- My Weird School series by Dan Gutman
- The Adventure Friends series by Brandon Todd
- Andrew Clements
- Beverly Cleary
- Roald Dahl
- Shel Silverstein (poetry)
- Jack Prelutsky (poetry)
- Patricia Polacco
- National Geographic for Kids
- Aesop's Fables
- Grimms' Brothers & Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tales
- Biographies by Dan Gutman



Return on the 1st day of school. (incoming 3rd or former 3rd grade students may retrieve a prize from Ms. Gray if you return a summer reading calendar)

Third Grade Summer Reading - June

Student: _____

My goal is to read 30 minutes per day at least 5 days per week.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

29	30						Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes						

Total minutes read this month: _____



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Third Grade Summer Reading - July

Student: _____

My goal is to read 30 minutes per day at least 5 days per week.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

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# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

29	30	31					Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes					

Total minutes read this month: _____



Return on the 1st day of school.

Third Grade Summer Reading - August

Student: _____

My goal is to read 30 minutes per day at least 5 days per week.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total minutes per week
# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	# of minutes	

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