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Dear Future Third Grade Families,

I know that summer has just begun; however, I want to give you a few ideas to help you help your child keep his or her skills fresh.

Your child will be required to complete some math work over the summer. Our math coordinator, Dave Lobato, has created a website where you can find all the information you need. Go to <https://sites.google.com/friendsacademy1810.org/fasummermath/home>.

We will also be using the program, IXL, in math. It requires a username, which is your first initial and your last name, (ex. dlobato), and a password which is the same for everyone: math1810 . Please contact Mr. Lobato if you have any questions: dlobato@friendsacademy1810.org and have fun!

Also, keep practicing those facts! Third graders should know the addition and subtraction facts from one to twelve, basic number facts (memorized) 1-12, practice addition and subtraction facts using three-digit numbers, multiplication – 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, and 10s.

At the end of this letter is a suggested summer reading list. Use this list as a guide. The point is to keep reading. Along with these titles, local libraries and bookstores will have interesting suggestions for summer reading. Here is a good rule to help your child choose books called the five finger rule: If a child finds five words on a page that he/she cannot read, the book is most likely too difficult. There are so many choices – move on to another.

Enjoy all kinds of reading experiences: reading aloud, parent to child, child to parent, child to sibling – just enjoy! Keeping a journal is also a great way to keep reading and writing skills sharp. Students can respond to what they are reading as well as writing about their daily experiences.

A special request: Due to space restrictions, I am requesting that backpacks next year be frameless and without wheels. Please take this into consideration when purchasing a new fall backpack. Thank you!

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Gangi

SUGGESTED READING LIST

Charlie Bumpers Series by Bill Harley
Freckle Juice by Judy Blume
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
Chocolate Fever by Robert Smith
The Littles Series by John Peterson
Brave Jimmy Stone by Elliott Arnold
Dexter by Clyde Bulla

American Girl Series

Books by Matt Christopher
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Cobble Street Cousins Series by Cynthia Rylant
A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole
Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet
Avin Ho: allergic to girls, school, and other scary things by Lenore Look
Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Claudia Mills
Only One Year by Nicole Wong
Frindle by Andrew Clements
Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke
The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate
Barnum's Bones: how Barnum Brown discovered the most famous dinosaur in the world
by Tracey Fern
Balloons over Broadway: the true story of the puppeteer of Macy's parade by Melissa Sweet
Magic Tree House Series by Mary Pope Osborne
Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew Series by Carolyn Keene
The Notebook of Doom Series by Troy Cummings

Independent Readers: Suggested Reading List

Recommended for grades 2-3

Series and Early Chapter Books:

Hazy Bloom (Jennifer Hamburg)
Marty Frye (Janet Tashjian)
Big Foot & Little Foot (Ellen Potter)
The Carver Chronicles (Karen English)
Sam the Man (Frances O'Roark Dowell)
Mac Undercover (Mac Barnett)
Bea Garcia (Deborah Zemke)
Chicken Squad (Doreen Cronin)
Dory Fantasmagory (Abby Hanlon)

Greetings from Somewhere (Harper Paris)
Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie (Julie Sternberg)
Tales From Maple Ridge (Grace Gilmore)
Shelter Pet Squad (Cynthia Lord)
Ranger in Time (Kate Messner)
Zoey & Sassafras (Asia Citro)
The Haunted Library (Dori Hillestad Butler)
Desmond Cole Ghost Patrol (Andres Miedoso)
Survivor Diaries (Terry Lynn Johnson)
I Survived (Lauren Tarshis)
Heartwood Hotel (Kallie George)
Super Potato (Artur Laperla)
Galaxy Zack (Ray O’Ryan)
Key Hunters (Eric Luper)
Dog Diaries (Kate Klimo)
Upside-down Magic (Sarah Mlynowski)
Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet (Jacqueline Kelly)
Jake Maddox Sport Stories
The Kicks (Alex Morgan)
Treasure Chest Series (Ann Hood)
Tashi Books (Anna Fienberg)
Ballpark Mysteries (David Kelly)
Ivy & Bean (Annie Barrows)
The World According to Humphrey (Betty Birney)
Clementine & Waylon books (Pennypacker)
Capital Mysteries (Ron Roy)
Wedgie & Gizmo (Suzanne Selfors)
Notebook of Doom Series (Troy Cummings)
CatStronauts (Drew Brockington)
Phoebe & Her Unicorn (Dana Simpson)
13 Story Treehouse Books (Andy Griffiths)
The Bad Guys (Aaron Blabey)

Chapter Books for Young Readers:

These are a little longer/more complex

Next Best Junior Chef (Charise Mericle Harper)
The Year of Billy Miller (Kevin Henkes)
Tuesdays at the Castle (Jessica Day George)
Waiting for the Magic & White Fur Flying (Patricia MacLachlan)
Words With Wings (Nikki Grimes)
Hissy Fitz and Odd, Weird & Little (Patrick Jennings)
Book Uncle & Me (Uma Krishnaswami)
Teddy Mars: Almost a World Record Breaker (Molly Burnham)
Pip Bartlett’s Guide to Magical Creatures (Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater)
Andrew Clements’ Books
The Year of the Baby (Andrea Cheng)
Gooseberry Park and the Master Plan (Cynthia Rylant)
Emily Windsnap (Liz Kessler)

Imaginary Veterinary (Suzanne Selfors)
Ruby Goldberg's Bright Idea (Anna Humphrey)
Eliza Bing (Carmella Van Vleet)

Nonfiction:

Her Right Foot (2017) Dave Eggers
Rosie Revere's Big Project Book for Bold Engineers (2017) Andrea Beaty
Out of the Box: 25 Cardboard Engineering Projects for Makers (2017) Jemma Westing
Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover (2018) Markus Motum
Plant, Cook, Eat!: A Children's Cookbook (2018) Joe Archer
One Day a Dot: The Story of You, the Universe, and Everything (2018) Ian Lendler
Flying deep: Climb inside deep-sea submersible Alvin (2018) Michelle Cusolito
The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal (2018) Nick Seluk
Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine (2015) Laurie Wallmark
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark (2016) Debbie Levy
Drawing From Memory (2011) Allen Say
Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball (2013)
John Coy
Carter Reads the Newspaper (2019) Deborah Hopkinson
Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpre (2019) Anika Aldamuy
Denise
Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando (2019) Andrea Wang
Mary Wears What She Wants (2019) Keith Negley
If You were a Kid in History Series
The Marvelous Thing that Came from a Spring: The Accidental Invention of the Toy that Swept the Nation (2016)
Gilbert Ford
Echo Echo: Reverso Poems About Greek Myths (2016) Marilyn Singer
13 Art Illusions Children Should Know Silke Vry
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat (2016) Javaka Steptoe
The Music of Life: Bartolomeo Cristofori & the Invention of the Piano (2017) Elizabeth
Rusch
Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines (2017) Jeanne Walker Harvey