

Dear Third Grade Students and Families,

Welcome to the third grade! I am very excited to get to know you and are looking forward to learning together next year. I hope that this summer is relaxing and fun-filled for you all. I want to encourage you to enjoy many books and stories throughout the summer, as it is a wonderful way to share quality time and to keep skills fresh. Remember that listening to stories can be just as important as reading them yourself.

Attached is a list of **recommended reading**. These titles are simply suggestions. Many local libraries and bookstores will have other interesting suggestions. A good rule of thumb that we will use next year is called the five-finger rule. This will help you check the level of difficulty: if while reading you find five words on one page that you cannot read, the book is most likely too hard. If you can't find any words that you cannot read on one page, the book is most likely too easy. It would be great to find a book in the "comfortable middle" which has 2-3 challenging words per page.

Another exciting part of the third grade experience is how much technology we use in our classroom. We will be frequently using laptops and ipads in addition to our classroom SMARTboard, so sharpening your typing skills will be helpful to do this summer. In the fall, we will work on keyboarding skills. Here is a fun website, **Dance Mat Typing**, that you can use over the summer so that you can start working on home keys and become a typing wiz! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

Finally, to keep your math skills sharp this summer, login to your profile on **IXL**. Instructions can be found on the FA Summer Math webpage. To view, visit: <https://sites.google.com/friendsacademy1810.org/fasummermath/home> and click on the Entering Grade 3 FA & SBP tab.

Enjoy and Relax!

Mrs. Javores

SUGGESTED READING LIST - 2019

Third Grade

*The following **series** are great:*

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parish

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Poppleton by Cynthia Rylant

Commander Toad by Jane Yolen

The Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne

*Some great **picture books** include:*

Won-Ton: A Cat Tale Told In Haiku by Lee Wardlaw

This is not My Hat by Jon Klassen

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McClosky

**Or anything that has won a Caldecott or Newberry award!*

*Some great **chapter books** include:*

Catwings by Ursula K. Le Guin

Bunnicula by James Howe

The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

The Mercy Watson Series by Kate DiCamillo

The Cam Jansen Series by David Adler

Web-Based Resources

1. Another great resource is to visit the Dartmouth Public Library's digital resource page:

http://www.dartmouthpubliclibraries.org/?page_id=3852

You'll find the following resources:

- **[TumbleBookCloud](#)** is an online collection of ebooks and read-along chapter books, graphic novels, educational videos, and audio books! All books are available with unlimited access, all the time, from any device with an Internet connection.
- **[TumbleBookCloud Junior](#)**, features content for elementary schools. TumbleBookCloud Junior is a great option for adventurous young readers who wish to go beyond the picture book collection in TumbleBookLibrary!
- **[TumbleBookLibrary](#)**, is a collection of animated, talking picture books for elementary age students.

2. Your public library also offers lots and lots of e-books that the library loans to your e-reader for no charge. They simply disappear when the loan period is over!

3. Lastly, try the website "Storyline Online"

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation children's literacy website streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books.