

Dear Parents,

Summer is a time to take a break from school, but not from learning! We don't want our students to fall victim to the "summer slide" and lose valuable reading skills they have worked so hard to gain this year! So, we ask that help us in encouraging them to keep reading, thinking, and growing by participating in a summer reading challenge!

Student's Challenge:

- Pick 2 books from the summer reading list.
- Enjoy reading these great books.
- Complete 2 activity sheets for each book.
- Bring the completed reading activities to your new teacher when school starts back for a chance for a special treat!

Most of the suggested summer reading list books are part of a series, so if your child likes a book they have read, encourage them to read more from that series or author.

And, be sure to participate in your child's reading!

- Have them read aloud to you.
- Ask "who, what, when, where, why, & how" questions about their book.
- Ask them to tell you about their favorite parts and characters or how they can relate to the story.

Getting Ready for 3rd Grade!

Summer Reading List:

Choose at least 2 books from the following list. Most of the books are the first book of a series, so if you enjoy it, keep reading the rest of the series! Happy Reading!

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- *Lost! A Dog Called Bear* by Wendy Orr
- *The Familiars* by Adam Jay Epstein & Andrew Jacobson
- *Big Nate* by Lincoln Pierce
- *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie* by Julie Sternberg
- *I Survived* (any book in series) by Lauren Tarshis
- *The Critter Club: Amy and the Missing Puppy* by Callie Barkley
- *Sammy Feral's Diaries of Weird* by Eleanor Hawkin
- *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar
- *The Vanishing Coin* by Kate Egan & Mike Lane
- *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart: The Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur* by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- *Jenny and the Cat Club* by Esther Averill
- *Tuesdays at the Castle* by Jessica Day George
- *Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made* by Stephen Pastis

Character Interview

Take the role as the main character and answer these interview questions as if you are them. If the answer to the question can not be found in the book, draw your best conclusions and use your best imagination to answer the question.

What is your family like?

What are your hobbies?

What is your greatest fear?

Tell me about your best friends.

Describe where you live.

What is your typical day like?
