

Welcome to 3rd Grade!

It's really great that you will be in 3rd grade next year! To help you prepare for third grade, it is asked that you do some activities this summer. These should be fun and educational at the same time. 😊 😊 😊 😊

1. Please read at least 2 books this summer. (preferably 3, 4, or more...) The number you read should depend on the length. An average length is 40 to 50 pages. If you read shorter books, read more. If you read longer books, read fewer. Choose books you like, but not books that are too hard or are too easy.

A simple finger trick can help you decide if a book is appropriate for you.

*Open to a middle page and start to read. Each time you come to a word that is too hard or you can't decode, put up a finger. By the end of the page, see how many fingers you have up.

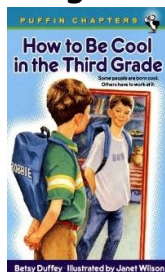
0-1 fingers---easy (may be too easy)

2-3 fingers---medium (may be a good level)

4-5 fingers---hard (may be too difficult for you)

Keep track of all the books you read on your book log. Write the title, author, and pages. Show your feeling about the book by putting a "smiley".

One book everyone is asked to read is How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by: Betsey Duffey. For this book you are asked to complete the attached story map. We'll use this the first week of school for an activity. Please be specific and neat on the story map. Please bring it to school in the Fall.

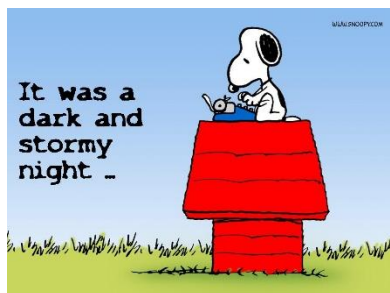


- **2. Math suggestion:** Play games using Math flash cards (Concentration, Go Fish, Addition War, Multiplication War, etc.) Computer Games are also a good way to practice your Math Facts. There are many good websites that have Math games.

Knowing your Math facts is important!! These games will help you master them which is important for success in Math.



- ***3. Writing suggestion:** Keep a journal in which you write about the things you do over the summer. This will help keep your writing skills in practice. (Other ideas are to make a book about your summer or to write a story and make it into a book.) We can share our writing when we come back to school. It will be fun to read about our summer adventures. 😊



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