

Dear

I am very excited that you will be in our 3rd grade class next year! To help you prepare for third grade it is asked that you do some activities over the summer. These should be fun and educational at the same time. 😊 😊 👍



\*\*\*1. Please read at least 3 books\*\*\* this summer. (More is even better!) The number of books 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 too easy.

A simple "finger trick" could help you decide if a book is appropriate for you:

\*Open to a middle page and begin to read. Each time you come to a word that is unfamiliar 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 (probably a good level)

4-5+ fingers: hard (may be too difficult for you to read independently)

Keep track of all the books you read on the attached book log. Write the title, author, and pages. Rate the book by coloring the stars.



\*\*\*One book EVERYONE is asked to read is How to Be Cool in the Third Grade by Betsy Duffy. Fill out the attached story map as you read and return it to school in August. We will use it for an activity the first week of school. Tell as much as you can for each section of the story map. Go back to the story for information.

\*\*\*\*PLEASE return the book with your story map.



- \*\*\*2. Some sheets are attached to help you practice important Math skills. Complete at least 5 weeks of these over the summer. *Bring these back to school in August.* (Do all 8 if you are able/want to.....)

**Knowing your addition and subtraction facts is REALLY IMPORTANT. PLEASE be sure to practice these over the summer. Some IDEAS:**

\*Print and cut out the triangle flash cards that can be found on the SHS Website..

\*Play games using Math flashcards (Concentration, Go Fish, etc.). Regular playing cards can be used to practice as well.

\*A list of card games that can be used to practice Math is on the website. These would be great to play with family on summer days!

\*Computer games are also a fun way to practice your facts. A few are below:  
Fact Monster—<https://www.factmonster.com/math/flashcards>

Math Playground—[https://www.mathplayground.com/index\\_addition\\_subtraction.html](https://www.mathplayground.com/index_addition_subtraction.html)

Speed Math—<https://education.jlab.org/smadd/question.php?95661247>

Fun 4 the Brain—<https://www.fun4thebrain.com/index>

ABCya—<https://www.abcya.com/grades/2/numbers>

IXL—<https://www.ixl.com/signin> (Use your log-in) (Math and LA)



### WRITING SUGGESTIONS

3. Keep a Journal in which you write about the things you do over the summer. This will keep your writing skills in practice.

(Another idea is to make a book about your summer, or make up a story and write it as a book.)

\*\*\*\*This is optional, but it is a GREAT way to work on your writing. We can share our writing when we come back to school. It will be fun to read about our summer adventures! 😎 🏖️

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!!

SEE YOU IN AUGUST!

Mrs. Popp 😊

MUST DOs—How to Be Cool in The Third Grade and story map.

At least 5 weeks of the Math packet.

Please practice your Math facts.

HAVE A FUN SUMMER! 😊 ☀️