

2024 Summer Work for Rising Third Graders

The reason for summer work is to help the children retain what they have learned throughout the school year. Students can easily lose skills over the summer that they worked diligently to learn. In order to avoid this loss, it is important for children to practice their skills over the summer.

Reading

This summer, upcoming third graders should read or listen (audiobooks) to at least 3 chapter books. The books can be fiction or nonfiction. Best practices indicate that you should have conversations with your child about the books that they read or listened to. This will help with comprehension. Reading assessments will take place in September. Children's reading assessments are oral, so please have them practice reading aloud as well as to themselves. Please remember that reading should be an enjoyable activity. If your child doesn't read well, have them listen to audiobooks while they follow along in a printed copy. Please note: Although children enjoy graphic novels, students in third grade are expected to read them at home for fun. In third grade students are building the stamina to read text without pictures.

Fill out the reading log attached to this sheet as each book is completed.

Mrs. Huelskoetter's Recommended Book Lists:

[Bookopolis](https://blog.bookopolis.com/2018/04/23/bookopolis-3rd-grade-summer-reading-picks-2018/)

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[Books Third Graders Recommend](https://www.readbrihtly.com/books-third-graders-are-recommending-to-their-friends/)

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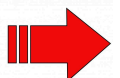
[Full Newbery Award List Since 1922](#) - There are many good classics to be found here. (*I do not recommend Wringer.)

There is also a hard copy reading list available in the Summer Work Packet from Connections Academy that reflects classic stories and books. [Summer Reading List from Connections Academy](#)

Spelling

Attached to this packet is the second grade red word list. Students are expected to know how to read and spell these words. These words are the most frequently used words from the list. Please ensure that your child can spell these specific words correctly.

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Writing

Students should also practice writing. The best way to accomplish this over the summer is to record experiences in a journal. Have your child write about events from your vacation or any day trips you took. You can do this on the computer or in a journal. Another idea is a gratitude journal. This can be done as a family and your child can record the family's ideas in sentences. Encourage them to write in cursive and to illustrate their adventures or things for which they are grateful. For many children this would be a battle if you tried to do it every day. Set a goal that is reasonable for your child and family. The more enjoyable you can make this, the better your child will learn from it.

Before school begins, have your child select their best journal entry to share with me. Please send only one journal entry attached to the Summer Work Log

Please make sure that your child spells all the words on the Red Word List correctly. In addition, the first week back I will assess your child's writing skills by having them write about their summer experiences.

Math

Please continue having your child practice their basic facts on Reflex. **This is extremely important.** The basic facts are the building blocks for all other math skills. The goal is for every student to be working on multiplication and division in Reflex when they enter third grade. If your child has already mastered all of their addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts, please ask them to continue using the program to keep their skills in this area sharp. Students who have progressed to Frax, may continue to work in this program as well as practicing their basic facts on occasion.

In addition to this, students will need to complete the math workbook pages from Extra Practice for Primary Mathematics assigned by Ms. Slater. Once an assignment is completed, an adult should check the work using the answers from the back of the book. Please go over your child's work with them so that they get the benefit of immediate feedback.

Please fill out the form on the attached sheet confirming that your child has completed the required work. Please do not send the workbook back to school.

**** Send only this completed work log & 1 journal entry in with your child on the first day of school. Please do not send in workbooks or whole journals**

SUMMER WORK LOG

1) Reading:

_____ read or listened to these books over the summer:
(Child's name)

Book Title and Author	I loved this book!	This book was ok.	I would not recommend this book to anyone.

2) Math Facts Practice:

My signature below indicates that _____ (child's name) practiced math facts on a regular basis ***in addition to completing the math workbook.*** **Please do not send in the math workbook.**

3) Writing:

Send in one journal entry from your child's summer journal. Please attach it to this sheet of paper. Please make it your best. It should be at least one paragraph.

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____