

## Required Summer Reading for Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Students are required to read:

- ***Freckle Juice*** by Judy Blume

Students are required to pick one of the following books:

- ***Third Grade is Terrible*** by Barbara Baker
- ***Flat Stanley*** by Jeff Brown
- ***The Mouse and the Motorcycle*** by Beverly Cleary
- ***Beezus and Ramona*** by Beverly Cleary
- ***The Enormous Crocodile*** by Roald Dahl
- ***The Best School Year Ever*** by Barbara Robinson
- ***Jigsaw Jones: The Case from Outer Space*** by James Preller
- ***Space Case (Nancy Drew: Notebooks, #61)*** by Carolyn Keene

Dear Parents,

Over the course of the school year students have learned how to choose a book that is “just right” for independent reading time. A “just right” book is not too hard or too easy. It has words they can read and understand as well as a story or topic that interests them. One strategy students can use to determine if a book they selected is a “just right” book is the I-PICK process.

<p><b>I</b> chose a book <b>Purpose-</b> why did I chose this book? (for learning or fun or both) <b>Interest-</b> does this book interest me? <b>Comprehend-</b> do I understand what I am reading? <b>Know-</b> do I know <i>most</i> of the words?</p>
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For your child’s enjoyment and to maximize the benefits of summer reading we recommend you use the I-PICK process with your child for their “choice” book. First, ask your child to think of their purpose for reading the book. A sample answer might be “to get lost in a book” or “to learn more about fish.” Next, ask them about their interests. They might love mysteries, fantasy, dinosaurs, or funny books. Now look at the choices and then locate a book that best matches their purpose and interest. Lastly, have your child read a portion and check for understanding to see if they comprehend and to be sure they know almost all of the words. If the book they choose meets all the criteria mentioned above, then it is a “just right” book for your child!

We encourage students to read independently every day over the summer (recommended daily reading time listed below). Our hope is that this process will continue to build their stamina during independent reading time and encourage a passion for having a book in their hands and lead to becoming a lifelong reader!

Kindergarten: 5-10 minutes of reading per day  
First Grade: 10-15 minutes of reading per day  
Second Grade: 15-20 minutes of reading per day  
Third Grade: 20-25 minutes of reading per day  
Fourth Grade: 25-30 minutes of reading per day

Thank you,

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