



Summer 2022

Dear Third Grader,

I hope you have a fun-filled summer planned. As we all know, summer flies by. Before we know it, it will be time to return to the classroom. I am so excited for you to join my class for the upcoming school year! We have a wonderful year to look forward to. I am excited to watch you make new friends, build your confidence, and grow as a lifelong learner!

Third graders are independent, confident, responsible, and inquisitive learners. We work as a team to build each other up and give each other support. Third Graders begin each day with a positive & ready to learn mindset. In our classroom we treat each other with respect and kindness. We are a family!

In order to prepare for an exciting and rigorous academic year it is important to keep your reading, writing, and math skills sharp throughout the summer. Summer assignments help me to get an inside look at all of the strengths you are bringing to our Third Grade Class Family. Please read the directions for each assignment carefully and make sure to complete your very best work. I can not wait to see the awesome work you turn in.

I hope you have a fabulous summer break. I look forward to welcoming you into third grade this fall. Welcome to our Third Grade Family!

Your Third Grade Teacher,

*Miss Marinello*

# READING & WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

Hi there Third Grader!

Below you will find **two options** for your summer reading assignment.

**Please select one** assignment to complete. I have also included nonfiction and fiction book titles for use to choose from.

Your reading & writing assignments are due on the first day of school.

**\*\*I have included checklists and templates after each assignment description\*\***

## Reading Option 1: Character Journal (Fiction)

**You will choose a fiction title from the book list below.** You will complete a journal entry from the point of view of the main character. In this journal, you are pretending to be the main character in the story. Describe a major challenge, you (the main character), faced and describe how you were able to overcome this challenge.

**Be creative in your writing!** Take on the characteristics of your main character. *Make your writing sound like the character's own voice!* Remember to use **key details** and **major events** from the book when writing your journal. Be sure to write in complete sentences, include capital letters & punctuation, and always your very best handwriting!

Book Title	Author
Junie B. Jones <i>series</i>	Barbara Clark
Magic Tree House <i>series</i>	Mary Pope Osborne
Horrible Harry <i>series</i>	Suzy Cline
Jigsaw Jones: Case of the Missing Hamster	James Preiller
How to Be Cool in Third Grade	Betsy Duffey
The Bailey School Kids <i>series</i>	Debbie Dadey & Marsha Jones
The Doll People <i>series</i>	Ann M. Martin & Laura Godwin

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## Reading Option 1: Character Journal (Fiction) Character Journal Checklist

Once you have finished your writing your Character Journal entry, make sure to self-assess your writing. It should include each item on the checklist:

\_\_\_ I wrote my journal as the main character.  
(Ex. "I loved traveling to the beach each summer")

\_\_\_ I described a major challenge the character faced.

\_\_\_ I described how the character overcame the challenge.

\_\_\_ I used two key details from the book to support my writing.

\_\_\_ I checked for capitalization & punctuation and I wrote in my best handwriting.

\_\_\_ I am ready to hand in my work!





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## Reading Option 2: Lap-book Report (Non-fiction)

**You will choose a non-fiction title from the book list below.** You will share what you have learned about the topic by creating a “lap-book” using a manilla folder or large piece of construction paper. A great example of a finished lap-book, can be found at the link below:

<https://appletasticlearning.com/how-to-make-lap-book/>

### Your lap-book must include:

- Book Title
- Book Author & Illustrator
- A description of the main idea
- Three facts you learned while reading
- Four new words you learned while reading
- A brief book review-  
Why did you choose this book?  
Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not?

Book Title	Author
Great White Sharks	Sandra Merkle
Lincoln and His Boys	Rosemary Wells & P. J. Lynch
One Tiny Turtle	Nicole Davies
Chameleons are Cool	Martin Jenkins
I Survived series	Lauren Tarshis
Who Was I / Am I <i>series</i>	Penguin Random House
If You Grew Up With... <i>series</i>	Scholastic

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## Reading Option 2: Lap-book Report (Non-fiction) Character Journal Checklist

Once you have finished your writing your Lap-book Report, make sure to self-assess your writing. It should include each item on the checklist:

\_\_\_ I included the title, author, and illustrator/ photographer.

\_\_\_ I described the main topic of the book.

\_\_\_ I listed three facts I learned while reading.

\_\_\_ I defined four new vocabulary words I learned.

\_\_\_ I included a book review.

\_\_\_ I used capitals, appropriate punctuation, and my very best handwriting!

\_\_\_ I am ready to hand in my work!



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Hi there Third Grader!

In addition to reading a ton of new books, third graders sharpen their writing skills as we learn about a variety of writing techniques. I would love to hear all about what you are up to this summer!

Use the following writing prompts to share your adventures with me!

## Writing Assignment: Create a Summer Journal

**Step 1:** Use a spare notebook or staple together lined paper to create a writing journal.

**Step 2:** Select a summer writing prompt to kick start your writing. Write the prompt at the top of your page.

**Step 3:** Write one journal entry each week. Try to fill a page with every detail you can think of! Make sure to date each entry.

\*Remember I did not get to experience summer with you. Be as descriptive as possible so I can make a mental picture of your words.\*

I can not wait to read about your experiences!

## Writing Prompts:

- ★ One new place I visited was...
- ★ My absolute dream summer vacation would be...
- ★ My favorite summer activity...
- ★ A not so great day of summer was when...
- ★ The best day of summer was when...
- ★ A tradition my family has each summer is...
- ★ A new friend I met this summer is...
- ★ Today was...
- ★ My best summer memory ever was...
- ★ If I could plan a day of activities this summer I would...
- ★ \*Make your own prompt\*

# MATHEMATICS PRACTICE

Hi there Third Grader!

Many of the math skills you learned in second grade will return in third grade! It is SO important to keep our addition and subtraction brains turned ON all summer long. Multiplication is a huge part of third grade as well. The best way to keep these facts sharp is practice, practice, practice!

Frequently practicing facts will allow you to maintain or improve your fact fluency. Be sure to practice every day! Below are a few ideas about how you can stay sharp all summer long.

## **ABCYa**

This site has a variety of fun & free math games to choose from. Select grade 2 to brush up on old skills or grade 3 to begin practicing skills for the upcoming year.

<https://www.abcya.com/grades/3/numbers>

## **Arcademics - Grand Prix**

In this multiplayer game, race against your friends as you answer multiplication facts. The faster you answer the faster you cross the finish line!

<https://www.arcademics.com/games/grand-prix>

## **Scholastic Flashcard Games**

This PDF has loads of fun math games to play with friends, family, or on your own.

[http://www.alyciazimmerman.com/uploads/3/0/7/3/3073052/flashcard\\_math\\_games.pdf](http://www.alyciazimmerman.com/uploads/3/0/7/3/3073052/flashcard_math_games.pdf)

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THAN YOU BELIEVE  
STRONGER  
THAN YOU SEEM  
SMARTER  
THAN YOU THINK  
AND LOVED  
MORE THAN YOU KNOW