



JCDSRI SUMMER READING PROGRAM GRADE 3 - 2009

Students entering the third grade are asked to read **3 books** over the summer. Hopefully they will read many more! Most of the listed books are available in public libraries. Students will select an assignment from the suggested assignments. The assignment is due the first week of school. Books with a ♦ are available on audiocassette or CD. More booklists are posted on our website www.jcdsri.org. Students are encouraged to use the Library Summer Reading Record and join a public library or bookstore summer reading program.

1. Choose one book from the Guided Reading Booklist
2. Choose one book from the Suggested Booklist
3. Choose your 3rd book from either the Guided Reading or Suggested Booklist
4. Do a Book Assignment on one of the 3 books you selected. Choose the assignment you would like to do. **Books not listed cannot be used. Due the first week of school.**
5. Assignment Choices: Sales Talk, Newspaper or Story Writing. **Choose one.** See attached directions.

BOOKLISTS - GRADE 3

1. Guided Reading Booklist In collaboration with the Guided Reading Program, a suggested list of books that are appropriate for your child to read **independently is attached.** Your child is not required to read all the books listed. Individual lists were given in June. If you need a copy, please contact Mrs. White.

2. Suggested Booklist Students may read these or listen to the story read aloud. These lists have books at varied levels.

General Fiction

I Was a Third Grade Science Grade Project. Auch, Mary Jane.

Harry the Poisonous Centipede. Banks, Lynne Reid. ♦

Willow Buds #1: The Tale of Toad and Badger. Begin, Mary Jane.

A Bear Called Paddington Bear, Bond, Michael.

Clarice Bean, Don't Look Now. Child, Lauren.

The Shoeshine Girl. Bulla, Clyde.

Muggie Maggie. Cleary, Beverly.

Ramona and her Father (or any book in this series). Cleary, Beverly. ♦

Jenny Archer, Author. Conford, Ellen.

The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me. Dahl, Roald. ♦

James and the Giant Peach. Dahl, Roald. ♦

Next Stop, New York City! The Polk Street Kids on Tour. Giff, Patricia.

Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little. Gifford, Peggy.

The Wind and the Willows. Grahame, Kenneth. ♦

How to Save Your Tail. Hanson, Mary.

Just Grace. (or any book in this series) Harper, Charise. Just Grace is a nickname given to Grace by her 3rd grade teacher because there are 4 Graces in the class. Grace is funny, mischievous and claims to have a teeny-tiny superpower. Enjoy her adventures and the interesting illustrations. ♦

Toys Go Out. Jenkins, Emily. The adventures of three engaging toy best friends: Lumphy the buffalo, plush StingRay, and Plastic. Don't miss this delightful book. ♦

All About Sam. Lowry, Lois.

Judy Moody (or any book in this series). McDonald, Megan. ♦

Trolls Go Home! MacDonald, Alan.

Doggone...Third Grade. O'Shaughnessy, Colleen.

Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control. Sachar, Louis.

The Year of the Panda. Schlein, Miriam.

The Good, the Bad and the Goofy, The Time Wrap Trio (or any book in this series). Scieszka, Jon. ♦

Mary Poppins, revised edition. Travers, P. L. ♦

Three Good Deeds. Vande Velde, Vivian. When a witch sees Howard stealing eggs from her geese, she decides that he needs a lesson and she changes him into a goose. Howard can become a boy again by doing three good deeds. However, he discovers that doing good deeds is not that easy. A funny book with interesting illustrations.

The Boxcar Children (Boxcar Children, No 1). Warner, Gertrude Chandler.

Newbery Winners

The Bears on Hemlock Mountains. Dalgliesh, Alice. ♦

Misty of Chincoteague. Henry, Marguerite. ♦

Mrs. Frisbee and the Rats of Nimh. O'Brien, Robert. ♦

Jewish

Hurray for Ali Baba Bernstein. Hurwitz, Joanna.

All-of-a-Kind Family. Taylor, Sydney. ♦

Mystery

Meg Mackintosh and the Mystery in the Locked Library. Landon, Lucinda.

Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Sleeping Dog (or any book in this series). Sobol, Donald.

The Case of the Garbage Monster from Outer Space Hank the Cowdog. Erickson, John. ♦

The Mystery of the Hairy Tomatoes -Third-Grade Detectives (or any book in this series.).

Stanley, George. Someone's been digging up Mrs. Ruston's tomatoes. She thinks it's Noelle's (one of the third grade detectives) dog, Rover, and unless Noelle can find the real thief, Rover's in big trouble.

Sports

Baseball Fever, Hurwitz, Joanna.

Man Out at First. Christopher, Matt.

Tough to Tackle. Christopher, Matt. ♦

Solo Girl. Pinkney, Andrea.

Good Sport Gwen (Hopscotch Hill School). Tripp, Valerie.

Fables/Poetry

My Parents Think I'm Sleeping. Prelutsky, Jack.

Squids Will Be Squids: Fresh Morals. Scieszka, Jon.

Math Potatoes. Tang, Greg.

Non-Fiction

Biography

Lives of the Artists: Masterpieces, Messes and What the Neighbors Thought. Krull, Kathleen. ♦

Julia Morgan Built a Castle. Mannis, Celeste.

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? Fitz, Jean.

Babe Ruth: One of Baseball's Greatest (Childhood of Famous Americans). Van Riper, Guernsey.

Science

The Magic School Bus Blows Its Top: A Book About Volcanoes. Cole, Joanne.

Beacons of Light: Lighthouses. Gibbons, Gail.

Our Solar System. Simon, Seymour.

Walter Wick's Optical Tricks. Wicks, Walter.

A Pair of Polar Bears: Twin Cubs Find a Home at the San Diego Zoo. Ryder, Joanne.

A Place for Butterflies. Stewart, Melissa.

☞ This book list is posted on the school's web site: www.icdsri.org (in Our School-Library)

The Summer Reading Program is coordinated by Karolyn White, librarian. You can contact Mrs. White at school 751-2470, voice mail 82, or kwhite@jcdsri.org

*This list has been sent to the following public libraries: Central and Rochambeau in Providence, Barrington, Cranston, and Pawtucket, and the following bookstores: Books on the Square, Borders in Providence and Cranston, Barnes and Noble in Warwick, and Barrington Books.

BOOK ASSIGNMENTS-CHOOSE One (1)

Select a book (1) from our Booklists that you have enjoyed reading this summer and choose one (1) of the assignments to report on your book. We encourage you to be creative and thoughtful. Assignments are due the first week of school

1. A Sales Talk-“May I help you?”

- Pretend you are a sales person working in a bookstore.
- You want customers to buy the book because you feel they will also enjoy it.
- Create a “sales talk” about the book that will make customers want to buy the book. Be creative.
 - Write your “sales talk.” You will be able to refer to it when speaking.
Suggestions: What is the best part of the book? Why do you like it? Is there a funny part? Is there an animal in the story? Is the setting (place) of the story an exciting place? Be careful not to give away the ending!
- Use props such as signs, clothing, name badge, bookmarks, food or other items related to the story, etc.

2. Newspaper “Extra, Extra, Read all about it! “

- Create a newspaper about your book. Be creative in your choices of headlines, colors, pictures, fonts and layout. What is the name of the newspaper? What city is it published in? What is the price of the newspaper?
- Write an article that will summarize the plot. What are some of the problems? Who are the main characters? Is it a mystery?
- Use the weather report section to talk about the weather conditions in the story. Does the story take place in a warm climate? Is there a storm? Is the area near the sea or lakes?
- Write a feature story on one of the more interesting characters. A feature story is a longer article, placed in an important part of the newspaper.
- Include a collection of ads (advertisements) that relate to the story. Was there a restaurant, toy store, pet shop, ice cream truck, mentioned in the story?

3. Story Editing “Editor’s Desk”

-Write a new ending to the story or add an extra chapter.

-Remember to use a similar style. The new ending or extra chapter has to make sense with the rest of the story. The extra chapter will need a title.

Suggestions- Perhaps you want to make a different ending by changing the setting or increasing the excitement by adding another surprise or clue. Perhaps you want a happier or more amusing ending. Maybe you want the ghost, aliens or monsters that went away to return, or change into another life form!

If you have a more complex idea, then consider an extra chapter.