

3rd Grade Summer Reading

To maintain reading skills and prepare for the third grade, third grade students are required to read and complete projects for one fiction book, one biography, and one other nonfiction book. The assignments will be shared with classmates in the fall.

Project Assignments

Fiction Reading Project Choices (Choose 1 project to complete):

1. Create a crossword puzzle using information about the novel. Write at least 10 clues (each) across and down. Go to puzzlemaker.com or another website and publish it.
2. Choose a descriptive scene from the novel. Write a short paragraph about what images the author uses to help you visualize the scene. Explain why you choose this scene. When you are done, create a detailed painting of this scene.
3. Act out a scene from the novel by writing a monolog. Pretend you are one of the characters from the book. Use simple costumes and props to add to your story. Be prepared to explain why this character and part of the novel is important.
4. Create a different ending for the novel. Write a new last chapter for the story. What would have been different if you were the author?
5. Create a talk show where one or two of the characters are going to be interviewed. Include questions that ask about personality traits of the character being interviewed. Use examples from the story that show the character acts this way.

Biography Project:

Create a timeline or PowerPoint presentation about the person's life. Be sure to include information about the person's early, middle and late life. What were his or her accomplishments and why was that person important?

Nonfiction Project:

Create a mini-book with information you learned about the chosen topic. Write at least 10 facts. Include illustrations, photos, or clip art in your book. Books may be handmade or computer created.

Fiction Reading

Suggested Series:

Magic School Bus picture or chapter books

Box Car Children books

Magic Tree House books

Suggested Authors:

Roald Dahl

Beverly Cleary

Andrew Clements

Louis Sachar

Nonfiction Reading Topics List

Rocks/minerals

Natural disasters

Constellations

Norfolk

Explorers

Animal Groups

Biography Choices

Thomas Jefferson

Christopher Newport

Betsy Ross

Thurgood Marshall

Harriet Tubman

Benjamin Franklin

Saint Patrick