

SUMMER WORK

Dear Future Third Grade Parents,

Happy Summer and welcome to third grade! We know how hard the children have worked this year in second grade. Since we do not want anyone to suffer from the "summer slide" (a regression in the learning process), here are a few activities we would like your child to complete over the summer before they return to school. We absolutely LOVE learning so much we do not want it to stop over the summer. We hope you enjoy your time off while on summer break and we can't wait to see you in the fall!



Our second graders have been very busy this year learning new math skills. Mastery of all these skills is extremely important in order to develop a solid math foundation. The third grade math program will further develop skills learned this year. Any time spent reinforcing these concepts this summer will be beneficial to your child. Each year builds upon the previous year's skills in math.

Please print a copy of the attached packet so your child can complete and return it to their third grade teacher the week of August 18th, when school resumes.

If your child has difficulty in any area, any additional support you give them is beneficial. You are allowed to assist them with the work. Here is a list of websites to use for your convenience. We recommend spending at least a few hours, three days per week doing some type of academic work. This does not need to be all day, and you can split the time differently if you would like to do a little everyday.

- www.prodigygame.com
- www.funbrain.com

- www.fuelthebrain.com
- www.mathisfun.com Select numbers then Math Trainer for adding and subtracting or select games and pick a game to play on the homescreen.
- www.aplusmath.com Go under "Flashcards" or "Game Room" on the left side of the screen to practice addition or subtraction.

NON-ELECTRONIC: Here are some Non-electronic games that you can play with your child. Take a deck of cards and remove the face cards. Aces are one. Divide the cards evenly among 2 players. Each player flips over a card. The first one to add or subtract the 2 numbers correctly wins the cards. After going through the pile of cards, the player with the most cards wins. Also, Monopoly is a wonderful game that helps with math skills and strategy. Finally, flashcards are beneficial for memorizing and gaining addition and subtraction automaticity.



St. Anthony Catholic School believes that summer reading is a valuable experience for all students and an important extension of our educational programs.

Therefore, we want all students entering third grade to read two or more books during the summer. Students will read the books and take an AR test. The Renaissance AR website is <https://global-zone05.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/65363>. Your child's login information is located at the top of the page.

Students should be reading in their ZPD (Zone of Proximal Development) from their STAR Reading test taken in May. Any new students to the school should be reading on grade level or at their ability.

We have included a list of recommended reading books below. Remember in order to foster a love of reading children need to have choices! A mix of fiction and nonfiction is recommended. These are just suggestions along with a list of the Sunshine State Reader Award books with many different ranges.

Fiction Books

Abbott, Tony *The Secrets of Droon (series)* Eric, Julie, and Neal, a trio of best friends from our world stumble upon the magical world of Droon, a realm populated by wizards and sorcerers and full of strange landscapes. Avi Poppy Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Bauer, Marion Dane. *The Blue Ghost* Nine-year-old Liz is helping her grandmother prepare to sell the old family cabin. She is awakened at night by a strange blue light and a voice calling her name. In the corner of her room, a ghostly woman dressed in old-fashioned clothes beckons to her and then disappears through the wall. Later, Liz hears voices and a baby's cry coming from behind the spot where the blue ghost vanished. She follows the sound and finds herself in the same cabin but long ago when it was first built.

Blume, Judy Freckle Juice Andrew wants freckles so badly that he buys Sharon's special freckle recipe for fifty cents. He carefully begins to mix the strange combination of ingredients and immediately runs into some unforeseen problems.

Non-fiction Books

Edwards, Roberta *Who Was King Tut?* Ms. Edwards explains the life and times of this ancient Egyptian ruler, covering the story of the tomb's discovery, as well as myths and so-called mummy curses.

Thompson, Gare *Who Was Helen Keller?* At age two, Helen Keller became deaf and blind. She lived in a world of silence and darkness and she spent the rest of her life struggling to break through it. But with the help of teacher Annie Sullivan, Helen learned to read, write, and do many amazing things.

Herman, Gail *Who Was Jackie Robinson?* As a kid, Jackie Robinson loved sports. He was a natural at football, basketball, and, of course, baseball. But beyond athletic skill, it was his strength of character that secured his place in sports history. In 1947 Jackie joined the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the long-time color barrier in major league baseball.



Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2023-2024 List for Grades 3-5



The Area 51 Files by Julie Buxbaum
After a mysterious disappearance in Area 51, suspicion falls on the new residence, Sky. Ky and her new friend Elvis (Alien) work together to prove her Uncle Anish's innocence. Cute, goofy fun mystery!



Bedhead Ted by Scott SanGiacomo
A graphic novel about wanting to fit in when you stand out, friendships, and uncovering the truth of a local urban legend - the elusive giant raccoon known as the Brookside Beast! For the first time, Ted wonders if his unruly hair is a gift rather than a curse.



Better with Butter by Victoria Piontek
Afraid of everything, Marvel, finds an unlikely friend -- and emotional support animal -- in the form of an adorable fainting goat. Everything is easier for her with Butter by her side. But what will happen to Marvel when Butter's owner shows up to take her back? Will Marvel find a way to keep her friend?



The Curse on Spectacle Key by Chantel Acevedo
A Cuban American boy who befriends a pair of spirits and tries to break the curse on his island home . . . only to discover a seemingly lost piece of his family's history in the process.



Glitch by Laura Martin
Regan and Elliott, enemies since they started training to become Glitchers, must break all the rules of time travel. Will they be able to set aside their past in order to save the future?



Good Dogs on a Bad Day by Rachel Wenitsky and David Sidorov
A group of Very Good doggie daycare buddies, meet the Naughty Dog and try following a few of their wilder instincts leading to hilarious chaos. Do good dogs have to be good all the time?



Honestly Elliott by Gillian McBunn
With a best friend that moved away, Elliott starts school amid personal turmoil only to be partnered with popular and smart Maribel for a class project that really counts. Sometimes the least likely friends help you see a new side to things... and sometimes you have to make a few mistakes before you figure out what's right

Available at www.itzbooks.com

Blessings for a wonderful summer,

Mrs. Corrao and Ms. Marsh