



Dear Student,

Happy Summer Vacation! Enjoy your well-deserved summer vacation, but don't forget to read and practice your math facts! Students entering Grade 3 are required to read 2 chapter books and keep a Reading Response Journal. The books you read must be in your Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD). Your ZPD is with your report card.

Attached you will find a list of suggested summer reading books. If you find a book you are interested in reading that is not on the list, please be sure it is the right level for you.

Please purchase a marble composition book to use as your Reading Response Journal. I have enclosed a copy of "Read Every Day" reading questions. For each book you read choose 4 different questions. Write the question and the response in your notebook. Responses must be in complete sentences. Use a new page for each book.

Please have your Reading Response Journal with you when you return to school in August. I look forward to reading your journals.

Use this as a model. (You choose 4 questions from the list provided.)

Title:

Author:

What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story ?

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Is this story full of facts? If so, tell me two facts that you learned.

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What would you do if you were in the story?

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Could this story really happen? Why or why not?

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Third graders are also expected to work on 15 minutes each on IXL Math and Language Arts this summer. Your username and password are still the same and can be used to access both areas.

School supply lists will be posted on the website around July 1st.

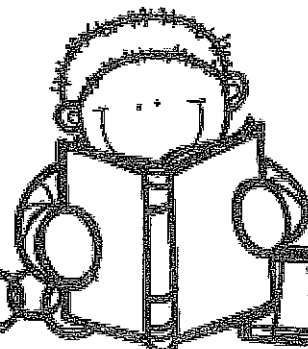
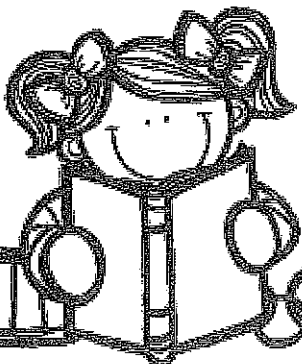
Have a great summer!

# READ EVERY DAY

## Sample Reading Questions

- ~What is the title of the story? Can you think of another title?
- ~What is the story about?
- ~Could this story really happen? Why or why not?
- ~Is this story real or make believe? How do you know?
- ~Is this story full of facts? If so, tell me two facts that you learned.
- ~Where is the setting of the story? (Where does the story take place?)
- ~What time of day does the story take place?
- ~Who are the characters in the story?
- ~Is there a problem in the story? If so, what is the problem?
- ~What is the solution to the problem in the story? Can you think of another solution?
- ~How do you think your solution will change the ending?
- ~What happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story?
- ~Did you like the story? Why or why not?
- ~Can you think of a different ending for the story?
- ~What would you do if you were in the story?
- ~Would you recommend this story to a friend? Why or why not?

Happy Reading!





**Suggested Summer Reading**  
Students Entering 3rd Grade

**ZPD Levels**

**2.0 to 2.9**

Molly's Pilgrim  
Sarah Plain and Tall  
Horrible Harry -Series  
Flat Stanley - Series  
Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

Barbara Cohen  
Patricia MacLachlan  
Suzie Kline  
Jeff Brown  
Carl Bowen

**ZPD Levels**

**3.0 to 3.9**

Slideways Stories From Wayside School  
Culpepper's Cannon  
Julian, Secret Agent  
The Courage of Sarah Noble  
The Hundred Penny Box  
Ramona Series  
Amber Brown - Series

Louis Sacher  
Gary Paulsen  
Ann Cameron  
Alice Kimmel Smith  
Sharon Bell Mathis  
Beverly Cleary  
Paula Danziger

**ZPD Levels**

**4.0 to 4.9**

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses  
4B Goes Wild  
Harriet the Spy  
My Teacher Fried My Brains  
Kirsten Learns a Lesson: A School Story  
Benjy the Football Hero  
Gold Medal Rider  
Aliens Ate My Homework  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe  
Little House on the Prairie  
My Side of the Mountain  
The Cricket in Times Square

Paul Goble  
Jamie Gilson  
Louise Fitzhugh  
Bruce Coville  
Janet Beeler  
Jean Van Leeuwen  
Bonnie Bryant  
Bruce Coville  
C.S. Lewis  
Laura Ingalls Wilder  
Jean Crighton George  
George Selden



### **ZPD Levels**

#### **5.0 and higher**

The Hound Of Rowan

Born Free

Series of Unfortunate Events

Harry Potter

Dear Dumb Diary (Series)

Worst Witch

Tales of Wide Awake Princess

Souder

Number the Stars

Henry Neff

Joy Adamson

Lemony Snicket

JK Rowling

Jim Benton

Jill Murphy

E.D. Baker

William Armstrong

Lois Lowry

If your child's ZPD range is above this, please use the following websites to help your child select summer reading books based on their ZPD range and interests.

#### Websites...

- [arbookfinder.com](http://arbookfinder.com)
- [bookadventure.com](http://bookadventure.com)