

Incoming 3rd graders  
June 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The summer months provide the perfect opportunity to extend and enrich your child's reading experiences. It is also an opportunity to make sure that students do not lose the literacy skills they learned throughout the school year. In order to keep these skills, students will read one book from two different genres. Below you will find an outline of what is expected. Students will complete the summer reading packet. This packet is due on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. All assignments must be typed! It is vital students practice typing to prepare for the PARCC assessments in the upcoming school year.

*Summer Reading Genres*

**Fiction**: choose one book from the summer reading fiction list and complete 3 open-ended questions and an essay.

**Nonfiction**: choose one book from the summer reading nonfiction list and complete 3 open-ended questions and an essay.

**Vocabulary**: Pick 30 words and define/create sentences using them.

At the end of this packet, is an example/explanation on how to include evidence into your response. The open-ended responses must have 1-2 pieces of evidence cited. The essays do not require this. This work is due Friday, September 1st.

If you are not present in school, please submit it electronically to: [info@energysmartschool.org](mailto:info@energysmartschool.org).

**This will be counted as a project grade for the first marking period. Every day it is late, it will be 10 points off. After 3 days late, it will be a grade of 50.**

**We thank you for your support with this. Happy Reading!**

**-The Third Grade Teachers**

### **Summer Reading Book List**

Choose 1 book from each category below. In total, you will read 2 books.

#### **Fiction Chapter Books**

1. Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
2. Ramona Quimby, Age 8 by Beverly Cleary
3. Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective by Donald J. Sobol
4. Summer Reading is Killing Me! By Jon Scieszka
5. How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

#### **Nonfiction**

1. So You Want to be President? By: Judith St. George
2. Aliens are Coming!: The True Account of the 1938 War of the Worlds Radio Broadcast By Meghan McCarthy
3. My Senator and Me: A Dog's Eye View of Washington D.C. By Edward Moore Kennedy
4. George Did It! By Suzanne Jurmain
5. Biblioburro: A True Story from Columbia By Jeanette Winter

## Fiction Open Ended Questions

Answer the questions below. Please type the question and responses to be handed in. All responses must be at least 4-5 COMPLETE sentences. Use your book to help you! Please remember to use correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation in your responses. Please show your best work.

1. Compare two characters from the story. Which character did you like better? Why?
2. Explain the setting of the book. What details in the story did you use?
3. Pick a different character from the story and write a summary of the book in their point of view.

## Nonfiction Open Ended Questions

Answer the questions below. Please type the question and responses to be handed in. All responses must be 4-5 COMPLETE sentences. Use your book to help you! Please remember to use correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation in your responses. Please show your best work.

1. Do you agree with all the facts in the story? Why?
2. Compare and/or contrast this story to another story you have read in the past. What is alike? What is different?
3. Imagine you lived during the time that your book took place. What would your life be like? If your book was about an event, what would you do? If your book was about a person, what would you think of that person?

## Vocabulary

Below is a list of third grade vocabulary words students should already know. Please pick 30 words from this list that you do not know and write the definition. Then, write a sentence that matches the word. Please remember to type and number your sentences!

**Ability**

**Absorb**

**Accuse**

**Active**

**Actual**

**Adopt**

**Advantage**

**Advice**

**Ambition**

**Ancient**

**Approach**

**Elegant**

**Enable**

**Examine**

**Explore**

**Border**

**Brief**

**Brilliant**

**Capture**

**Certain**

**Clever**

**Confess**

**Consider**

**Continent**

**Convince**

**Crumple**

**Custom**

**Decay**

**Defend**

**Delicate**

**Digest**

**Doze**

**Fan**

**Fatal**

**Fierce**

**Fortunate**

**Gradual**

**Globe**

**Habit**

**Intelligent**

**Journey**

**Locate**

**Magnificent**

**Mystify**

**Outcome**

**Opposite**

**Predator**

**Primary**

**Privilege**

**Remark**

**Resident**

**Responsible**

**Solution**

**Starve**

**Symbol**

**Theory**

**Volunteer**

**Wander**

**Woe**

**Wit**