

Dear Rising Third Graders,

Welcome to third grade! You have had a wonderful second grade year, and there is much to be excited about in third grade, as well!

Summer should be a time for fun and relaxation, but it is also important to keep those skills sharp to prepare for all the adventures that await in the coming school year.

Below are some activities to do at home over the summer to enhance your academic skills. The required assignments will help you retain what you have learned and give you a head start for third grade. Choose some optional activities, as well, and have fun experiencing them this summer!

### **Required Assignments:**

**Math:** Practice the following skills on the websites below: telling time, addition and subtraction facts, subtraction with regrouping, double and triple-digit addition, practice counting coins, word problems, two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes.

**Reading:** Choose two chapter books in your AR reading level to read over the summer. Your AR Level is written in the third-trimester report card. Below is a list of suggested book series.

#### **Suggested Book Series**

Cam Jansen series

Ivy and Bean series

Puppy Place and Kitty Corner series

Stink series

Judy Moody series

Magic Tree House series

Clementine series

A to Z Mysteries series

Geronimo Stilton series

Rainbow Magic series

**\*Please continue to do AR reading and taking AR tests online. We encourage you to visit [getepic.com](http://getepic.com) to find books on his/her AR level.**

### **Optional Suggestions for Continued Learning**

- ★ Keep reading! This may include chapter books, magazine articles, comic books, etc. Parents, ask questions about what your child read. This is not a quiz, but rather, you're allowing them the chance to tell you about the books they love. You will also be able to see what they really comprehend.

★ Writing is still important. Keep a journal this summer, and write letters or postcards to friends and family. As you write, be mindful of things such as capitalization and punctuation, complete sentences, organized thoughts, use of details, etc.

★ Continue to practice D'Nealian handwriting and cursive.

★ Below are math websites you should utilize over the summer:

<https://www.splashlearn.com/> (Use your code from second grade)

<http://members.learningplanet.com/act/mayhem/free.asp>

<http://www.adaptedmind.com/p.php?tagId=24>

<https://www.mathabc.com>

★ Also, practice your addition and subtraction math facts. You should know them as fast as you can say your name.

★ Use the resources around you. Go to the beach, parks, museums, etc. Instead of just walking through these places or having a picnic, take the time to really explore. Parents, it may not necessarily occur to your child to ask questions about the animals, nature or historical values of the place(s) you visit, but by exploring and learning about the world around them, they will assuredly, be enriched by this special time with you.

We hope these ideas will help you stay sharp this summer. Our hope is that you can squeeze in a bit of learning with all the fun of summer. You might not even realize you are doing it!

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Your Third Grade Teachers