



## Reading Assignment Summer 2024 Directions for Rising Third Grade Students

Dear Parents,

To ensure that students maintain the academic skills they acquired during the school year, we assign work over the summer months. Summer work provides an opportunity for students to work on time management and academic skills. Scheduling work time with your child will help them reach these goals. In addition to summer reading, this year we are assigning a writing journal assignment for students in grades 3-8. We feel that this will give students opportunities to practice and maintain writing skills over the summer.

This summer all rising third grade students are required to:

1. **Read at least three books: one required book, one non-fiction book, and one book of choice.**
  - a. **Required book** - students may choose any biography from the *Who Was?* or *Who Is?* series. These books appeal to a variety of interests and range in ability level. For a list of available titles visit their website: <http://www.whowasbookseries.com/books/> Students will complete an in-class project on this required book. Please bring a copy of the required book to school on the first day. The in-class project will be graded
  - b. **Nonfiction book** -Choose a topic that is of interest to your child. You may use the suggestions or choose one of your own.
  - c. **Choice book** -Students will share their favorite part and why they chose that book. We ask that students take notes (either in their books or on Post-It Notes) while they read to help them recall information. Please bring a copy of the required book to school on the first day. The book sharing will be graded.
2. Write down all books you read on the attached **Summer Reading Log** and return to your ELA teacher on the first day of school. *In order to avoid confusion, do not hand work to your homeroom teacher.*
3. **Complete a summer writing journal with 6 entries.** See the attached sheet for directions, prompts, and a grading rubric.

Please see the attached list of book suggestions. These are suggested nonfiction books, fiction books, and series that we hope appeal to a variety of interests. We have provided classics along with more recently published books. Do not let this list limit you. Feel free to choose other books. Visit the local library now that libraries have been reopened for browsing. Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening your child's skills and fostering a love of learning. We are looking forward to seeing what you read over the summer. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and fun-filled summer!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Teachers

### Rising 3rd Grade Summer Journal Prompts 2024

**Directions**

- Choose **six** prompts to write about this summer.
- Try to do one journal entry per week rather than write all at once.
- Please write in a composition notebook. This will become your writing journal and will be one of the composition books from your supply list.
- Write the date and the # of the prompt on the top line. Use a new page for each entry.
- Write a paragraph of at least 5 sentences. Do not forget to indent and proofread your writing.

<p>1 Write about a time you were able to help someone?</p>	<p>2 Write about something you learned this summer.</p>	<p>3 What is your least favorite kind of weather? How can you be grateful for it?</p>	<p>4 Write about a time you got to play with something that belonged to someone else.</p>
<p>5 Who is someone you have a hard time getting along with? Write at least 3 positive things about that person.</p>	<p>6 What is a talent you have? How can you use it to help others?</p>	<p>7 What is something hard for you? What can you learn about struggling with it?</p>	<p>8 Who is someone who inspires you? Describe that person.</p>
<p>9 If you could have one wish, what would it be and why?</p>	<p>10 Write about a time you made a big mess.</p>	<p>11. Write a story about a magical tree that can talk.</p>	<p>12 What makes someone a good friend?</p>
<p>13 My favorite thing about summer is _____. Tell why.</p>	<p>14 If you could throw a party for the whole school, what would it be like?</p>	<p>15 Write about your family. Describe your family members. Include their physical traits and inside character traits.</p>	<p>16 Would an elephant make a good pet? Give reasons why or why not.</p>

### **Scoring Rubric**

<p>I have responded to 6 of the prompts listed in paragraph form. My paragraphs are at least five sentences (2 points each).</p>	<p>/ 12 points</p>
<p>I have used proper capitalization, usage, punctuation, and spelling.</p>	<p>/ 4 points</p>
<p><b>Total</b></p>	<p><b>/ 16 points</b></p>



## Suggested Books for Rising Third Grade Students Summer 2024

\*Students may read books not on this list. All students must read one biography to share when they return to school. The Who Was? series is a great series that offers a variety of topics and reading abilities. Another great biography series for third graders with 22 titles is The Story Of \_\_\_\_\_:  
A Biography Series for New Readers.

### Fiction

- *Abby Takes a Stand* by Patricia McKissack
- *Adventures of Henry Whiskers* by Gigi Priebe
- *Akimbo and the Lions* by Alexander McCall-Smith
- *Anansi's Party Time* by Eric Kimmel
- *Angus and Sadie* by Cynthia Voigt
- *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White
- [\*Children of the Longhouse\*](#) by Joseph Bruchac
- *Clara Lee and the Apple Pie Dream* by Jennie Han
- *Cleonardo* by Mary GrandPre
- *Cricket in Times Square* by George Selden
- *Donavan's Word Jar* by Monalisa DeGross
- *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Evangline Mudd* by David Elliott
- *Flora and Ulysses* Di Camillo Kate
- *Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman
- *Freckle Juice* by Blume Judy
- *Frindle* by Clements Andrew
- *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine
- *Hunter Moran Saves the Universe* by Patricia Reilly Giff
- *If You Decide to Go to the Moon* by Faith McNulty
- *Landry News* by Clements Andrew
- *Love, Amalia* by Alma Flor Ada
- *Matilda* by Dahl Roald
- *Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Cleary Beverly
- *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett
- *No Talking* by Andrew Clements
- *Ruby and the Booker Boys* by Derrick Barnes Derrick
- *Ruby's Wish* by Shirin Yim Bridges
- *Sheep* by Valerie Hobbs
- *Stuart Little* by E.B. White
- *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger
- *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes
- *The Year of the Book* by Andrea Cheng
- *Uncle Jed's BarberShop* by Margaree King Mitchell and James Ransome

## Popular Series

- A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy
- *Alvin Ho* series by Leonore Look
- Amber Brown by Paula Danzinger
- Animal Planet Adventures, various authors
- Anna Hibiscus by Atinuke
- Aven Green by Dusti Bowling
- Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel
- Ballpark Mysteries, series by David Kelly
- Balto series by various authors
- Binky the Space Cat Ashley Spires
- *Bobby the Brave (Sometimes)* series by Lisa Yee
- Boxcar Children by Gertrude Warner
- Cam Jansen series by David Adler
- Catwings by Ursula LeGuin
- Clementine series by Sara Pennypacker
- *Dyamonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes
- *Encyclopedia Brown* series by David Sobel
- *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- *Geronimo Stilton* series by Elisabetta Dani
- *Goddess Girls* series by Joan Holub
- *Half Magic* series by Edward Eagar
- *Humphrey* series by Betty Birney
- *Ivy and Bean* by Annie Barrows
- *I Survived Series*
- *Jasmine Green Rescues*, series by Helen Peters
- *Judy Moody* by Megan McDonald
- *Just Grace* by Charise Mericle Harper
- *Lulu* series Hilary Park McKay
- *Magic Shop Series* by Kate Egan and Mike Lane
- *Magic Treehouse* series by Mary Pope Osbourne
- *Melonhead* series by Kelly Katy
- *My Weird School* by Dan Gutman
- *Nikki and Deja* by Karen English
- *Ramona Series* by Beverly Cleary
- *Sherlock Sam and the Missing Heirloom in Katong (series)* by A J Low
- *The Magic School Bus* series by Joanna Cole
- *The Questioners* by Andrea Beatty
- *Tom Swift, Young Inventor* series by Victor Appleton
- *Wayside School* series by Louis Sachar
- *Whatever After* series
- *Wondrous Rex* by Patricia MacLaughlin
- *Time Warp Trio* series by Jon Scieszka

## Nonfiction

- *A True Story* by Helen Lester
- *Actual Size* by Steve Jenkins
- *At the Same Moment Around the World* by Clotilde Perrin
- *Baseball's Best: Five True Stories* by Andrew Gutelle
- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Picture Book Edition* by William Kamkwamba
- *Bugs Before Time: Prehistoric Insects and Their Relatives* by Cathy Camper
- *Child of the Flower-Song People: Daughter of the Nahua* by Luz Jimenez
- *Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Osofu Yeboah* by Laurie Ann Thompson
- *Feathers, Not just for Flying* by Melissa Stewart
- *Finding Home* by Sandra Markle
- *George Washington's Mother* by Jean Fritz
- *Gigantic Ants and Other Cases* by Seymour Simon
- *Grand Canyon* by Jason Chin
- *Helen Keller: Courage in the Dark* by Johanna Hurwitz
- *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine
- *How a Book is Made* Alik
- *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey
- *I Was a Third Grade Spy* by Mary Jane Auch
- *Ice Cream: The Full Scoop* by Gail Gibbons
- *Island: A Story of the Galapagos* by Jason Chin
- *Jackie Robinson and the Story of All Black Baseball* by Jim O'Connor
- *Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln*, Jean Fritz
- *Knut: How One Little Polar Bear Captivated the World* by Isabella Hatkoff
- *The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps* by Jeannette Winter
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison
- *Little Legends: Exceptional Men in Black History*
- *Living Color* by Steve Jenkins
- *Louis Braille, The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind* by Margaret Davidson
- *Measuring Penny* by Loreen Leedy
- *Playing to Win: how Althea Gibson Broke Barriers and Changed Tennis Forever* by Elbrite Brown
- *Pompeii-Buried Alive!* by Edith Kunhardt
- *Sakamoto's Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory* Hardcover by Julie Abery
- *Salt in His Shoes* by Deloris Jordan
- *Shark Attack!* by Cathy East Dubowski
- *Sisters and Champions, the Story of Venus and Serena Williams* by Howard Bryant
- *Space Station Plot and Other Cases* by Seymour Simon
- *The Story of Biography Series for Young Readers:* Topics include: *Fred Rogers, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman, Jane Goodall, Martin Luther King, Jr., Marie Curie, Amelia Earhart, Simone Biles*
- *The Story of Barack Obama* by Tonya Leslie
- *It's Her Story: Rosa Parks*(a graphic novel) by Lauren Burke
- *The Floating Field: How a Group of Thai Boys Built Their Own Soccer Field* by Scott Riley
- *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles
- *The Story of Ruth Bader Ginsburg: A Biography Book for New Readers* by Susan B. Katz
- *We Shall Overcome* by Bryan Collier
- *Who Was Series?* Various subjects