

June 5, 2009

Dear Parents of Rising Third Graders,

Over the summer I would like your child to keep a writing journal. He or she should make at least 7 entries of at least 4 sentences each. Please have your child date the entries. Your child is welcome to do more than the minimum. The journal can be a memo pad, notebook, or pieces of paper stapled together.

As for math please have your child review basic addition and subtraction facts(up to 20) over the summer. Your child should be able to do 50 such facts in 2 minutes by the end of the first nine weeks. You can buy flash cards or dry erase placemats at Wal-Mart to help make it more fun. Knowing these facts will make third grade math go smoothly.

I am attaching a reading list. Your child should read 1 book from the list and 1 book of his or her choice. Each book should be at least 75 pages long. On a sheet of notebook paper or tablet paper your child should write the following:

1. the title of the book
2. the author of the book
3. the number of pages in the book
4. his or her favorite part of the book(or the most exciting part)
5. whether or not he or she would recommend the book to others and why

Please have your child bring the journal and book reviews by the end of the first week of school in August.

I look forward to seeing your child in August. Have a relaxing summer!

Mrs. Herring

THIRD GRADE READING LIST

(Alphabetized by author)

Madeline's Rescue by Ludwig Bemelmans

Freckle Juice by Judy Blume

The Chocolate Touch by Patrick S. Catlins

The Spy on Third Base by Matt Christopher

Muggie Magee by Beverly Cleary

Ramona Quimby by Beverly Cleary *

Frindle by Andrew Clements

The School Story by Andrew Clements

Jenny Archer, Author by Ellen Confore *

Fanny by Stephen Cosgrove

Amber Brown Is Not a Crayon by Paula Danziger *

The Legend of the Bluebonnet by Tommie De Paola

Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindjren *

How to Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days by Stephen Manes

The Littles by John Peterson *

The Boxcar Children by Gertrude Chandler Warner *

*The student can read any titles in these series.