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Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the Third Grade! Even though the summer has just begun, I am already looking forward to the new school year with you. As you know, St. John's is a special place, a community that values an attitude of learning. To emphasize the importance of that, we have a summer reading assignment for the incoming third graders.

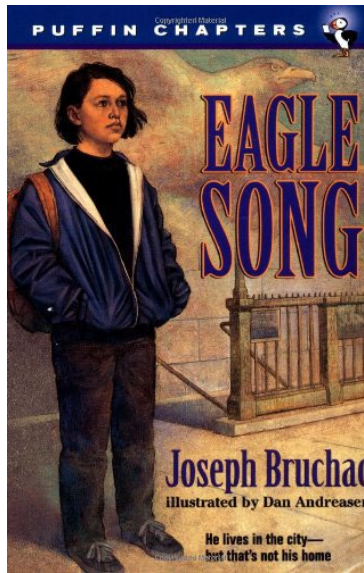
Over the summer, each incoming third grader will focus on reading one book. This summer the students will need to read *Eagle Song* by Joseph Bruchac.

1.) There will be one assignment to complete over the break, and it is **due the first day of school**. Each incoming third grader will be required to read *Eagle Song*. After finishing the novel, the students will complete one of the options listed on the following page. Please be sure to proofread your work and make sure you put forth a good effort on the assignment.

2.) Students are also highly encouraged to read additional books of their choice. I have provided a list of possible selections for you to choose from. We will do a short book review on a second book the first week of school if you have read a second one. It would be helpful if you brought both books in the first day of school along with your assignment. Please feel free to read as many of the additional selections as you like this summer. ☺

Have a fun and relaxing summer!

Happy reading,
Mr. Fangmeyer



Select one of the following activity options below for your summer assignment.

- 1) **Write a different ending to the story you have read** - Write a summary of the story. Make the events change so that the new ending could actually happen. Your ending should be completed in a well thought out paragraph or paragraphs.
- 2) **Design a new book jacket for your book** - Include the title and author of the book on the front cover. Write a summary of the book on the back cover in paragraph form. Make sure that your book jacket is colorful!
- 3) **Find a shoebox and construct a diorama of an important scene from the book** - You can include anything in your box to make your scene realistic. Write at least one paragraph describing the scene to accompany your diorama.
- 4) **Write a sample book review for a school newspaper** - Your review should tell your opinion of the book, good or bad, and your reasons for feeling the way you do. Support your opinion by using quotations or events from the book. This should be a well put together paragraph or paragraphs.
- 5) **Construct a mobile of characters in the story and hang them from a clothes hanger** - Attached to each character should be a description and something interesting that happened to them.
- 6) **Choose an interesting scene from your book and illustrate it** - You can use any art materials that you have (canvas, paint, watercolors, chalk, etc). It must be done at least on a 12x18 size sheet. It must be very detailed, and show an obvious effort. On a sheet of lined paper, write a description of the scene you drew. This should be a well put together paragraph or paragraphs.

Third Grade Summer Tips

Practice Makes Perfect!! Keep Your Skills Fresh & Ready for Success Next Year!
Over the summer, your children will need to keep their skills fresh for the upcoming school year. Over the summer try to do the following:

Read, Read, Read!

Try to have the children respond to their reading. Try to make their reading more active. Discuss chapters in the stories with them. Perhaps have them summarize a chapter of a book using the “5-W’s” or predict what will happen in the next chapter. Perhaps, write some comprehension questions about the book they read. (You may have to read the story as well). Remember to have them **R.A.P.P.** each question. **Rewrite** each question, **Answer** the question completely and **Prove** the answer using examples and page numbers. Always remember to **Proofread** carefully.

Write, Write, Write!

Writing journals, letters to family friends, create a book or collection of stories, begin the story on the first day of summer vacation and add a little each day. Remember to include the appropriate structure and form. Indent the beginning of the paragraph. You will need an intro, body and clincher. Remember to include transition words and descriptive writing when possible. Other people may want to read what you wrote.

Math, Math, Math!

Practice those math facts. (Addition, Subtraction, with a special *focus on Multiplication & Division tables 0-12* if possible).

You can play multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction baseball, bingo, counting money. Use flash cards; finish your math journal or math workbooks from the local education stores. Review fractions & decimals, place value, rounding and problem solving as well. You can also learn on fun and educational websites.

Below is a short list of websites, which may help support your child’s summer learning

www.mathplayground.com

www.coolmath4kids.com

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/>

Search engines like Google will have more, just remember to search with an adult present.

Have Fun Over the Summer!

Third Grade Summer Reading List

Fiction:

- Three Terrible Twins, Dick King-Smith
- Pretty Polly, Dick King-Smith
- Ark in the Park, Wendy Orr
- Beany and the Dreaded Wedding, Susan Wojciechowski
- The Blue Hill Meadows, Cynthia Rylant
- Castle Diary, The Journey of Tobias Burges, Richard Platt
- The Chocolate Touch, Patrick Skene Catling
- The Flimflam Man, Doreen Baily Beard
- See You Later, Gladiator (series), Jon Scieszka
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Judy Blume
- Super Fudge, Judy Blume
- Fudge A Mania, Judy Blume
- Ralph S. Mouse, Beverly Cleary
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle, Beverly Cleary
- Runaway Ralph, Beverly Cleary
- Ghost Canoe, Hobbs
- Shoebag, James
- Mrs. Piggle Wiggle, MacDonald
- Chocolate Covered Ants, Manes
- Brian's Winter, Paulsen
- Chocolate Fever, Smith
- Charlotte's Web, E.B. White
- Little House on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder

Nonfiction:

- More Stories to Solve, Shannon
(15 mystery folktales from around the world)
- American Tall Tales, Stoutenburg
(Eight tall tales hero stories)
- Exotic Invaders, Lesinski
(Discusses the habits of killer bees, fire ants and other species)

Book / Series:

- Club House Mysteries
 - Big Nate.
 - Clubhouse Mysteries.
 - Sofia Martinez.
 - Nikki & Deja.
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid.
 - Geronimo Stilton.
 - I Survived.

- Judy Moody.
- Animal Ark Series
- Thoroughbred Series
- Magic Tree House Books

Links to additional 3rd Grade Reading Selections:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/3rd-grade-reading-list>

<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/resources/files/programs/summer-reading-book-list-grade-3.pdf>

Happy Reading!