

Summer Reading Projects for 2018 for students entering Grade 3

After reading your 2 books, chose two of the following projects to do over the summer. Bring your completed project to school by in September 15th.

1. Build a miniature stage set in a shoe box showing a scene from the book. On the back write an explanation of the scene.
2. Draw a comic strip for your favorite scene from the book.
3. Design an advertisement poster for your book. Include pictures that will interest your readers in purchasing the book. Be sure to include a paragraph that tell about the characters and one that gives plot details to interest readers without giving away the ending.
4. Write a letter/email to the author telling what you liked about the book.
5. Use a hanger and make a mobile about your book. Add details about the characters, setting, and the plot.
6. Make a book jacket for your book. Remember to add a book summary on the inside flap.
7. Make up a test for your book. Include 5 true/false questions, 5 multiple choice questions, and two sentence responses. Make sure you add the answer key with the test.
8. Write a letter (10 sentences at least) to the main character in your book. You can ask questions, voice a complaint, protest a situation and give suggestions or advice to the character.

Please make sure that all work is the child's work. The family is encouraged to participate in the reading and discussion, but the work must be the student's.

Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective - Donald J. Sobol Ten-year-old Leroy (nicknamed "Encyclopedia") Brown always manages to solve his father's cases at the dinner table, so he decides to pen his own detective agency.

Fables - Arnold Lobel Twenty original fables about an array of animal characters from crocodile to ostrich. Caldecott Medal Book

The Faithful Friend - Robert D. San Souci A retelling of the traditional tale from the French West Indies in which two friends, Clement and Hippolyte, encounter love, zombies, and danger on the island of Martinique. Caldecott Honor Book and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book

How to Be Cool in the Third Grade - Betsy Duffey When Robbie York is marked as a target by a bully at school, he decides that the only way to survive the third grade is by being cool.

I and You and Don't Forget Who: What Is a Pronoun? - Brian P. Cleary This book tells a story in rhyme, using different types of pronouns, leading children to become more apt to remember what pronouns are.

I Was a Third Grade Science Project - Mary Jane Auch Josh and his best friend, Brian, the class brain, team up for their science project. While Josh takes a passive interest in it, Brian comes up with the idea of hypnotizing his dog, Arful, into thinking he's a cat.

Math For All Seasons - Greg Tang Fun math riddles that will help you stretch your mind. Rhyming verses, clues, and twists to help you quickly solve math problems. Learn clever tricks for counting throughout the year.

Pink and Say - Patricia Polacco This heart-wrenching historical picture book, based on a true story, presents us with two men from the Union army who meet after a battle of the Civil War. Say, the white younger man, has been wounded. Pink, a black man, carries him home to where his mother is surviving in ruins of a deserted plantation.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8 - Beverly Cleary Ramona Quimby, one of the most loved characters in children's fiction, has now reached third grade. At school, she acquires a new teacher, Mrs. Whaley, who addresses the class as "you guys." Newbery Honor Book

Snowflake Bentley - Jacqueline Briggs Martin A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. Caldecott Medal Book

Grandfather's Journey - Allen Say . The story, *Grandfather's Journey*, is about a young man who leaves his homeland in Japan to travel to America. He falls in love with the country and its beautiful sights. When he begins to miss his homeland, he decides to travel back to Japan to see all the beautiful sights he has missed and to marry his sweetheart.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - John Steptoe A long time ago, in a certain place in Africa, a small village lay across a river and half a day's journey from a city with his two daughter, who were called Manyara and Nyasha. Caldecott Honor Book

Young Thomas Edison - Michael Dooling Includes bibliographical references. Presents a short illustrated biography of inventor Thomas Edison, and chronicles his childhood and early interest in science, as well as his many inventions.