



Rising 3rd Grade Summer Work

Dear Parents,

Congratulations on completing a successful 2nd grade year, and welcome to 3rd grade! We are going to learn and grow so much together, and we can't wait to get started. All St. Ann students (new and returning) are expected to engage in fun and consistent math practice and novel reading throughout the summer to avoid the summer slide. Brains need rest too, however, so don't forget to have fun! Attached you will find a math packet and 2 book report forms (choose the form that matches your child's book selection).

Please select 1 fiction book (Freckle Juice by Judy Blume; Charlotte's Web by E.B. White; The Report Card by Andrew Clements) OR 1 non-fiction book (The Girl With a Mind for Math by Julia Mosca; I am Jane Goodall by Brad Meltzer; A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver by Alike; On a Beam of Light: A Story of Albert Einstein by Jennifer Berne) and complete the graphic organizers for each book. Your child will also complete the Bible verse reflection graphic organizer for Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." All work is due the first day of 3rd Grade!

Third Grade is a big transition year, and the work load and expectations are hard. Adding 20 minutes of reading each day will help set your child up of success next year. For those that are looking for other ways to help prepare your child, practicing fact fluency (adding, subtracting, skip counting) or journal writing about summer (or anything!) would be beneficial. All that being said, summer is a time for family, fun, relaxing, and adventure. We are excited for next year and are already getting ready for you! Have so much fun this summer... We cannot wait to hear all about it!

Best,

Mrs. Wehmeyer & Mrs. Shoemaker

Summer Work Expectations and Guidelines:

1. Practice your math facts consistently. Skip counting is also a great thing to work on!
2. The student work packet is due the first day of school to next year's teacher!
 - * The packet includes problems from different areas of the 2nd grade curriculum. It is expected that the students are entering into 3rd grade having mastered these areas.
 - * If your child completes the packet in June and doesn't solve any math problems for the rest of the summer, she will lose some very important concepts. This packet should be spread out, repeated or tweaked along the way to provide consistent practice.

Family Activities:

- * Involve your child in your shopping experiences. While we love to use our debit and credit cards, find time to allow your child to pay with cash. Other activities include estimating the total cost of the purchase, deciding between items based on price or wants and calculating the change.
- * Board games are a wonderful way for your child to learn turn-taking, game strategies, money, counting and perseverance. These are widely overlooked but critical to developing a strong mathematician.
- * Good games: Shut the Box, Blokus, Monopoly, Sorry, Mancala, Chess
- * Measure, cook and bake with your child!
- * Involve your child in calculating distance traveled, time spent traveling and make the "Are we there yet?" into a math problem!