



June 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Third Grade! As the school year comes to an end and the summer begins, we would like to prepare our scholars with texts they may encounter next year. These texts range in genres both non-fiction and fiction. We want our scholars reading as much as possible during the summer to avoid the summer slump and to prepare for the upcoming PARCC assessment. These assessments will focus primarily on non-fiction text.

We are asking all parents to take a look at the reading list below and, with their child, choose 4 stories that scholars can read and complete book reports about during the summer. The book report templates are attached. These stories range in reading level. Ideally TWO should be non-fiction and TWO should be fiction. These stories will not only help scholars with reading comprehension and fluency but it will also give them necessary schema to be successful in third grade. Students should continue to read other books and complete their Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge. Scholars should return to school in September with their completed Book Reports.

We are excited for the new school year and appreciative of your continued support! We look forward to working with our enthusiastic and knowledgeable third grade scholars.

Sincerely,
3rd Grade Teachers

Non-Fiction Title	Non-Fiction Author
Ah! Music	Aliki
Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!	Kudlinski, Kathleen V.
Buddy, The First Seeing Eye Dog	Moore, Eva
Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!	Dussling, Jennifer
A Drop Of Water: A Book Of Science And Wonder	Wick, Walter
Elizabeth Leads The Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton And The Right To Vote	Stone, Tanya Lee
Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty	Glaser, Linda
The Emperor's Egg	Jenkins, Martin
Everglades	Georg, Jean C.

Helen Keller	Davidson, Margaret
Louis Braille: The Boy Who Invented Books for the Blind	Davidson, Margaret
A Medieval Feast	Aliki
Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11	Floca, Brian
The Museum Book: A Guide to Strange and Wonderful Collections	Mark, Jan
A River Ran Wild	Cherry, Lynne
So you want to be President?	St. George, Judith
Titanic: The Disaster that Shocked the World!	Dubowski, Mark
What the World Eats	D'Aluisio, Faith
Who Eats What?	Lauber, Patricia
Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington	Ruffin, Francis
Rosa	Giovanni, Nickki
Side By Side/Lado A Lado	Brown, Monica
Wilma Unlimited	Kathleen Krull
Nic Bishop Spiders	Nic Bishop
Pass the Energy, Please!	Shaw McKinney, Barbara Shaw
Penguins	Arlon, Penelope

Fiction Title	Fiction Author
13 Clocks	Thurber, James
The Absent Author	Roy, Ron
Amber was Brave, Essie was Smart	Williams, Vera B.
Amos and Boris	Steig, William
Bambino and Mr. Twain	Maltbie, P.I.
The Big Orange Splot	Pinkwater, Daniel Manus

Bunnica: A Rabbit Tale of Mystery	Howe, James
A Chair for my Mother	Williams, Vera B.
Chicken Sunday	Polacco, Patricia
The Chocolate Touch	Catling, Patrick Skene
Fantastic Mr. Fox	Dahl, Roald
Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure	Brown, Jeff
Fly Away Home	Bunting, Eve
The Friendship	Taylor, Mildred D.
Horrible Harry Moves up to Third Grade	Kline, Suzy
How to be Cool in the Third Grade	Duffey, Betsy
Knots on a Counting Rope	Martin, Bill
Lily and Ms. Liberty	Stevens, Carla
Molly Pilgrim	Cohen, Barbara
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH	O'Brien, Robert C.
The Tale of Despereaux	DiCamillo, Kate
Noisy Poems	Bennett, Jill
Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane
The Raft	LaMarche, Jim
Riding Freedom	Ryan, Pam Munoz
Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid	McDonald, Megan

Name _____

Book Title:

DATE:

1. Setting

This story takes place in



2. Characters

The three main characters
are _____



3. Problem

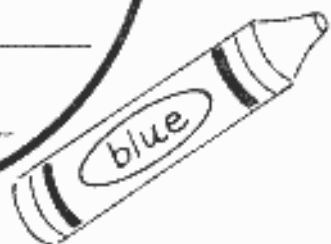
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4. Solution

Their problem is solved
when _____

5. Review

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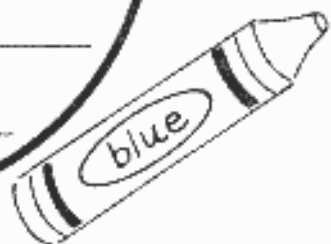
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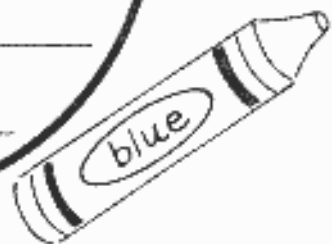
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