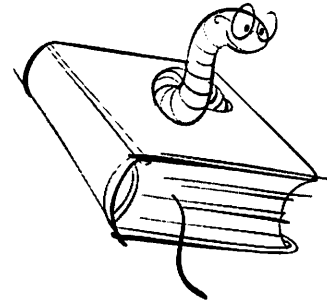


Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming 3rd Grade

Why Do Summer Reading?

- Increase reading level
- Increase language skills
- Build vocabulary
- Build interests
- Build fluency



Some tips for summer reading:

- Encourage your child to write and illustrate short stories.
- Visit your local library and make sure your child has his/her own library card. Sign up for the Summer Reading Program for more incentives to read.
- Help your child use the “I Pick Good Fit Books” method.
 - I look at a book
 - Purpose
 - Interest
 - Comprehend
 - Know all the words
- Have plenty of books, books on C.D., magazines, and other written material around for your child to read.
- Connect reading with other summer activities.
 - For example: Read books about places you will go over the summer or things you will be doing.
- Vary the way your child reads.
 - Read to Self
 - Read to Others
 - Adult Read to Child
 - Child create their own recorded book
- Create a Parent-Child Book Club by reading and discussing the same book.
- Have fun with your child while reading!

Research has shown that students who read over the summer retain much more academic information than those who don't. The average student will lose up to one month of instruction without summer reading.

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This summer, Ms. Elmore and Miss Watson would like for you to read the book Saving Winslow by Sharon Creech. After you finish reading the book, please choose ONE of the following activities to complete:

- **Character Diary**
 - Pretend you are a character in the story and write 3 diary entries about events in the book.
 - Each entry should be a minimum of 3-5 complete sentences.
- **Comic Strip**
 - Draw a comic strip to summarize the book you read.
 - Minimum of 6 scenes.
 - Include comic style illustrations in either black and white or color.
 - Include dialog bubbles, too!
- **Diorama of your favorite scene**
 - Recreate your favorite scene in the book inside of a box.
 - On the back, write 3-5 complete sentences about why this was your favorite.
- **Story Timeline**
 - Create a timeline of the major events in your book
 - Use drawings or magazine cutouts to show the events along the timeline.
 - Label each event.
- **Design a new cover**
 - Draw and color a new cover for the book using one of the scenes from the story.
 - On the back of the new cover, write a 3-5 sentence summary of that scene.

Please have your summer reading assignment ready to turn in the first week of school. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Ms. Elmore and Miss Watson