

## 3rd Grade Summer Reading

Welcome to 3rd grade! Attached is your first homework assignment...summer reading! You will choose one fiction book and one non-fiction book to read for your assignment. A list of suggested books is below, but if you find it difficult to locate books from this list please substitute another book of your choosing. I just ask that you choose a book that is challenging enough for a beginning third grader. If you have questions or need help locating a book, please feel free to email me at [e.betz@mqhschool.com](mailto:e.betz@mqhschool.com). Summer reading should be enjoyable! With that said, in the event you find a book you selected doesn't hold your interest, put it down and try another one.

Of course, don't stop reading once you read the books for your assignment! Summer is the perfect time to read for fun, and I look forward to hearing about all the summer fun you've had (including the books that you've read!) when we start our year together!

Your directions, book report forms, and rubric (how you will be graded) are attached. Don't forget to bring your reports to school on the first day. I look forward to seeing you in August!

### Third Grade Fiction:

1. *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale* by John Steptoe
2. *Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom* by Eric Wight
3. *7 x 9 = Trouble!* by Claudia Mills
4. *Mystery Ranch* (Boxcar Children series) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
5. *The Ball Hogs* (Kickers series) by Rich Wallace

### Third Grade Non-Fiction:

1. *So You Want to Be an Inventor?* by Judith St. George
2. *Emperor Penguins* by Roberta Edwards
3. *The Flyer Flew! The Invention of the Airplane* by Lee Sullivan Hill
4. *What Presidents are Made Of* by Hanoch Piven
5. *Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, & a Miracle* by Brian Dennis

### Directions for Fiction Report

1. Fill in the book's title and author on the top lines. Remember to capitalize the first letter of each word.
2. Draw a picture of a memorable scene from the story in the 'Picture' box. Please color your picture.
3. Write about the main character in the 'Describe the Main Character' box. You should write a complete sentence.
4. In the 'Summary' box, briefly describe the plot of the book. You should write in complete sentences. You may want to write a sentence about the beginning, a sentence about the middle, and a sentence about the end to help you keep your details in order.
5. In the 'Setting' box, please write when and where the story takes place. You do not have to write this in a sentence since there is not much space.
6. Use the stars in the 'I Rate This Book' box to tell how much you enjoyed the story. One star would be for a book you didn't enjoy very much. Four stars would be for one of the best books you've ever read.

## Grading Rubric for Fiction Report

Each item on the list below is worth up to two points. The assignment is worth a total of 22 points.

2 points - Meets expectations

1 point - Partially meets expectations

0 points - Does not meet expectations

- \_\_\_\_\_ Title
- \_\_\_\_\_ Author
- \_\_\_\_\_ Picture
- \_\_\_\_\_ Main Character
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summary - beginning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summary - middle
- \_\_\_\_\_ Summary - end
- \_\_\_\_\_ Setting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rating
- \_\_\_\_\_ Overall neatness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment turned in on time

Total score: \_\_\_\_/22

### Directions for Non-Fiction Report

1. Fill in your name and the date at the top of the report.
2. Write the book's title and author in the 'Book Title & Author' box. Remember to capitalize the first letter of each word.
3. Write three facts that you learned from the book in the appropriate box. You must write in complete sentences using your own words. Please do not copy sentences from the book.
4. Choose two words from the book that are new to you or words that you might have heard before but aren't sure exactly what they mean. In the '2 New Words I Learned' box, write the words and their definitions. If the book you read has a glossary, you might be able to find the definitions there. If the book does not have a glossary, you will have to use a dictionary or search online to find the definitions.
5. After reading the book, think of a question you still have about the book's topic. Write this question in the '1 Question I Still Have' box.
6. In the 'Illustration' box, draw a picture of a part of the book that you enjoyed. Please color your picture.
7. Use the stars in the 'Star Rating' box to tell how much you enjoyed the story. One star would be for a book you didn't enjoy very much. Four stars would be for one of the best books you've ever read.
8. Under your star rating, write a sentence about why you rated the book the way you did. What did you like or not like?

## Grading Rubric for Non-Fiction Report

Each item on the list below is worth up to two points. The assignment is worth a total of 24 points.

2 points - Meets expectations

1 point - Partially meets expectations

0 points - Does not meet expectations

- \_\_\_\_\_ Title
- \_\_\_\_\_ Author
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interesting Fact 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interesting Fact 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Interesting Fact 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ Word & Definition 1
- \_\_\_\_\_ Word & Definition 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ Question
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illustration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Star Rating & Explanation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Overall neatness
- \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment turned in on time

Total score: \_\_\_\_/24