

K-8 Loudon County Summer Scholars Guide 2019-2020

Rising Grade: 3rd grade ELA

School: Loudon County Schools

Curriculum covered during the previous year that requires continued retention and repetition for students:

Students need to continue practicing independent reading skills. Students should work on fluency, rate, and expression—with a large focus on comprehension. Students need to practice with both fiction and nonfiction texts. Students should also work on writing skills. They need to continue rehearsing correct capital letters, punctuation, and complete sentences.

Curriculum for the upcoming school year of which students should be aware, and areas that might be a challenge for students, with suggestions on how students can prepare for the upcoming year:

Third grade places a large emphasis on writing. Students will learn how to construct complete, complex paragraphs in three different modes of writing—informational, opinion, and narrative. Students can practice this by exposing themselves to lots of different types of books, articles, and other pieces of writing.

Students will spend a lot of time defending their answers to questions using specific examples from the text. Students can practice this by rereading over text to look for specific examples and quoting text when giving an answer.

Students will also need to increase their stamina with reading. Practice sitting still and reading for extended periods of time—start with 5 minutes, increase to 10 minutes, then 20 minutes etc. until your child feels comfortable to sit still and read with accuracy for extended periods of time.

Suggested Summer Reading:

I encourage students to read about things that interest them. Students should have about a 50/50 balance between fiction and nonfiction text. Here are some ideas of books that could be used during the summer. These books ARE NOT required:

The Magic Tree House Series

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series

A Dinosaur Named Sue

The Magic School Bus Series

Chronicles of Narnia Series

Fabulous Facts about the 50 States

Fantastic Mr. Fox

Mr. Popper's Penguins

The Usborne Book of Animal Facts

Wayside School

I Survived Series

Who Was Benjamin Franklin

Bunnicula Series

James and the Giant Peach

Basketballogy

Dinosaur Bones

The BFG

Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum

Babysitters Club Series

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Brainstorm

The Boxcar Children Series

Matilda

Andrew Carnegie: Builder of Libraries

Suggested Activities/Practice Assignments

Here are some suggestions of literacy activities that you and your child could complete over the summer!

1. Visit your local library.
2. Enroll your child in PES's summer reading program.
3. Have your child record their books.
4. Explore online reading sites—storylineonline.net onemorestory.com
5. Read out loud—to anyone or anything!
6. Encourage vocabulary and word learning
7. Be a good example—read yourself!
8. Read materials around the house.
9. Check out kids magazines!—National Geographic Kids, American Girl Magazine, Scholastic
10. Reading apps
11. Join or create a book club.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

WHAT to Read

- Read an eBook
- Read a comic book
- Read a mystery
- Read a recipe
- Read poetry
- Read a "how-to" book
- Read a biography
- Read a joke book
- Read a chapter book
- Read a play
- Read a menu
- Read close captioning on TV
- Read a magazine
- Read song lyrics

HOW to Read

- Read with a flashlight
- Read to a parent
- Read to a sibling
- Read to a pet
- Read outside
- Read to a grandparent
- Read to a neighbor
- Read to a baby
- Read at the public library
- Read to a stuffed animal
- Whisper read