

Welcome to 3rd grade

Third grade is a challenging grade and we want your child to be successful. In 3rd grade, students will change classes. Please be patient as we all adjust to this new schedule.

Here are a few suggestions to help your child have a smooth transition to the 3rd grade.

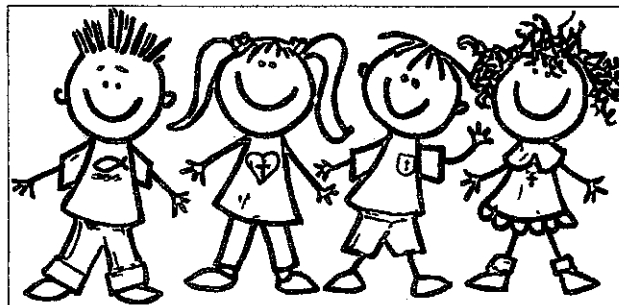
- Knowing your addition and subtraction facts is very important. Please have your child take the time to review these a few times over the summer. You have an attached copy of all the facts.
- Cursive handwriting is expected in the 3rd grade. We will review cursive during the 1st semester. If your child needs extra practice during the summer months, you can find workbooks or worksheets on the internet to help with this skill.

We look forward to an exciting year with your child. Have a safe, fun summer!!

Mrs. Smith – English, Science, & Social Studies

Mrs. Burns – Math

Mrs. Waters – Reading



3rd Grade Summer Reading

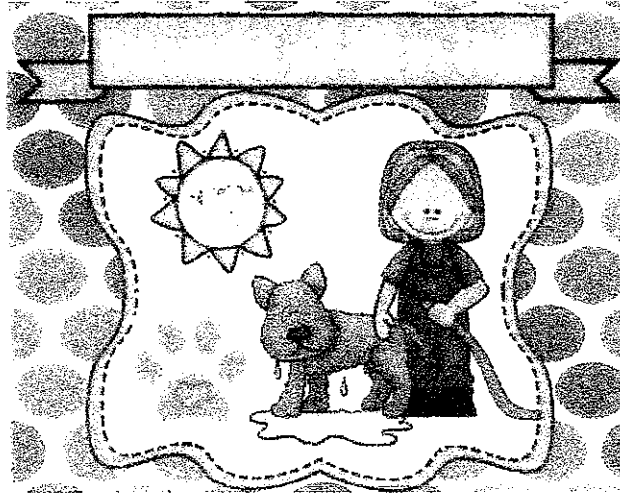


Flat Stanley -His Original Adventure

For summer reading, students will read the book, Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. The first week back from summer vacation, each student will be required to take the teacher-made test covering the entire book.

Have a great summer and Read, Read, Read !!!!!

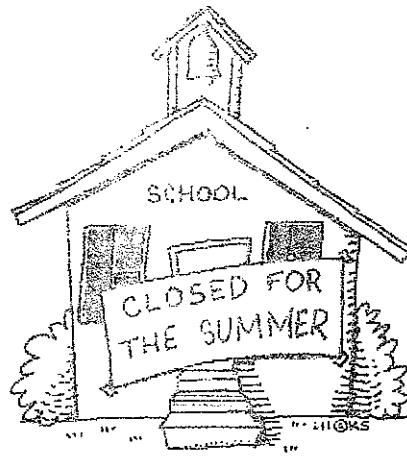
4th Grade Summer Reading



Because of Winn Dixie

For summer reading, students will read the book, Because of Winn Dixie, by Kate Dicamillo. The first week back from summer vacation, each student will be required to take the teacher-made test covering the entire book.

Have a great summer and READ ON!



Welcome to the 5th Grade!

Wow! Fourth grade just flew by, and fifth grade is right around the corner! We know everyone has worked extremely hard this year and is looking forward to their summer vacation. We hope you have a safe summer and look forward to meeting you in August! Fifth grade is going to be an awesome year, and we want everyone to be successful! Here are a few "Secrets for Success" to help you prepare for the expectations of fifth grade and get the year started off on the right foot.

- Cursive handwriting is expected. We believe it is still important to practice the art and skill of cursive writing for many reasons. Research has suggested that writing cursive letters activates a different part of the brain and is good for practicing fine motor skills. The physical act of writing in cursive also leads to a higher level of comprehension. You can print cursive penmanship worksheets from the internet or find workbooks on Amazon for extra practice, if needed.
- Make sure you have the multiplication facts for 0-12 memorized.
- Be confident in the skills of subtracting while borrowing and adding when carrying numbers.
- Review the basic rules of grammar. Points will be deducted in every class for incomplete sentences and errors in basic capitalization and punctuation.
- Always have an open mind and a positive attitude!

Have a wonderful summer! We will see you in August!

Mrs. Dickerson – Language Arts and Reading

Mrs. Goodwin – Math

Ms. Whittington – Science and Social Studies

Summer

Welcome to the Fifth Grade!!! I hope you all have an awesome and well-deserved summer break! I am so very excited to meet each of you next year and look forward to a fun year of learning. You will find the details for your summer reading project listed below. I can't wait to see what you create!

See you in August,

Mrs. Dickerson

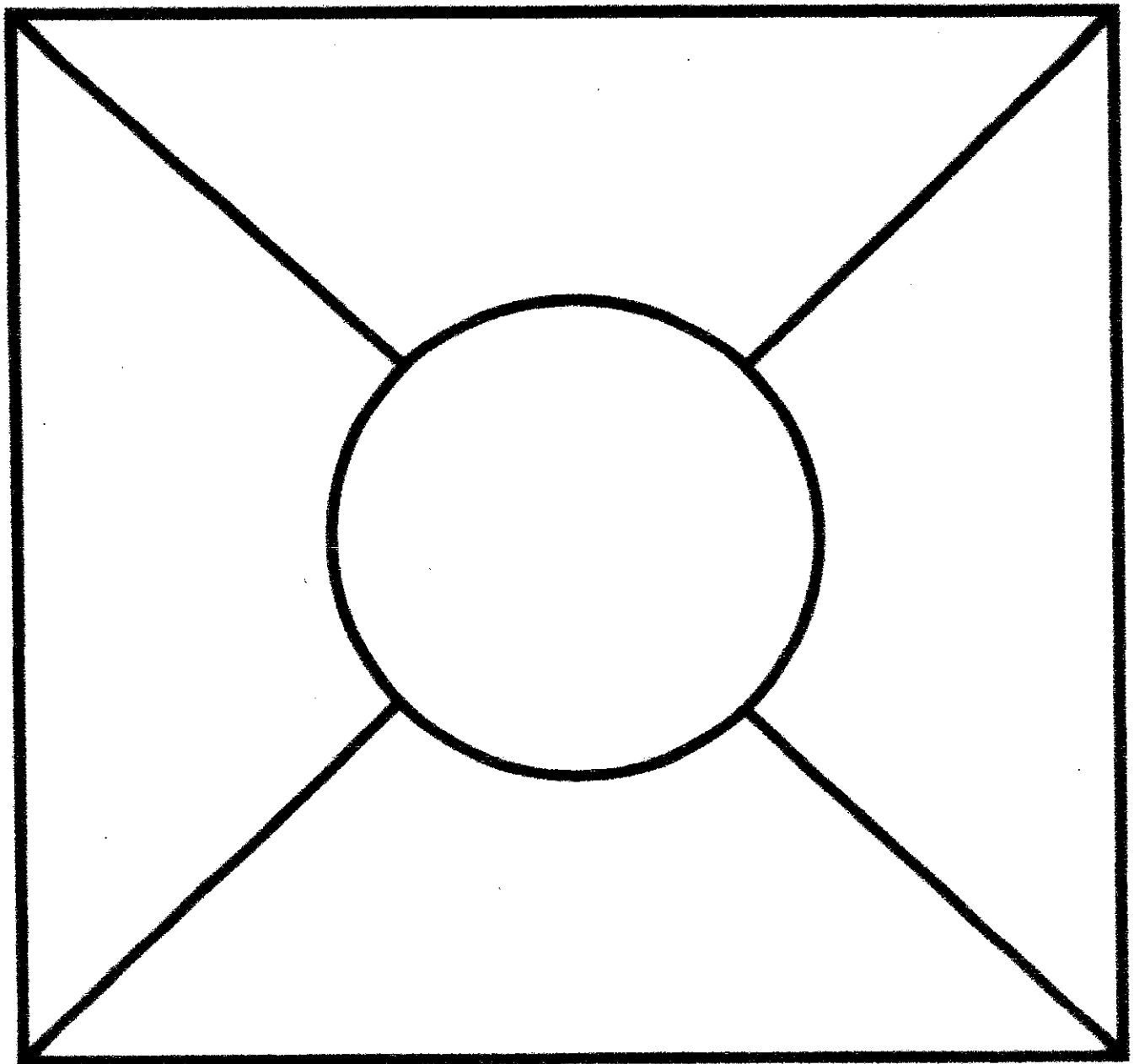
SUMMER READING QUILT

Like a quilt, each of you is a unique individual within your whole class, and you each add something special to the group. Your individual creations will be pieced together in the hallway to create a beautiful patchwork masterpiece! Teamwork is key next year! We are great on our own but can be awesome when we come together to work as a team!

- **Choose** an AR book of **YOUR CHOICE** with a 4.0+ reading level or higher, worth 1+ or more points—please choose a book that you think you will enjoy reading! You can check the grade level and point value of your book at www.arbookfind.com!
- **Read** your book!
- **Decorate** your quilt square to represent your book!
 - You must use the template provided. Do not make changes to its size!
 - Write the title of the book you read in the center circle.
 - Decorate the quilt square in a **CREATIVE** way to represent your story.
 - Use any media you would like. You can create different textures or keep it simple. You have complete creative freedom, and the possibilities are endless!
 - Cut out your square and write your name on the back.
- Be prepared to take an **AR test** on your book during the first full week of school
- You will get 2 grades for this project: an AR quiz grade and quilt square completion
- **DUE DATE: August 14, 2018**

SUMMER READING QUILT

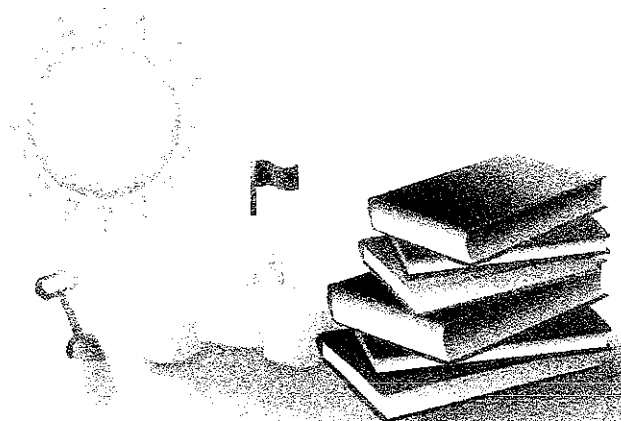
Directions: In the center circle, write the title of the book you read for Summer Reading. On the four outside triangles, draw pictures that represent your favorite scenes from the book. You may also include a quote you liked, or anything else related to the book that you enjoyed.



April 10, 2018

Dear Incoming 6th Grade Parents,

Summer is here! I can't believe we are wrapping up another school year! I know we are all ready for the three Rs: rest, relaxation, and a reprieve from the hustle and bustle of the school year.



While your children are resting and relaxing this summer, I would like for them to make time for reading. I think it is very important that our kids keep their reading skills honed even while school is out. I am requiring that all incoming 6th graders select a Newbery Medal Award winning book or Newbery Honor book to read during the summer. In our library, we have a nice selection of Newbery books, but sometimes they get overlooked because of the award sticker, and that is a shame! There are many genres to choose from – definitely something for everyone! Check out the following link to see a complete listing of Newbery Winning and Newbery Honor books:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>.

These amazingly good reads can be found at the local library, in bookstores or my personal favorite, Amazon.com. The following books are required reading and may not be chosen for this assignment: Bud, Not Buddy, Number the Stars, and No More Dead Dogs. (This means **DO NOT READ** these three books – we will read these together in class)

Attached you will find a short book report “Think Sheet.” Your child will need to use this sheet to record simple facts and information while reading. We will be using this information to write a simple report during the first week of school. The “Think Sheet” will be due the Friday of the first full week of the 2018-2019 school year.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child. I am so looking forward to the next school year. If you have questions, please feel free to email me at adinabreckneridge@parklaneacademy.net. I hope you all have a wonderful, fabulous, stress-free summer!

Thanks again!

p.s. For those super ambitious readers that plan to read over the summer, the AR requirements for the beginning of the 6th grade year are a 4.5 grade level worth at least 3 points! Go ahead and get ahead of the game!

THINK SHEET

Title: _____ Author: _____

*Setting: When and where
the action takes place*

Describe the main characters

Brief summary of the main events

Conclusion: What happened in the end?

Did you like the book?

Why/Why not?
