

June 2015

Dear Rising Third Grade Parents,

While relaxing this summer it will be important to stay on top of math skills. It will make for an easier transition into Third Grade and help us get ready for a great year at St. Michael's in the fall!

Please continue to review those addition and subtraction facts! We would like to see them mastered with automaticity through twenty. It will also be important to practice renaming up to the hundreds place. We will start our year in third grade reviewing this skill and working with place value. You may also want to allow your child to practice skills with money and time at the grocery store or in other situations throughout your day. Any opportunity they get to use math is a valuable life skill. We will introduce and work on mastery of our multiplication facts 1-12 this year.

You may want to purchase a skills review workbook at Barnes and Noble. Another option may be to order the following workbook for review and reinforcement. Information may be found at www.summerskills.com.

Fun websites and games:

www.abcya.com ; www.funbrain.com ; www.coolmath4kids.com
http://www.internet4classrooms.com/skills_3rd_original.htm

<http://www.ixl.com/math/grade-3>

<http://www.aaamath.com/grade3.html>

Game suggestions include but are not limited to the following: dice games, card games, Checkers, Trouble, Blokus, Mastermind, Qwirkle, Sudoku, Othello, Monopoly, Yahtzee, Connect Four, Battleship, Logic Links, and 24 Game.

Thank you so much and I am looking forward to a great year in Third Grade!

Sincerely,

Kelley Hettrick

Rising Third Graders
Summer 2015

Please choose at least two books from the reading list we have created for you. The books and authors are some of the best and well-known in children's literature. In your own handwriting list the title of the book and the author's name. We will collect your list at the beginning of the year and do a book report in class on one of the books you read over the summer.

Book Title	Author

Child's Name

Reading List for Rising Third Grade

ACTION ADVENTURE

DiCamillo, Kate *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
Hunt, Elizabeth Singer *The Escape of the Deadly Dinosaur* (Jack Stalwart secret agent series)
Gaiman, Neil *Fortunately, the Milk*
Korman, Gordon *One False Note* (39 clues series)
O'Malley, Kevin *Captain Raptor and the Moon Mystery* (series)
Osborne, Mary Pope *Dinosaurs Before Dark* (Magic Tree House series)
Riordan, Rick *The Lightning Thief* (series); *The Lost Hero* (series)

ANIMALS

Applegate, Katherine *The One and Only Ivan**
Birney, Betty *The World According to Humphrey* (series)
Byars, Betsy *Cat Diaries: secret writings of the MEOW Society*
King-Smith, Dick *The School Mouse; Lady Lollipop*
Myers, Laurie *Lewis and Clark and Me: a dog's tale*

COOL CLASSICS

Burnett, Frances Hodgson *The Secret Garden*
Dahl, Roald *The BFG; Fantastic Mr. Fox; James and the Giant Peach; Matilda; The Witches*
DiCamillo, Kate *The Tale of Despereaux*
White, E. B. *Charlotte's Web**; *Stuart Little*
Napoli, Donna Jo *Treasury of Greek Mythology*

FLY WITH FANTASY

Broach, Elise *The Miniature World of Marvin and James*
Cowell, Cressida *How to Train Your Dragon* (series)
DiCamillo, Kate *Flora & Ulysses**
DiTerlizzi, Tony *Kenny and the Dragon*
Healy, Christopher *The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom* (series)
Holub, Joan *Athena the Brain* (Goddess Girls' series)
Kessler, Liz *The Tail of Emily Windsnap* (series)
Martin, Ann *The Doll People* (series)
Viorst, Judith *Lulu and the Brontosaurus* (series)
Voight, Cynthia *Young Fredle*

GRAPHIC NOVELS

Bell, Cece *El Deafo**

Comics Squad: recess

Hale, Nathan *One Dead Spy* (series)

Hatke, Ben *Zita the Spacegirl* (series)

Holm, Jennifer *Squish 1: Super Amoeba* (series)

Holm, Jennifer *Babymouse 1: Queen of the World* (series)

Krosoczka, Jarrett *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute* (series)

Montijo, Rhode *Chews Your Destiny* (series)

Telegemeier, Raina *Smile; Kristy's Great Idea* (*Baby-sitters Club* series)

Terrell, Brandon *Quarterback Scramble* (*Sports Illustrated Kids* series)

Watson, Tom *Stick Dog* (series)

JUST THE FACTS

Bishop, Nic *Butterflies and Moths; Frogs; Lizards; Marsupials; Snakes, Spiders*

Cantrell, Charlie *A Friend for Einstein: the smallest stallion*

DK Eyewitness (any book in the series)

Floca, Brian *Moonshot: the flight of Apollo 11*

Greenberg, Jan *Ballet for Martha: Making Appalachian Spring*

Hatkoff, Juliana *Winter's Tail: how one little dolphin learned to swim again*

Howard, Tim *The Keeper: the unguarded story of Tim Howard* (Young Reader's Edition)

Levit, Joseph *Sports Illustrated Kids' Big Book of Why*

Martin, Jacqueline Briggs *Snowflake Bentley*

Myron, Vicki with Brett Witter *Dewey the Library Cat*

Price, Sean *The Kids' Guide to Titanic*

Ripken, Cal Jr. *The Longest Season: the story of the Orioles' 1988 losing season*

Tarshis, Lauren *I survived: five true stories of survival*

Who is/Who Was Biography books (series)

What Was the Boston Tea Party? (What Was ...? series)

Where is the Great Wall? (Where is ...? Series)

LOL

Barnett, Mac *The Terrible Two*

Birdsall, Jeanne *The Penderwicks* (series)

Bruel, Nick *Bad Kitty Gets a Bath* (series)

Davies, Jacqueline *The Lemonade War* (series)

DiCamillo, Kate *Bink & Gollie* (series)

Brown, Jeff *Flat Stanley; Flat Stanley's Worldwide Adventures* (series)

Evans, Douglas *The Elevator Family*

Griffiths, Andy *The 13-Story Treehouse* (series)
Gutman, Dan *Miss Daisy is Crazy!* (series)
O'Doherty, David *Danger is Everywhere: a handbook for avoiding danger*
Peirce, Lincoln *Big Nate in a Class by Himself* (series)
Sachar, Louis *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* (series)
Scieszka, Jon *Spaceheadz* (series)
Stern, A.J. *Frankly, Frannie* (series)
Stilton, Geronimo *The Kingdom of Fantasy* (series)

POETRY

Creech, Sharon *Love that Dog*
Dahl, Rod *Vile Verses*
Merchant, Natalie *Leave Your Sleep*
Prelutsky, Jack *My Dog May be a Genius; The New Kid on the Block*
Silverstein, Shel *A Light in the Attic; Everything On It; Where the Sidewalk Ends*
Kennedy, Caroline *Poems to Learn by Heart*

REAL WORLD

Barrows, Annie *Ivy & Bean* (series)
Blume, Judy *Soupy Saturdays with the Pain and the Great One* (series)
Cleary, Beverly *Beezus and Ramona* (series)
Clements, Andrew *No Talking; Frindle*
Harper, Charise *Just Grace* (series)
McDonald, Megan *Judy Moody* (series)
Yee, Lisa *Bobby vs. Girls (accidentally)* (series)

SPORTS

Christopher, Matt *The Kid Who Only Hit Homers (series); Soccer Hero*
Lupica, Mike *Hot Hand* (series)
Wallace, Rich *Ball Hogs* (series)

TAKE ME BACK

Avi *Iron Thunder: the battle between the Monitor & the Merrimac: a Civil War novel*
Dalgiesh, Alice *The Courage of Sarah Noble**
Dear America (series)
MacLachan, Patricia *Sarah, Plain and Tall** (series)
Selznick, Brian *The Houdini Box; The Invention of Hugo Cabret*
Tarshis, Lauren *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* (series)
Whelan, Gloria *Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine*

Wilder, Laura *Ingalls Little House in the Big Woods* (series)

WHO DID IT?

American Girl Mysteries (series)

Butler, Dori H. *The Buddy Files: the case of the lost boy* (series)

Dixon, Franklin *Hardy Boys* (series)

Keene, Carolyn *Nancy Drew* (series)

Montgomery, Louis B. *The Case of the Stinky Socks* (series)

Pastis, Stephan *Mistakes Were Made* (Timmy Failure series)

Roy, Ron *A to Z Mysteries* (series); *The January Joker* (series); *Who Cloned the President?* (series)

Torrey, Michele *The Case of the Gaspig Garbage: (and other super-scientific cases)* (series)

Warner, Gertrude Chandler *The Boxcar Children* (series)

PARENT SUGGESTIONS

Miller, Donalyn *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child; Reading in the Wild*

Mogel, Wendy *The Blessing of a B Minus; The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

*Newbery Award or Honor Book