

# St. John's Episcopal School

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Summer Reading 2017

During the summer, each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student is required to read **one** of two books:

### *Pioneer Cat* by William H. Hooks

Nine-year-old Kate Purdy is traveling from Missouri to Oregon by wagon train, and she's worried. She isn't worried about how long the trip will be or the hardships she'll have to suffer. She's worried about Snuggs--the pretty little cat who took a shine to her and decided to come along for the ride, even though there are no pets allowed on the wagon train. So no matter what happens, Snuggs the cat has to stay a secret!

### *Rescue on the Oregon Trail (Ranger in Time #1)* by Kate Messner

Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog, but can't officially pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels during exercises. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to the year 1850, where he meets a young boy named Sam Abbott. Sam's family is migrating west on the Oregon Trail, and soon after Ranger arrives he helps the boy save his little sister. Ranger thinks his job is done, but the Oregon Trail can be dangerous, and the Abbotts need Ranger's help more than they realize!

You may download one of these books from Amazon or iBooks, or purchase a print version. We will be using these books for our first unit of study in the fall, so you may want to read the one you choose near the start of school. You should also select additional reading of free choice books so that the total summer reading (including the required book) equals a **minimum of 150 pages**. For your convenience, I have included a list of books for summer reading that our librarian, Ms. Powers, recommends. However, you are not restricted to choosing books from the list. **On the first day of school, you will turn in a complete log of books read over the summer.** Please use the attached form for your reading log.

Choose **one** favorite book from your summer reading (besides the required book) and be prepared to share your choice with your classmates during the first week of school. The idea will be to share a wonderful reading experience and try to get your classmates excited about reading a book that you enjoyed. *No project is required.*

The most important thing is to read, read, read! Have fun and enjoy your summer! I am looking forward to sharing your 3<sup>rd</sup> grade year with you!

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## Entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Suggested Summer Reading

(These titles are optional and were suggested by our librarian, Ms. Powers.)

Aguirre, Jorge	<i>Giants Beware</i>
Ain, Beth	<i>Starring Jules (As Herself)</i>
Angleberger, Tom	<i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i>
Barnett, Mac	<i>The Terrible Two</i>
Barrows, Annie	<i>"Ivy + Bean" series</i>
Barton, Chris	<i>Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions</i>
Birney, Betty G.	<i>"Humphrey" series</i>
Brown, Don	<i>All Stations! Distress!</i>
Brown, Monica	<i>Lola Levine, Drama Queen</i>
Cheng, Andrea	<i>The Year of the Book</i>
Cronin, Doreen	<i>The Chicken Squad</i>
Daywalt, Drew	<i>The Day the Crayons Came Back</i>
Egan, Kate	<i>The Vanishing Coin</i>
Gardiner, John Reynolds	<i>Stone Fox</i>
Hanlon, Abby	<i>Dory Fantasmagory</i>
Hatke, Ben	<i>Zita the Spacegirl</i>
Holm, Jennifer L.	<i>Babymouse series</i>
Holm, Jennifer L.	<i>Squish series</i>
Jamieson, Victoria	<i>The Great Pet Escape</i>
Kelly, David A.	<i>Fenway Foul-Up (Ballpark Mysteries series)</i>
LaReau, Kara	<i>The Infamous Ratsos</i>
Lupica, Mike	<i>Game Changers: Play Makers</i>
McDonald, Megan	<i>"Judy Moody" series</i>
Mlynowski, Sarah	<i>Whatever After series</i>
Nolan, Lucy A.	<i>"Down Girl and Sit" series</i>
Pastis, Stephan	<i>Mistakes Were Made</i>
Rockliff, Mara	<i>Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery that Baffled All of France</i>
Selfors, Suzanne	<i>The Imaginary Veterinary series</i>
Singer, Marilyn	<i>Mirror Mirror : A Book of Reversible Verse</i>
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Third Grade Angels</i>
Sternberg, Julie	<i>Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie</i>
Sylver, Adrienne	<i>Hot Diggity Dog: The History of the Hot Dog</i>
Vernon, Ursula	<i>Dragonbreath (series)</i>
Vernon, Ursula	<i>Harriet the Invincible</i>
Willems, Mo	<i>The Story of Diva and Flea</i>