

## St. John's Episcopal School

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading 2019

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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**THIRD GRADE SUMMER READING LOG**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Date</b>	<b>Title of Book</b>	<b># of Pages</b>	<b>Did you like this book? What was your favorite part?</b>	<b>Parent's initials</b>

**\*Each student should read a minimum of 150 pages. Enjoy!**

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

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

Aguirre, Jorge. ***Giants Beware.*** (Graphic Novel)

Make way for Claudette the giant slayer in this delightful, fantastical adventure!

Barnett, Mac. ***Mac B., Kid Spy.*** (Series Chapter Book)

One day, Mac (smartest boy in his class in a small town in California) receives a telephone call from the Queen of England, recruiting him to find the crown jewels (well, actually just the Coronation Spoon) and so Mac embarks on his first adventure as a secret agent--with the assurance that the Queen will give him a note excusing him from school.

Brown, Peter. ***The Wild Robot.*** (Chapter Book)

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. ***Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams.*** (Biography)

Shares the story of the sisters and tennis stars, including their special relationship as sisters and best friends, their constant training as children, and their incredible success in professional tennis.

Creech, Sharon. ***Saving Winslow.*** (Chapter Book)

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures--not even lightning bugs, worms, or goldfish. So when his father brings home a sickly, newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him.

Dahl, Roald. ***The BFG.*** (Chapter Book)

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.

DiCamillo, Kate. ***Flora & Ulysses.*** (Chapter Book)

A girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Falatko, Julie. ***Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School.*** (Series Chapter Book)

Sassy and Waldo are good dogs, who keep their house safe (from squirrels, mostly), and worry about their boy, Stewart, who always comes home from school smelling of anxiety. The two dogs come up with a plan to help him: they will dress up in a trench coat and attend school, posing as a new student, to find out just what is bothering Stewart.

Griffiths, Andy. ***The 13-Story Treehouse***. (Series Chapter Book)

Andy and Terry are trying hard to write their next book but they are constantly distracted by the many animals and special rooms in their thirteen-story treehouse.

Guglielmo, Amy. ***Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire***. (Biography)

A biography of artist Mary Blair who did design work for Disney, including the "It's a Small World" ride.

Harris, Neil Patrick. ***The Magic Misfits***. (Series Chapter Book)

Six young magicians and illusionists team up to save their small town from a crooked carnival owner and his goons.

Jeter, Derek. ***The Contract***. (Fictionalized Biography)

In Kalamazoo, Michigan, eight-year-old Derek Jeter, who dreams of playing for the New York Yankees, learns what it takes to be a champion on and off the field.

LaReau, Kara. ***The Infamous Ratsos***. (Series Chapter Book)

Rat brothers Louie and Ralphie Ratso try to prove they can be as rough and tough as their father in the Big City, but every time they try to show how tough they are, they end up accidentally doing good deeds instead.

MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. (Chapter Book)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Mills, Claudia. ***Izzy Barr, Running Star (Franklin School Friends)***. (Chapter Book)

Izzy Barr is the star athlete of the third grade, but her father always seems to think her brother Dustin is better. She pretends she does not care but as the citywide 10K run approaches, Izzy really wants her father to join the rest of her family and her friends in watching her run.

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Whatever After: Fairest of All***. (Series Chapter Book)

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

Pastis, Stephan. ***Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made***. (Series Chapter Book)

Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

Phelan, Matt. ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs***. (Chapter Book)

With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all—dinosaurs.

Sachar, Louis. ***Sideways Stories from Wayside School***. (Chapter Book)

Accidentally built sideways and standing thirty stories high (the builder said he was very sorry for the mistake), Wayside School has some of the wackiest classes in town, especially on the thirtieth floor.

Selfors, Suzanne. ***Wedgie & Gizmo***. (Series Chapter Book)

While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world. However, Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).

Sell, Chad. ***The Cardboard Kingdom***. (Graphic Novel)

A group of neighborhood children creates costumes from cardboard and uses their imagination in adventures with knights, robots, and monsters.

Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. (Chapter Book)

When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

Tarshis, Lauren. ***I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912***. (Series Chapter Book)

Ten-year-old George Calder's life changes forever as he, his little sister, Phoebe, and their Aunt Daisy set out across the ocean on the "Titanic" in 1912.

White, E. B. ***Charlotte's Web***. (Chapter Book)

Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him.

Wittenstein, Barry. ***The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)***. (Nonfiction)

Earle Dickson and his new bride Josephine begin their lives together. The end. (Not really. There's more.) Josephine has a proclivity for injuring herself. Earle attaches cotton to long strips of adhesive tape, telling Josephine to cut off a length when she needs one. Since Earle works as a cotton buyer at Johnson & Johnson, he shares his idea. They're a big hit. The end. (Again, not really!) After a few false starts, the Band-Aid is developed and becomes a massive hit. The end. (Really.)