

# Incoming Third Grade Summer Suggested Reading List

- The Magic Tree House series, by Mary Pope Osborne
- Black Lagoon Adventures, by Mike Thaler
- The Bailey School Kids series, by Debbie Dadey and Thornton Jones
- A to Z Mysteries, by Ron Roy
- Beverly Cleary, Author
- Judy Blume, Author
- Folktale selections:
  - Paul Bunyan
  - John Henry
  - Pecos Bill
  - Lon Po Po, by Ed Young
  - Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears, by Verna Aardema
  - How Tiger Got His Stripes, by Rob Cleveland
- Non-fiction selections, such as:
  - Biographies
  - Autobiographies
  - Science topics
    - Sun
    - Moon
    - Earth
    - Life Cycles
  - Social Studies topics
    - The California Gold Rush
    - Presidents
    - Famous African Americans

## **Incoming Third Graders Summer Reading Activities**

Please complete the activities below for the books you read. Please try to choose a book that is at your reading level. All assignments will be due the first week of school.

### **1) Folktale**

- a. Some popular Folktales are Paul Bunyan, John Henry, etc. Your public library should also have a great selection of Folktales to choose from.

Once you've read your folktale, write a diary entry pretending to be one of the characters. In your diary, tell me what your day was like. Be sure to include good details from your book. Remember to write the entry as one of the characters from your story!

### **2) Fiction (chapter book).**

Once you've read your fiction book, please complete the attached "Book Cover" assignment. Remember to be creative!

### **3) Nonfiction.** You may select any non-fiction book of your choice.

Please fill out the attached non-fiction book summary and turn it in.

# NON-FICTION BOOK REPORT

NAME:

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DATE:

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BOOK TITLE & AUTHOR

SUBJECT

ILLUSTRATION

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

(WHAT I KNEW BEFORE READING THIS BOOK)

CAPTION

THE 3 MOST INTERESTING THINGS I LEARNED...

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 NEW WORDS I LEARNED...

WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

DEFINITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WORD: \_\_\_\_\_

DEFINITION: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

A CONNECTION I MADE TO THE TEXT

(THIS REMINDS ME OF... OR 'I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT...')

1 QUESTION I STILL HAVE...

STAR RATING



EXPLANATION:



Design a new front cover for your book and write a new back cover summary.



Materials Needed:

- Construction Paper
- Crayons
- Writing Paper

Directions:

1. Design a new cover for the book. Make sure to include:

- Title
- Author
- Illustrator
- Picture

2. On the back, write a creative and appealing summary paragraph describing the story. Remember your summary should make people want to read this book.