



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES PACKET

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to third grade! Third grade will be an exciting time in your child's life. They will become new learners and explorers. This year will be exceptionally exciting as we plan to have students returning for the 2025-2026 school year.

Here are some suggestions that we have to get your child ready for their upcoming school year:

1. Have your child read as much as possible and talk about what they read. You will find a list of "Book Talk" questions to share with your child as they read. We have attached a link to the top "Children's Choices" book from the International Literacy Association:  
<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/reading-lists/childrens-choices/childrens-choices-reading-list-2020.pdf>
2. Study addition and subtraction facts so that they are able to recall them quickly.
  - Algebra- number patterns
  - Round to the nearest ten or hundred
  - Estimate Sums
  - Mental math strategies for addition
  - Practice and learn multiplication tables

We have included a list of math activities to enjoy indoors and outdoors.

3. We have also included some simple writing activities for students to work on independently.

**We are looking forward to working with each and every student in September!**

Sincerely,

~The Third Grade Team

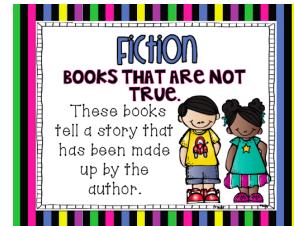
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## “Book Talk” Discussion Questions

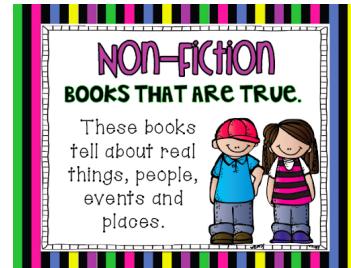
### Fiction text starters:

1. Where is the story taking place?
  
2. Who are the main characters in the story?
  
3. What is the problem in the story?
  
4. How would you have solved the problem?
  
5. Explain what happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
  
6. What do you think was the most important event that happened in the text? Why?
  
7. What did the characters learn?



**Non-fiction text starters:**

1. What is the main idea of the text?
2. In your own words, what did you learn from reading this text?
3. List 5 important facts (in your own words).
4. What are some new words that you learned?
5. What type of text features have you seen so far in this book (bold print, maps, charts,etc.) ?
6. What questions do you have after reading this text?



## **Writing Activities**



1. At the end of a day write a story about what the day was like and what happened.
2. Write about things you see( at home, the park, the mall, etc.,) and describe them in detail.
3. Is there something you want to do that your parents say no to? Write about it and explain why you should be able to do it.
4. Write about an adventure that you want to go on or have had a dream about.
5. Create a cartoon strip. Draw a picture for each “frame”.
6. Write a friendly letter to a friend about your most eventful day this summer. Describe what happened using your five senses.
7. Create a list of your favorite summer activities. Be ready to share why you chose the activities on your list.



## **7 FUN Summer Math Activities**

1. **Math and Movement Activity:** Nina Wu shares several activity ideas through a quick series of videos on *MIND Research Institute*. Get moving outdoors or indoors as a family, stretching both your body and your brain with the concepts of angles and/or digits.
2. **Outdoor Number Line Activity:** Allison from *No Time for Flashcards* shares this activity where kids can find numbers and solve equations using the number line. All you need is a sidewalk or blacktop and a piece of chalk!
3. **Paper Frisbee Geometry:** Use geometry concepts to create your own frisbee, then fly them as an experiment, following the outline from *Almost Unschoolers*.
4. **Build a Marble Run:** Sarah from *Frugal Fun with Boys* shows us how to get crafty with craft sticks and cardboard boxes to create marble runs and mazes with young engineers.
5. **Lego Math:** Using legos as a measurement of weight, children gain number sense by comparing and estimating weight in this activity idea also from Sarah.
6. **Newspaper Forts:** Young engineers create triangles out of rolled up newspapers to build their own fort structures. Find the activity at *Modern Parents Messy Kids*.
7. **Pi(e) Baking:** Bake and learn together with this Pi(e) Day recipe from Nina Wu at *MIND Research Institute*. Try the activity with one of these summer favorites: key lime pie, strawberry cream pie, meringue pie or chocolate mousse pie.

