

Summer 2023 Required Readings | 3rd and 4th

Continue reading even when school is out for the summer!. Reading promotes fluency, increases children's vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, expands their knowledge of the world, and increases/maintains their comprehension skills. To prevent the typical "summer slide" students experience when not in school, we are requiring students to read. Each grade level has developed a specific reading assignment (see your grade level below). These are also some resources and many offer prizes.

- Sign up for your local library summer reading program. The Harker Heights summer library program has kicked off and offers many great opportunities. The Killeen Public Library also has a summer reading program with prizes when completed.
- Texas State Library and Archives – Sign up for their summer reading program
<https://www.tsl.texas.gov/texastalkingbooks/2023/03/28/announcing-2023-summer-reading-program/>
- Read books on-line through Open Library, Story Line online, Tumble books, Goodread Free shelves, and many more. All for free.
- Army MWR Summer Reading Program – Sign up online, visit Casey Memorial Library on Fort Cavazos to earn your reward.
- Earn a free book! Read 8 books, fill out the form and take it to Barnes & Noble.
- Join the HEBuddy Summer Reading Club (<https://www.heb.com/static-page/article-template/H-E-Buddy-Reading-Club>)
- Check out Camp Book IT! (Pizza Hut Summer reading Program)
<https://www.bookitprogram.com/articles/summer-reading/camp-book-it>
- Land on Home Base the Scholastic Summer reading program
<https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>
- Purchase summer materials from BJUPress (Vacation Stations \$15).

Entering 3rd Grade

Required reading Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
(copies available from the school)

Pick at least one additional book to read.

1st - 3rd grade Triple Crown Gallery List
Books available to be checked out through the front office.

Agnes's Place by Marit Larsen, Kari Dickson
Bronco and Friends: A Party to Remember by Tim Tebow
Kate's Light: Kate Walker at Robbins Reef Lighthouse by Elizabeth Spires
Knight Owl by Christopher Denise
The Longest Journey: An Artic Tern's Migration by Amy Hevron
Our Table by Peter H. Reynolds
Stay this Way Forever by Linsey Davis
A Good Thing Happened Today by Michelle Figueroa
The House of Grass and Sky by Mary Lyn Ray

Entering 4th Grade

Required reading: Squirreled Away (The Dead Sea Squirrels) by Mike Nawrocki. Students must also complete the attached worksheet. It is due Monday, Aug 14, 2023.

Pick at least one additional book to read.

4th and 5th grade Triple Crown List
Books available to be checked out through the front office.

Billy Miller Makes A Wish by Kevin Henkes
Code Breaker, Spy Hunter: How Elizebeth Friedman Changed the Course of Two World Wars by Laurie Wallmark
Cooper's Story by W. Bruce Cameron
Dear Student by Elly Swartz
Jack vs. the Tornado by Amanda Cleary Eastep
Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game by Chris Grabenstein
When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods
A Shared Secret by Patricia MacLachlan

The Story of a Story by Deborah Hopkinson

Students should be able to read and spell the first 300 Fry sight words.

Be sure and check out -

www.mathplayground.com - lots of fun games with this website.

www.coolmath.com - Practice those multiplication facts! You're going to need to know them!!

www.funbrain.com This has math, language, and other fun

things to do!

www.getepic.com - This website has fun and free books to read online!

<http://interactivestiles.weebly.com/language-arts.html>

This website covers all subjects and has lots of fun things to do and learn!

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

The Islanders by Mary Alice Monroe and Angela May

Students should be able to read and spell the first 400 Fry sight words.

Students should practice their addition/subtraction facts to 20 and multiplication/division fact 0-12.

→ BJU Press After School Help – great videos and you can review 3rd grade math and language skills and get a head start on 4th grade skills

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4th Grade Summer Required Reading

Squirreled Away (The Dead Sea Squirrels) by Mike Nawrocki

*Due on the first day of school, August 14, 2023

Title: _____

Author: _____

1. Setting (give at least three specific details with text evidence to support your information)

a.

b.

c.

2. Main Characters (identify at least 3 main characters and describe their traits in detail)

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3. Is this book written in "first person" or "third person"? Discuss and give specific examples from the story as evidence of first person or third person.

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4. Discuss the plot of the story (or draw and label the plot diagram on a separate sheet of paper) describing each part of the plot. What is the theme of the book?
5. What is the conflict of the story. What characters or events caused the conflict?
6. **How** would you change the story.
7. What is a significant event in the story? Why is it significant?
8. What is one interesting event you especially liked in the story? Tell why you liked this part.
9. On a separate sheet of paper write a summary of the story. Be sure to use proper paragraph form. Check your punctuation and capitalization. Use complete sentences.

Verb List

Students need to know these verbs by the start of the year. This is an important foundation for our learning of verb phrases and adverbs. There will be a quiz and a grade taken the first week of school.

Helping Verbs and State of Being Verbs

- am, is, are
- have, has, had
- was, were
- shall, will
- do, does, did
- Be, Been, Being
- Should, would
- May, might, must
- can , could

Verb games online

[Browse Verb Games | Education.com](https://www.education.com/games/verb)