

Dear Third Grade Student and Parents:

Summer is a great time for picnics, swimming and SUMMER READING! Parents often ask how they can help their children become life-long readers. The answer is simple. Read to them every day.

Read-Aloud advocate Jim Trelease recommends reading aloud with your child 20 minutes a day. The benefits derived from this seem endless--increased comprehension, vocabulary and other wonderful academic benefits as well as time spent together in a pleasurable, relaxing way. He encourages parents to continue reading to their child even after the child learns to read.

The selected books below will hopefully get your child excited about reading, expand knowledge and understanding of cultural diversity, and provide exemplary models for values education.

Parents, as you read books aloud to your child, take time to stop along the way through the books and talk to your child about what he or she thinks, imagines, wonders, and predicts.

**REQUIRED READ ALOUDS:**

Choose One of the Sarah Pennypacker Books:

*Stuart Goes to School* ISBN: 0439301831

*Clementine* ISBN: 9780786838837

\*Students are required read one of the books above and prepare a book presentation to share the first week back to school.

See the "Choose Your Own Book Presentation" sheet for ideas.

You will find many more great books in your public library and bookstore. Enjoy your summer vacation and have a fabulous reading adventure!

Sincerely,

Your Third Grade Teachers

## **Choose Your Own Book Presentation Format**

You get to choose the format for your book presentation. Below are some possibilities, but just about anything goes!

Book presentations will be due during the first week of school.

Remember, show what you learned, what you enjoyed, or something interesting about the book you read.

The following are just some possibilities. Use your imagination!

Oral Report

Paper Bag

Poster

Flip Book

Dramatic Performance

Scrapbook

Poem or Rap

Journal

Video

Model

Board Game

Puppet Show

Time Line

Newspaper Front Page