



## 3rd Grade Summer Activities 2020-2021

### Summer Reading

It is important for children to practice academic skills when school is not in session, and reading is one of the most important of those skills. Summer reading evolved as a popular method of helping children to keep their reading skills active. The best summer reading assignments strive to inspire a love of reading for its own sake. As award-winning children's book author Kate DiCamillo wrote, "*Reading should not be presented to children as a chore or a duty. It should be offered as a gift.*"

In that spirit, our summer reading assignment is for rising third grade students to read, read, read, as many books as they can. To provide an incentive, we are buying several gifts that will be raffled in each homeroom during the first week of school. Students complete raffle tickets for every book they read and place the tickets in the jar(s) of the prize(s) that interests them.

It is our hope that every child will read *at least three* books during the summer. If you are looking for recommended third grade material, check out <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists>, and <http://www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists/2020-summer-reading-list>.

Third graders are required to select one of the *chapter books* that they read and prepare a 3-5 minute oral presentation, that will be scheduled at the beginning of the school year. The presentation should include:

- The name of your book and the author (remember, this one has to be a chapter book)
- A short summary of the story
- A description of your favorite part or scene and why it's your favorite
- An opinion about whether you recommend the book to your classmates and why or why not?

In addition, your oral presentation must include a visual component. The following options are all acceptable, but you are not limited to these. Feel free to be creative!

Make a model or shoebox diorama of a scene	Create a Google Presentation highlighting the major events
Make a mobile with the characters attached	Video yourself pretending to be interviewed about the book
Make a colorful poster advertising the book.	Pretend to interview a character from the book and play both roles

## Summer Reading Raffle Instructions

Print this page and fill-in a ticket for each book that you read from cover to cover, between June 11th and September 8th. Print additional sheets, as necessary. Do NOT cut-out the tickets. Instead bring the entire sheet(s) to school on the first day (up to a maximum of three sheets or 18 tickets). During the first week of school, you will place your tickets in jars associated with prizes. To improve your odds of winning specific prizes, you can place multiple tickets in individual jars.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Reading Raffle Ticket</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Third Grade</p> <p>Student: _____</p> <p>Book: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Author: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do You Recommend the Book? Y or N</p>
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## Summer Enrichment

The LCDS *Mission Statement* opens with the phrase, “We inspire our students to become lifelong learners.” Summer is generally a time for families to relax, but we also hope our students are inspired to consider learning activities to be relaxing, and to seek opportunities to engage in them during the summer. So, we would like to take this opportunity to list about a dozen or so such activities for your consideration.

We also created a BINGO game to encourage students to embrace these opportunities and to reward them for doing so. The BINGO instructions are on the next page. Last year, students who submitted a completed BINGO card were treated to popsicles and other frozen treats during the first week of school.

### Ideas for Rising Third Graders

- Complete 3 LA and 3 Math second-grade skills using IXL. Please visit [www.ixl.com/signin/lcdsva](http://www.ixl.com/signin/lcdsva) and use your school account to work on any second-grade skills. Please do not attempt any third-grade ones as we want to keep those for the coming year!
- Take a hike for 30 minutes or more!
- If you travel anywhere, near or far, see if you can find out 5 interesting facts about it that you didn't already know.
- Visit your local public library.
- Do a water activity (fishing, kayaking, tubing, canoeing, swimming, etc)
- Ride your bike for more than 20 minutes in a single trip :)
- Visit a nursery, plant a food crop, care for it, harvest it, and eat it. Or plant your favorite flowers.
- Be an engineer - Build something with all the boxes that are getting delivered to your house.
- Watch a Broadway Musical, Concert, or an animated musical movie at home this summer! Here's where you can find Broadway Musicals and Concerts Online:  
<https://broadwaydirect.com/where-to-watch-musicals-online-the-musical-lovers-guide-to-streaming/>,  
<https://www.thewrap.com/how-to-watch-concerts-and-broadway-shows-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown/>
- Create a Do It Yourself Craft from all the recyclable materials in your home:  
<https://www.pinterest.com/FreeKidsCrafts/recycling-projects-for-kids/>

## Summer Enrichment BINGO Instructions

Print this page and follow the directions at the bottom of the BINGO Card. Write in the boxes any activities from the list on the previous page. If you undertake a specific activity more than once, you may write it on the card twice, but you cannot write any specific activity more than *twice*. The card must be completely filled-in with *nine* activities undertaken between June 11th and September 8th. Then, bring this page to school on the first day and receive a treat.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

 <b>LCDS BINGO</b> 		
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### Directions:

For each optional activity completed over the summer, please color in a star and write a one or two word description under the star on the line provided. Bring your completed bingo card to your teacher during the first week of school to receive a prize!