



Dear Incoming 3rd Grade Student,

To be ready for learning in 3rd grade you will need to exercise your brain over the summer! We have provided some reading and math activities for you to complete.

We hope you enjoy your summer break and have a lot of fun too!

See you on August 14th!

Mrs. Dowen

Summer Reading

Choose 2 of the following novels to read over the summer. You will also be required to take an AR quiz on them during the first week of school.

1. *Muggie Maggie* by Beverly Cleary

In this humorous and relatable novel from Newbery Medal-winning author Beverly Cleary, a girl must overcome her rebellious attitude toward learning cursive.

At first, Maggie is just feeling stubborn when she declares she won't learn cursive. What's wrong with print, anyway? And she can easily type on a computer, so why would she need to know how to read those squiggly lines? But soon all her classmates are buzzing about Maggie's decision, especially after her teacher, Mrs. Leeper, says Maggie's cursive is so sloppy that her name looks like "Muggie."

With "Muggie Maggie" ringing in her ears, Maggie absolutely, positively won't back down...until she's appointed class mail messenger. All the letters that Mrs. Leeper sends to the office are in cursive, and Maggie thinks they are written about her. But there's only way to know for sure...so what's Maggie going to do?

2. *How to be Cool in Third Grade* by Betsy Duffey

It's not easy to seem cool when the whole class knows you wear superhero underwear and your mom still kisses you goodbye at the bus stop. But Robbie York has a plan. 1) Get rid of the name Robbie. 2) Get jeans. 3) Avoid bullies like Bo Haney. If only it were that simple!

3. *I was a 3rd Grade Science Project* by Mary Jane Auch

It sure is handy having Brian the Brain for a best friend—how else would Josh have a shot at first prize in the science fair and winning tickets to Wonderland Lake? But when Brian plans to hypnotize his dog, Arfie, into thinking he's a cat, Josh knows he can say goodbye to Wonderland Lake—this scheme will never work. The next thing he knows, Josh is climbing trees and craving raw fish sandwiches. What's going on? Will the real science project please meow?

4. *Molly's Pilgrim* by Barbara Cohen

As Molly nears her first Thanksgiving in the New World, she doesn't find much to be thankful for. Her classmates giggle at her Yiddish accent and make fun of her unfamiliarity with American ways.

Molly's embarrassed when her mother helps with a class Thanksgiving project by making a little doll that looks more like a Russian refugee than a New England Pilgrim. But the tiny modern-day pilgrim just might help Molly to find a place for herself in America.

Name _____

Summer Reading

Complete this sheet based on the novel you read. If you read more than one novel, you can either choose to write it about just one, or fill out one sheet for each novel you read!

The novel I read was _____ by _____

1. Write 4 great vocabulary words you found in your novel. Find a synonym and antonym for each word.

Vocabulary Word	Synonym(s)	Antonym(s)

2. Who is a character in the novel that you felt you would most likely be friends with if he/she was in your class? Why do you think that? (I'm looking for more thought beyond, "because he/she is nice")

3. What was your favorite part of the novel and why?

4. What was the major problem (also known as conflict) of the novel? How did the main character solve the problem?

5. If you could change any part of the novel, what would you change and how would you change it? Why would you change that part?
