



Dear Families,

Did you know that many students experience a decline in reading proficiency over the summer months? Fortunately, we can combat this through keeping our children engaged with books, ensuring they continue to grow academically.

This summer, your child will be embarking on a summer reading journey. Attached, you will find the details of this requirement. Remember, the primary goal is for your child to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Please note that Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes cannot be completed over the summer. However, students will have the opportunity to take tests upon their return during the first week of school. While these points will not contribute to their first nine-week goal, they will count towards the total for the 2024-2025 school year.

I wish you all a wonderful summer, filled with lots of amazing books. Remember to read at least 20 minutes each day. I look forward to hearing about what books you read!

Jacquelyn Conover

Plant St. Principal

Summer Reading Requirements for Grades 3-5

Welcome to the exciting world of summer reading! We hope this summer will be filled with adventure, discovery, and a love for books. To make the most of your break, we have some enjoyable and educational summer reading requirements for students entering grades 3 through 5.

1. Reading Log (required by all):

- ☐ Keep a reading log to record the titles of the books you read over the summer.
- ☐ Include the author's name, the number of pages, and the dates you started and finished each book.
- ☐ Aim to read at least 5 books during the summer break.

2. Book Report (required; test grade due first week of school):

- ☐ Choose one book from your summer reading list to complete a book report.
- ☐ The book should be at your reading level, and you should have finished it by the end of the summer.
- ☐ Please use the book report designated by the grade level.
 - ☐ Rising third, fourth, and fifth grade students will complete the Elevator Book Report.

3. Reading Challenge (optional- earn Summer Reading reward):

- ☐ Participate in one of our summer reading challenges! Complete fun and engaging activities related to the books you read.
- ☐ Challenges include:
 - ☐ Create a diorama of your favorite scene from a book.
 - ☐ Write a letter to the main character of a book, telling them what you liked about their story.
 - ☐ Design a new book cover for a book you enjoyed.
 - ☐ Create a detailed bookmark with 10 details from the book.

We hope you have an amazing time exploring new worlds, meeting interesting characters, and cultivating a lifelong love for reading. Happy reading, and we can't wait to hear all about your literary adventures when the new school year begins!

Third (1 required)

All of a Kind Family

Misty of Chincoteague

Mr. Popper's Penguin

Dominic

I was a Third Grade Science Project

Beezus and Ramona

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

Risby

Henry and Risby

Amber Brown is Not a Crayon

The Hero of the Third Grade

My Weird School Daze series

Babe the Gallant Pig

The Puppy Place Series

Magic Treehouse Series

Clementine Series

The Best School Year Ever

How to Eat Fried Worms

A-Z Mysteries

Geronimo Stilton Series

Fourth (1 required)

The Lemonade War
Out of My Mind
*Because of Mr. Terupt**
Some Kind of Courage
The Railway Children
Caddie Woodlawn
Lassie Come Home
Heidi
The Castle in the Attic
The Shakespeare Stealer
The Secret Garden
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (retelling)
The Door in the Wall
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
The Borrowers
100 Cupboards
The Adventures of Stuart Little
Fourth Grade Rats

Fifth (1 required)

Amelia Six
Charlie & Frog
The Disaster Days
A Field Guide to Getting Lost
Following Baxter
From the Desk of Zoe Washington
Roll With It
Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom
Distress Signal
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle
Julietta and the Diamond Enigma
Leonard (My Life as a Cat)
The Million Dollar Race
Adam of the Road
Black Beauty
Tom's Midnight Garden
A Little Princess

**Parental guidance encouraged*

Name _____

Date _____

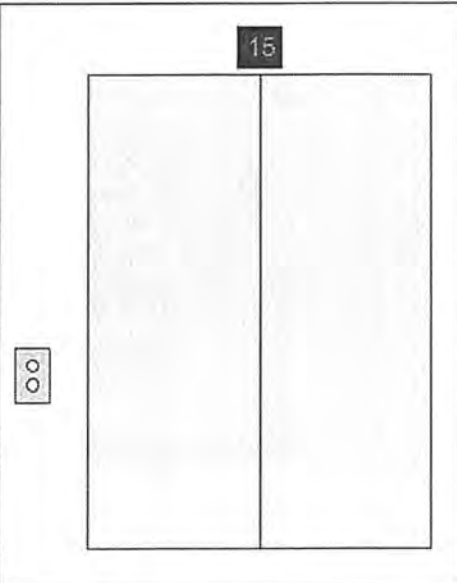
Elevator Book Report

On your way up to the 15th floor of a tall building your mom or dad asked you about the book you just read. Time is limited, so please answer in complete sentences so they understand what you read.

What is the title? (underline the title)

Who is the author?

Any Illustrator?. If so, what is their name?



What happens in the book? (Three complete sentences)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

This image shows a full page of handwriting practice paper. It features five identical sets of horizontal guidelines arranged vertically. Each set includes three lines: a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line, providing a structured space for practicing letter formation and alignment.

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Bonus: It takes about sixty seconds to ride on an elevator. Set a timer for sixty seconds and practice reading all of your answers to a family member.