

3rd Grade Summer Reading Assignments

Read 4 books from the Summer Reading List and choose 4 activities below (1 activity per book). Assignments are due the 1st week of school.

Keep a reading log/journal on the books read and make a list of words you have learned. Write the new word, copy the sentence in which it is used, write a definition using your own words, and draw a picture or symbol which reminds you what the word means.

Activities to choose from:

- Make a poster advertising your book so someone else will want to read it.
- Create a dramatic monologue for a character in a specific scene. What are they thinking/feeling at that moment? Why?
- Write a one page "pitch" to a producer explaining why the story would or would not make a great movie.
- Write a character diary, writing at least five journal entries as if you are the main character in the story. Write down events that happen during the story and reflect on how they affected the character and why.
- Pick the most important word/line/image/object/event in the book and explain why you chose it. Be sure to support your choice with examples from the book.
- Send a postcard from one of the characters. Draw a picture on one side; write the message on the other.
- Choose a character. Tell whether or not you would want him/her for a sibling, parent, friend, or partner (choose one) and why.
- Create a timeline of the major events in your book. Use drawings or magazine cutouts to show the events along the timeline. Label each event with a sentence.
- Draw a portrait of the main character and write a paragraph description of the character to accompany your sketch.
- Make up another beginning and ending for the story. Include drawings/sketches to illustrate the changes.