



Dear Rising Third Grade Families,

We are so excited to welcome you to third grade! We look forward to getting started with the year and watching our students grow. At Spartanburg Day School, we aim to develop the whole child and that means combining academics with social-emotional wellbeing. Keeping this in mind, we would like students to balance a bit of academic work with movement, play, and fun over the summer. **We have three summer requirements that must be completed over the summer before the start of school:**

- 1) Students must memorize multiplication facts for numbers 1-6 and be able to automatically retrieve them. (You may purchase flash cards, make your own flash cards, or use practice sites such as: First in Math, multiplication.com, or others you have found that work for your student.)
  
- 2) Students must keep a reading log (attached) and read at least **80** minutes per week. This could be reading a novel, reading a recipe or shopping list, or reading interesting articles on a news site for kids. (Newsela, DOGO Kids, Time For Kids, Scholastic News For Kids, etc.)
  
- 3) Students must complete **at least** 1 academic activity from each column: Reading, Writing, Math on the Academic Choice board attached to this packet. (3 total academic activities- 1 from reading, 1 from writing, 1 from math-IXL). To log in to IXL, go to [ixl.com](http://ixl.com) and enter your username and password. Please email your 2nd grade teacher if you can't remember these.

Just as helping prevent the *summer slide* is important for academic learning over the summer, movement and play are important, too! We encourage you to have students choose activities that will foster brain development in a multitude of ways! Take a look at the brain development choice board and challenge your child to do as many activities over the summer as they can! These are just ideas- not a requirement! We look forward to seeing our third graders in the fall! Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team

## Academic Choice Board

**\*\*Complete 1 assignment from each category\*\***

<b><u>Math- IXL</u></b>	<b><u>Reading</u></b>	<b><u>Writing</u></b>
Module A.1 Even or Odd	Complete a digital timeline to show the sequence of events in your story using this website:  <a href="http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/timeline-30007.html">http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/timeline-30007.html</a>	Draw a picture of your favorite character in the setting of the book. Explain why they are your favorite character.
Module A.3 Skip Counting	Before you read the story, make a list of predictions about what you think will happen. At the end, write whether your predictions were correct or how the story was different.	Make a comic strip (pictures and dialogue) to show the characters, setting, problems, and solution.
Module A.5 Number Sequences	Pretend you are a newscaster. Record yourself giving a newscast of the dramatic events in the story.	Research a topic of your choice and create a brochure to teach others about your topic.
Module B.4 Value of a Digit	Create digital trading cards for the characters in your book:  <a href="http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/games-tools/trading-card-creator-a-30181.html">http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/games-tools/trading-card-creator-a-30181.html</a>	Write a different ending to a book you read.

## Optional Brain Exercise Choice Board

**\*\*See how many you can complete!\*\***

<p>Learn a new game, skill, or sport: chess, sudoku, cat's cradle, yoga, tennis, etc.</p>	<p>Do the Egg Drop Challenge: <a href="https://buggyandbuddy.com/stem-kids-egg-drop-project/">https://buggyandbuddy.com/stem-kids-egg-drop-project/</a></p>	<p>Complete a chore around the house such as: Vacuuming Sweeping Mopping Folding Laundry Doing dishes</p>
<p>Learn to juggle</p>	<p>Make a paper version of The Statue of Liberty: <a href="http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/CNT-0020806/index.html">http://cp.c-ij.com/en/contents/CNT-0020806/index.html</a></p>	<p>Make homemade sweet treats with your family.</p>
<p>Make pizza from scratch with your family.</p>	<p>Build an obstacle course and challenge a friend to beat your time!</p>	<p>Paint clay pots and plant vegetables, fruits, herbs, or flowers.</p>
<p>Dig in the sand or soil and see what treasures you can find.</p>	<p>Upcycle some cardboard using these connectors and see what you can create: <a href="https://www.make.do/shop">https://www.make.do/shop</a></p>	<p>Exercise activities: Jumping Jacks Mountain Climbers Crunches Go Noodle</p>
<p>Plan and cook a meal for your family.</p>	<p>Make a bottle rocket: <a href="https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/bottle-rockets/">https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/bottle-rockets/</a></p>	<p>Create a Slip n' Slide: <a href="https://www.diynetwork.com/made-and-remade/make-it/diy-slip-slide">https://www.diynetwork.com/made-and-remade/make-it/diy-slip-slide</a></p>
<p>Make a Calming Jar and add some fun beads or buttons to it: <a href="http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Calming-Glitter-Jars/">http://www.instructables.com/id/DIY-Calming-Glitter-Jars/</a></p>	<p>Catch fireflies at night.</p>	<p>Make homemade ice cream in a bag: <a href="https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54721/ice-cream-in-a-bag-recipe/">https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54721/ice-cream-in-a-bag-recipe/</a></p>

