

Class Three Summer Reading

It is a substantially proven fact that children who are read to on a regular basis develop a love for books, a love for learning, a greater attention span, and higher order thinking skills.

Providence's *Recommended Reading List* includes some of the many books we feel are well-written, of good literary quality, and reinforce godly values. You probably have read many of them to your children already. If your child is ready for longer books, we encourage you to select additional titles of greater length. *The Little House on the Prairie Series* or *The Chronicles of Narnia* are good beginning choices.

William F. Russell, author of *Classics to Read Aloud to Your Children* and noted expert on the ways in which parents influence the achievement of their children, states, "Reading aloud may be the single most powerful contribution a parent can make to a child's success in school." We believe that, combined with a warm, stable godly home, and good training in values and habits, reading to your children has strong merit. Please try to read several long chapter books to your child this summer and share the adventure of reading together!

Rising Class Three children should read aloud fifteen (15) minutes daily. Fluency is accomplished by practice. Children should be fluent readers by age nine.

Required Reading:

Please read *Johnny Texas* by Carol Hoff to your child, in preparation for Texas History studies in Class Three. They will read the sequel in class. In addition, select at least five (5) books from the *Classes Three and Four Recommended Reading List* to be read over the summer. Most students will exceed this minimum. If your child is a reluctant reader, perhaps a combination of both parent and child reading would be an encouragement. Books read *to* your children are above and beyond the five and should be listed also.

Record *all* reading on the "Summer Reading Record Sheet" located on the website and send with your child on the first day of school.