



St. John's Episcopal School

3rd Grade Summer Reading 2022

During the summer, each 3rd grade student is required to read **one** of two books:

Pioneer Cat by William H. Hooks

Nine-year-old Kate Purdy is traveling from Missouri to Oregon by wagon train, and she's worried. She isn't worried about how long the trip will be or the hardships she'll have to suffer. She's worried about Snuggs--the pretty little cat who took a shine to her and decided to come along for the ride, even though there are no pets allowed on the wagon train. So, no matter what happens, Snuggs the cat has to stay a secret!

Rescue on the Oregon Trail (Ranger in Time #1) by Kate Messner

Ranger has been trained as a search-and-rescue dog but can't officially pass the test because he's always getting distracted by squirrels during exercises. One day, he finds a mysterious first aid kit in the garden and is transported to the year 1850, where he meets a young boy named Sam Abbott. Sam's family is migrating west on the Oregon Trail, and soon after Ranger arrives, he helps the boy save his little sister. Ranger thinks his job is done, but the Oregon Trail can be dangerous, and the Abbotts need Ranger's help more than they realize!

You may download one of these books from Amazon or iBooks or purchase a print version. We will be using these books for our first unit of study in the fall, so you may want to read the one you choose near the start of school. You should also select additional reading of free choice books so that the total summer reading (including the required book) equals a **minimum of 150 pages**. For your convenience, I have included a list of books for summer reading that our librarian, Ms. Powers, recommends. However, you are not restricted to choosing books from the list. **On the first day of school, you will turn in a complete log of books read over the summer.** Please use the attached form for your reading log.

Choose **one** favorite book from your summer reading (besides the required book) and be prepared to share your choice with your classmates during the first week of school. The idea will be to share a wonderful reading experience and try to get your classmates excited about reading a book that you enjoyed. *No project is required.*

The most important thing is to read, read, read! Have fun and enjoy your summer! I am looking forward to sharing your 3rd grade year with you!

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Entering 3rd Grade Suggested Summer Reading

(These are **optional** titles selected by our librarian, Ms. Powers.)

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Ivan***. (Chapter Book)

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Applegate, Katherine. ***The One and Only Bob***. (Chapter Book)

A scrappy dog named Bob and his best friends, Ivan the gorilla and Ruby the elephant, undertake a dangerous journey to seek Bob's long-lost sister, but a storm is approaching and time is running out.

Barrows, Annie. ***The Best of Iggy***. (Series Chapter Book)

Iggy is a kid who is continuously getting in trouble, but he's not a bad kid at heart. When the best idea ever turns into the worst idea of all time, he tries to make amends. But will it be enough?

Blakemore, Megan Frazer. ***Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet*** (Series Chapter Book)

Frankie Sparks, the self-proclaimed "best inventor in the third grade," does research and creates a tool to try to persuade her classmates that a rat would make the best class pet.

Castillo, Lauren. ***Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us***. (Chapter Book)

When a storm separates Hedgehog from her lifelong friend, Muttie, she bravely sets out to find him and makes some very good new friends in the process.

Cheng, Andrea. ***The Year of the Garden***. (Chapter Book)

Anna moves to a new home and tries to grow a perfect garden -- only to realize that the garden she grows with her new friend is more than good enough, weeds and all.

Creech, Sharon. ***Saving Winslow***. (Chapter Book)

Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures--not even lightning bugs, worms, or goldfish. So when his father brings home a sickly, newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him.

Holm, Jennifer L. ***Lion of Mars***. (Chapter Book) (2022 *Texas Bluebonnet Book)

Bell has spent his whole life - all eleven years of it - on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid - he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. Like, why don't have contact with anyone on the other Mars colonies? Why are they so isolated? When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It's up to Bell - a regular kid in a very different world - to uncover the truth and save his family ... and possibly unite an entire planet.

MacLachlan, Patricia. ***Sarah, Plain and Tall***. (Chapter Book)

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

Mlynowski, Sarah. ***Whatever After: Fairest of All***. (Series Chapter Book)

After moving to a new house, ten-year-old Abby and her younger brother Jonah discover an antique mirror that transports them into the Snow White fairy tale.

Phelan, Matt. ***Knights vs. Dinosaurs***. (Chapter Book)

With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all—dinosaurs.

Selfors, Suzanne. ***Wedgie & Gizmo***. (Chapter Book)

While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).

Slade, Suzanne. ***Swish!: The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High-Flying Harlem Globetrotters***. (Picture Book Biography) (2022 Texas Bluebonnet Book)

The true story of the high-flying Harlem Globetrotters -- the team that changed basketball forever.

Sternberg, Julie. ***Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie***. (Chapter Book)

When nine-year-old Eleanor's beloved babysitter Bibi moves away to care for her ailing father, Eleanor must spend the summer adjusting to a new babysitter while mourning the loss of her old one.

Watson, Reneè. ***Ways to Make Sunshine***. (Chapter Book)

Meet fourth grader, Ryan Hart. She (yes, Ryan is a girl name, too) is full of life, spunk and wonderment. Her father recently lost his job, the family moved to a new/old house, her brother can be a pest, and Ryan is navigating life and friendships. Though she faces a series of challenges, Ryan has learned ways to make sunshine out of her situations.

*The Texas Bluebonnet Award (TBA) reading program was established in 1979 to encourage children to read more books for pleasure, to explore a wide variety of titles, and to develop powers of discrimination. A list of twenty books, both fiction and nonfiction, is chosen by Texas librarians each year.

Name: _____

Date	Title of Book	# of Pages	Did you like this book? What was your favorite part?	Parent's initials

Each student should read **a minimum of 150 pages**. Enjoy!