



GRAND RAPIDS CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SOARING THROUGH SUMMER

Dear GRCS Parents,

Congratulations! Your child has made it through an exciting 2nd grade year and into the summer! It's time to head outdoors, enjoy nature, build forts, make s'mores, and do all those other quality, summer-time activities. Rest well, we know your child has worked hard throughout the past school year.

Along with the thrills of summer, we look forward to the coming school year! As we look ahead, we are happy to offer an opportunity to keep your child learning throughout the summer season! We hope to hit the ground running this August as we explore and learn in 3rd grade. To do so most effectively, we'd love for our students to continue reading and keeping their math skills sharp throughout the summer. The following is a collection of fun activities and books for you and your child to enjoy. We ask that you and your child would invest some time and effort in working through the suggestions in this packet.

We are so excited to see you in 3rd grade next year. Until then, take flight and soar through the summer!

See you in August!

Your GRCS 3rd grade teaching team

THIRD GRADE SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

- Ellie, Engineer* by Jackson Pearce
- STAT: Standing Tall and Talented: Home Court* by Amar'e Stoudemire
- The Kicks* by Alex Morgan
- Diary of a Minecraft Zombie Book* by Herobrine Books
- The Great Shelby Holmes* by Elizabeth Eulberg
- Nick and Tesla's High-Voltage Danger Lab* by Bob Pflugfelder & Steve Hockensmith
- Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen* by Candace Fleming
- Too Small Tola* by Antinuke
- JD and the Great Barber Battle* by J. Dillard

Super Series!

- The Critter Club* by Callie Barkley and Marsha Riti
- Dolphin Rescue (Animal Planet Adventures #1)* by Catherine Nichols
- Mira Mayhem* by Kara West
- The Rescue Princesses* by Paula Harrison
- Puppy Place* by Ellen Miles
- Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures* by Jackson Pearce and Maggie Stiefvater
- Make Way for Dyanonde Daniel* by Nikki Grimes
- The Misadventures of Salem Hyde Spelling Trouble* by Frank Cammuso
- Dragonbreath* by Ursula Vernon
- Definitely Dominguita* by Terry Catasús
- Of Giants and Ice* by Shelby Bach
- Whatever After* by Sarah Mlynowski
- Anna Hibiscus* by Atinuke
- Zoo Camp Puzzle* by Gail Herman
- Mindy Kim* by Lyla Lee
- Secret Agent Jack Stalwart* by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- A Biography for New Readers* by various authors
- I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis
- Doodle Adventures: The Search for Slimy Space Slugs!* by Mike Lowery
- Myth-O-Mania* by Kate McMullan
- Pedro* by Fran Manushkin
- Lola Levine* by Monica Brown
- Lunch Lady* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- Wayside School* by Louis Sachar
- Libby Loves Science* by Kimberly Derting & Shelli R. Johannes
- The Year of . . .* by Andrea Cheng
- Aven Green* by Dusti Bowling

Topic	Discussion prompts
Fiction: Characters	<p>What is the character like?</p> <p>How did the character change throughout the book?</p> <p>How are you similar to the character? How are you different?</p>
Fiction: Plot	<p>What happened at the beginning of the story?</p> <p>What was the most exciting part of the story? Why was it exciting?</p> <p>What happens at the end?</p>
Fiction: Setting	<p>Why did the author choose the setting?</p> <p>What would happen to the story if you change the setting?</p>
Informational Text:	<p>What is the topic of the book?</p> <p>What illustration (graph, timeline, pictures, etc.) gave you more information about your topic?</p> <p>Why do you think the author wrote the book?</p> <p>What new information did you learn while reading this book?</p> <p>What new wonderings do you have?</p>
Any books	<p>What have you been wondering as you read?</p> <p>What does this book remind you of?</p> <p>Were there parts that surprised you?</p> <p>What are you going to read next?</p>

Use the 5-finger rule to tell if a book's a good fit!

Use [Common Sense Media](#) to ensure books are appropriate for your child and to find other great book recommendations.

SUGERENCIAS DE LECTURA PARA 3er GRADO

- Geronimo Stilton* (serie) por Geronimo Stilton
- Zak Zoo* (serie) por Justine Smith
- Minina Mala* (serie) by Nick Bruel
- Lunch Lady y el sustituto cibernético* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka
- El autobús mágico* (serie) por Judy Katschke
- Judy Moody* (serie) por Megan McDonald
- Stink* (serie) por Megan McDonald
- Busca Fieras* (serie) por Adam Blade
- Narval: Unicornio marino* por Ben Clanton
- Los tipos malos* (serie) por Aaron Blabey
- Eva y Beba* (serie) by Annie Barrows
- La telaraña de Carlota* por E.B. White
- Sobreviví* (serie) by Lauren Tarshis
- Cloe y su unicornio* por Dana Simpson
- Mi vida en dibujo* por Bea García
- Frida Kahlo y sus animalitos* por Monica Brown
- Scholastic: Explora tu mundo* (serie)
- Hombre Perro* (serie) por Dav Pilkey
- Galapagueña* por Marsha Diane Arnold
- ¡Fushhh! El chorro de inventos súper húmedos de Lonnie Johnson* por Chris Barton
- La casa del árbol* (serie) por Mary Pope Osborne
- El ratoncito de la moto* por Beverly Cleary
- Stelaluna* por Jannell Cannon
- ¡Listo, Calixto!* (serie) por Abby Klein
- Alex, súperdetective* por Barbara Mitchellhill
- Misión piratas* by Geronimo Stilton
- La luz de Lucía* by Margarita del Mazo
- The Rescue Princesses* by Paula Harrison
- Puppy Place* by Ellen Miles
- ¡Peligro, basura espacial!* Por Geronimo Stilton
- El día en que descubres quién eres* por Jacqueline Woodson
- Lola Levine* por Monica Brown

Tema	Preguntas de discusión
Ficción: Personajes	<p>¿Cómo es el personaje?</p> <p>¿Cómo cambió el personaje a través del libro?</p> <p>¿Cómo eres similar al personaje? ¿Cómo eres diferente?</p>
Ficción: Trama	<p>¿Qué pasó al principio del cuento?</p> <p>¿Cuál fue la parte más emocionante de la historia? ¿Por qué fue emocionante?</p> <p>¿Qué pasó al final?</p>
Ficción: Escenario/ Lugar	<p>¿Por qué el autor escogió ese lugar?</p> <p>¿Qué pasaría en el cuento si cambiarías el lugar?</p>
Texto informativo:	<p>¿Cuál es el tema del libro?</p> <p>¿Cuál ilustración (gráfica, línea de tiempo, fotos, etc.) te dieron más información sobre tu tema?</p> <p>¿Por qué piensas que el autor escribió el libro?</p> <p>¿Qué información nueva aprendiste al leer este libro?</p> <p>¿Qué nuevas preguntas tienes después de leer este libro?</p>
Cualquier libro	<p>¿Qué te has estado preguntando mientras lees?</p> <p>¿A que te recuerda este libro?</p> <p>¿Hubo alguna parte que te sorprendió?</p> <p>¿Cuál es el siguiente libro que vas a leer?</p>

¡Usa la regla de los 5 dedos para saber si es un buen libro para ti!
 Use [Common Sense Media](#) to ensure books are appropriate for your child and to find other great book recommendations.

REWARD YOUR READER: WEST MICHIGAN SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Grand Rapids is full of great resources for summer reading! Check individual sites to read further plans. Below is the list of libraries and bookstores that have offered programming over the past few years.

[Baker Book House:](#)

While they are yet to advertise a summer reading program, Baker Book House is a great place to stock up on books! Keep an eye on their website for possible programming.

[Barnes and Noble:](#)

Track your reading to earn a free best-selling book of your choice using B&N's summer reading journal.

[Grand Rapids Public Library:](#)

Earn great prizes and participate in free events throughout the summer. Stop by your local GRPL branch to sign up!

[Kent District Library:](#)

Earn free books and other great prizes through your reading this summer. KDL will host a variety of free, family-focused events you won't want to miss.

[Schuler's:](#)

Earn up to \$15 of store credit through your summer reading. Check out their website for information about cool events to enjoy on hot summer days.

[Pizza Hut Camp Book It!:](#)

Join Camp BOOK IT! and keep rewarding your kids all summer long. Track and reward your kids' reading for June, July and August in our digital dashboard. When they meet their monthly reading goal, they'll receive a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza® from Pizza Hut! We'll also share fun activities and book recommendations each week to keep the fun going throughout the summer! Enroll today!

Know of other reading opportunities in the Grand Rapids area? Be sure to connect with others and feel free to email [Graham Schultze](mailto:Graham.Schultze) to include them in Soaring through Summer next year.

MATH IN THIRD GRADE

IXL in 3rd Grade

IXL is available for students this summer! Students can use IXL to practice math skills and stay sharp. We've selected our top skills for 3rd Graders below. Follow these directions to make the most of this awesome website!

Login Instructions:

1. Access the GRCS IXL login page [here](#).
2. Use your child's username and password to log in (this can be obtained from your child's 2021-22 classroom teacher).

Username: _____

Password: _____

3. Go to the Math tab.
4. Choose 3rd grade math by clicking the rounded tab with a 3 or E on it.
5. Click on the suggested skills below.
6. Get practicing!

Try working on each skill until you achieve a Smartscore of 80!

Category	Skills							
Numbers and Comparing	A3	A4	A5	A7	A9	A10	A11	
Place Values	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8
Understand Multiplication	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8
Logical Reasoning		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Money		S1	S2	S3	S5	S6		

Finished? Head to the recommendations tab and keep learning!



Using Math in Everyday Life

Just because school is done, doesn't mean math disappears until fall. Seek out opportunities to use math in real world ways throughout your summer together. Take a look at all the different ways you can connect the things you're already doing with math concepts students learn in school.

- Bake together to practice fractions, addition, and time.
- Go grocery shopping together and compare prices, weigh items and count change.
- Plan, measure out and build something together.
- Host a lemonade stand
- Practice telling time
- Sort and count change collected at home
- Complete puzzles or play games like Uno, Monopoly, Battleship, Yahtzee, Chess, Checkers, Sudoku, Tangrams, or your own favorite card games.

Build Skills Using Math Games

There are so many great math skill games available. Here are some teacher approved games that are definitely worth checking out:

[Box Cars and One-Eyed Jacks Math Games](#): Using just dice and a deck of playing cards, try one of many games listed on this site to reinforce skills!

[Xtramath](#): In just 10 minutes a day, kids can practice basic facts tailored to them. They'll only practice the ones they haven't yet mastered instead of wasting time practicing what they already know. The app is \$5 but the website is always free. Reach out to your child's 2021-22 teacher for account information.

Email Address: _____ **Username:** _____

Password : _____

[Abcya](#): Abcya is a fantastic collection of ELA and math games covering math skills in a variety of engaging ways. Like an arcade, kids can jump in and out of games as they like. So many choices, there's bound to be something they'll love.

[Prodigy](#): Kids love Prodigy because it feels more like a video game than a math review website. Kids explore new worlds, meet interesting characters and compete against other characters all powered by answering correct math questions.

Also, check out [Mr. McWhertor's website](#) for great math games at all grade levels!