


CLASS	TITLE OF TEXT	COVER	AUTHOR	ISBN#	PUBLISHER / ORDERING LINK & NOTES
3 rd Grade Summer Reading	<i>Third Grade Angels</i>		Jerry Spinelli	978-0545500753	Arthur A. Levine Books New or used books are permitted Amazon

Summary

Through Suds's experiences and interactions with his classmates and teachers, Spinelli explores themes of friendship, kindness, and self-discovery, inviting reflection on the significance of integrity and empathy amidst the ups and downs of elementary school life.

Directions

Students will write a written response to the following prompt:

In friendly letter format, write a letter to Jerry Spinelli, the author of *Third Grade Angels*. In this letter, please include the following:

1. Describe your favorite part of the book. Include details from the book and two reasons for your choice.
2. What character stood out most to you? Talk about this person's character traits and what makes them memorable.
3. Suds says he feels "Chipmunky" about the first day of school. Tell Mr. Spinelli how you get rid of the "chipmunk" in your own life.

Purpose

This assignment allows students to practice summarizing, a skill that students continue to develop each and every year of school. Summarizing helps students to slow down and think about what they've read and gives students the opportunity to develop their reading comprehension skills. In Grade 3 we will learn how to slow down as readers and read for deeper understanding. Taking the time to answer questions and develop strong thinking skills will be a large part of our reading focus. Additionally, as students read about Suds's experiences they will be prompted to make connections to the text and consider why motives matter and evaluate how we cope with the stress and pressure we put on ourselves.

Honor Code

Integrity is an essential component of the Sage Ridge experience to support the pursuit of academic and personal honesty. We expect the highest standard of respect towards the School and all members of our community.

*All students are reminded of our *Honor Code* and are responsible for reading the works assigned without consulting commercial notes, internet guides and summaries, or any source other than the work required or chosen. Students are not to use abridgments.

