



# Rising Third Grade Summer Tips

## Keep Academic Skills Strong This Summer in Preparation for Grade 3

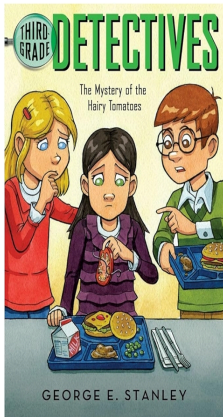
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### READING

Here are some series that are popular and appropriate for a variety of levels.

- A to Z Mysteries
- American Girl
- Horrible Harry
- Babysitter's Club
- Bailey School Kids
- Beverly Cleary
- Black Lagoon
- Adventures
- The Boxcar Children
- Cam Jansen
- Clementine
- Daisy Dawson
- Encyclopedia Brown
- Flat Stanley
- Geronimo Stilton
- Hank Zipzer
- Humphrey books
- Ivy & Bean
- Judy Moody
- Magic Tree House
- Matt Christopher
- Roald Dahl
- Ready Freddy
- Stink
- Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing/
- Judy Blume

### Summer Required Reading



*The Mystery of the Hairy Tomatoes* by George E. Stanley

### Reading Fluency: (n. the ability to read text accurately and quickly, with good expression)

Every child should practice reading fluency this summer through the use of text that is familiar and at levels of text that are not too difficult. You can do repeated readings of your favorite books or poems.

Try a fun way to listen to your child read - record them reading aloud on an iPod, computer, or electronic recorder! Have them listen back to their reading and then read it again, aiming to improve phrasing and expression! Read together - assign characters for reading parts, read fun repetitive text like Dr. Seuss, a favorite picture book, some fun poems, or try *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You* books!

### Reading Comprehension:

No matter the reading level, it is not enough to simply read a book and move on.

It is imperative that every reader read independently, but also that they are read to and read with! Exposure to language, sustaining understanding, and enhancing reading comprehension is crucial so that every reader continues to grow! Make it a family event - read a book together, or sit down and read at the same time!

Here are some comprehension strategies you can use at home:

### Before reading

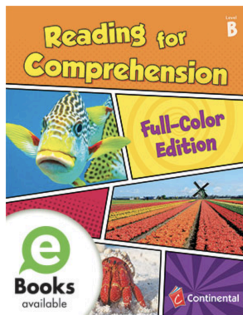
- Connect Prior Knowledge
- Make Predictions
- Discuss wonderings or questions you have?
- Discuss the setting
- Look at the text features/structures
- Set a purpose for reading!

### During reading

- Point to the Words
- Make Connections
- Summarize as you read
- Make inferences
- Ask Questions
- Make predictions
- Visualize
- Chunk the words/syllables as you read
- Stop and think- does this make sense? If not, reread!

### After reading

- Discuss the main idea and details
- Sequence
- Cause and Effect
- Compare and Contrast
- Make Connections
  - text to self
  - text to world
  - text to text
- Draw Conclusions
- Evaluate the author's point of view



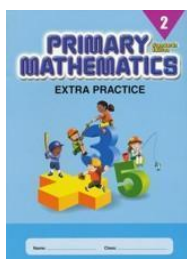
Complete the remaining stories in the Reading for Comprehension workbook.

## WRITING

Your summer is going to be filled with so many fun-filled days: trips to the pool, play dates with friends, camps, games, vacations with families, etc. Be sure to keep a record of all your exciting activities in a writing journal. Add photos or illustrations. Edit all your written work to make sure that you have told the whole story with details and that others can understand it clearly (punctuation, capitalization, spelling, and, of course, neatness).

In addition to a journal, you can keep your writing skills strong by sending letters to family and friends (use your Charlotte Christian School Community Directory for addresses). You could even try an email. Your teacher would LOVE to get a note from you in her inbox! You may find it exciting to write to a business or company (or even a famous person/role model) you like (Carolina Panthers, LEGO, Star Wars, American Girl Doll) and request information from them! Remind anyone you write to write you back so you can receive mail as well!

## MATH



### [Second Grade Math Extra Practice Book](#)

For additional practice, you can purchase a math extra practice workbook on Amazon. This workbook is the extra practice book from our math series.

Be sure to use the math pack for reinforcement of concepts that are on grade-level expectations.

Math fact fluency is an essential skill for rising third graders. Practice both addition and subtraction facts and work for quicker and quicker recall (with accuracy) of answers. Students may use [Reflex Math](#) to practice fluency and [Freckle](#) for adaptive practice. (Students have login information.) Practice math skills on your own using a whiteboard or sidewalk chalk. Practice number bonds for addition and subtraction or multiplication and division!

Do not let their problem-solving skills weaken. They can solve word problems with model drawing! Families can make up problems for students to solve at the dinner table, in the car, etc.

What time is it?! Students can keep up with the time with their own analog watch! When someone asks you what time it is, they will know! Parents, when discussing the time with your child, also discuss “elapsed time.” Ask questions like “If the movie begins at 3:30 p.m. and lasts two hours, what time will it be over?” or “How long were we at the park today?”

Finally, use this [CCS summer math calendar](#) for simple, daily math practice to keep skills fresh over the summer!

**HELPFUL LINKS:** Below are some resources and suggestions for you.

**Reading:** All Charlotte Christian students are strongly encouraged to read over the summer!

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