

Dear Almost Third Grade Parents and Students,

Even though Third Grade is a few months away, here are some activities that will help you prepare for it.

First, **Read! Read! Read!** Each child must read 2 books. They must read the book Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares by *Frank Murphy* and complete the “**Follow the Arrows**” **book report form**. For their second book, they may pick any book from the suggested reading list. The child must then complete the “**Comic Strip**” assignment for this second book.

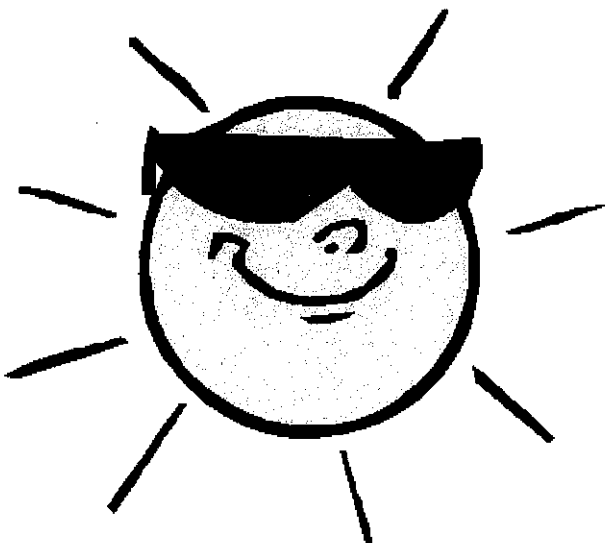
Next, each student must complete at least 10 hours of math skill review through websites, apps, flashcards, games, etc. A list of websites/apps will be sent home with an hour log in sheet as well. It is to your advantage if one digit addition and subtraction can be accomplished without the use of finger counting. In third grade, we begin multiplication and division facts. Memorization of the multiplication tables is imperative. The more practice you have with these facts, the better you will do in third grade math.

Also, you will find some of the **Science and Social Studies topics** we will cover next year. You can familiarize your child with these topics by going to a museum, or the library, or, with adult supervision, access the internet and explore the topics that you are curious about.

Finally, attached is a **supplies list**. All supplies should be brought to school on the first day. There are a few items that must be bought from the school stationery, while others can be purchased at a store of your choice.

God Bless,

Ms. Victoria McMullen

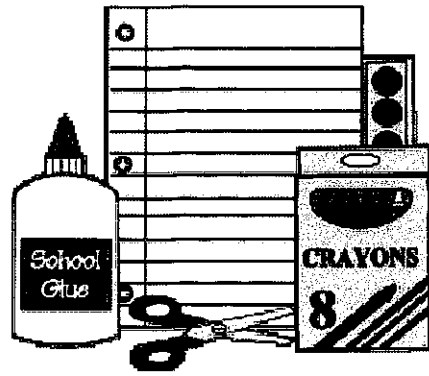


Third Grade Supply List

School Stationery

4 copybooks

1 Student Assignment Planner



Store of your choice

1 Marble copybook- wide ruled

5 two pocket folders

2 pencil cases (1 for pencils and pens, 1 for art supplies)

2 Highlighters

2 Red pens

4 Sharpened Wooden Pencils with erasers (**no mechanical pencils**)

Scissors

Crayons (no more than 32)

Markers

Colored Pencils

2 Glue Sticks (Please no liquid)

Ruler (12 inch with centimeters)

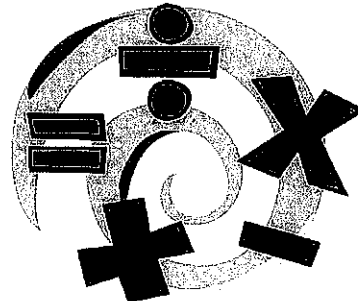
1 Package of loose leaf paper

1 Book Sock

Box of Tissues

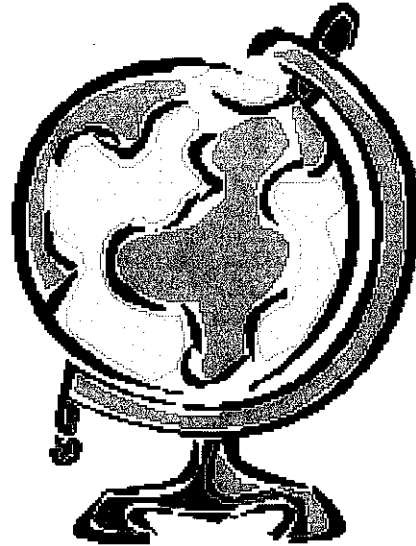
Cleaning Wipes

Roll of paper towels



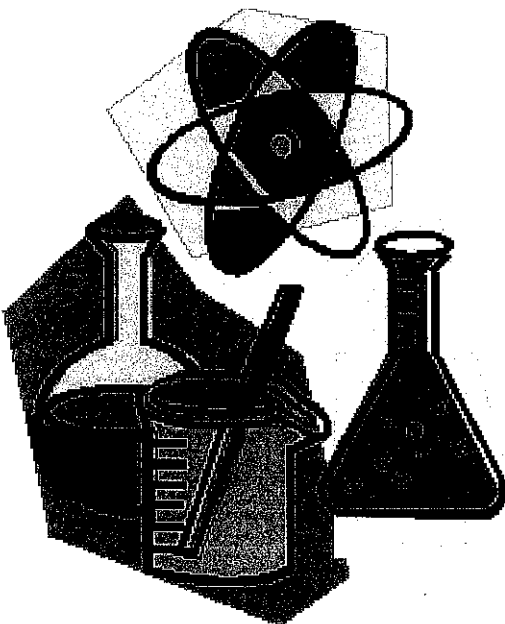
Social Studies:

- **Timelines**
- **Geography**
- **Maps and Globes**
- **Government**
- **Communities**



Science:

- **Water Cycle**
- **Force and Motion**
- **Human Body**
- **Ecosystems**
- **Food Chains**



K-5th Grade Summer Math Review

*Don't let summer go by without reviewing math skills!!!!

*Utilize any of the websites below to help review:

- www.sheppardsoftware.com
- nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html
- www.funbrain.com
- www.IXL.com
- www.hoodamath.com

*Apps to review math skills:

- Jungle Time
- King of Math
- Sushi Math (Grades 3-5)
- Tap Times Table (Grades 3-5)

Math Reminders:

Please work on the following skills over the summer:

- Single digit addition and subtraction without the use of finger counting.
- Introducing the multiplication tables, especially, the 2's, 5's, and 10's.

The more practice you have with these facts, the better you will do in third grade math. You will also find an attached list of suggested websites to help provide math practice.

Second Grade Entering Third Grade

Ah, Music! – Alikei ©2005 Surveys the history and components of music, concentrating on Western musical traditions. Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

Almost Zero – Nikki Grimes ©2010 Dya Monde really wants red high-top sneakers. Too bad they're so expensive! A classmate tells her it's her mom's job to give her what she needs, but when Dya Monde tries that argument, her mom teaches her a lesson by literally only giving her what she needs.

Age Range: 7 – 9 Years Grade Level: 2 – 4

The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man -

Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade - Melissa Sweet ©2011

Everyone's a New Yorker on Thanksgiving Day, when young and old rise early to see what giant new balloons will fill the skies for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Who first invented these "upside-down puppets"? Meet Tony Sarg, puppeteer extraordinaire! In brilliant collage illustrations, Caldecott Honor artist Melissa Sweet tells the story of the puppeteer Tony Sarg, capturing his genius, his dedication, his zest for play, and his long-lasting gift to America—the inspired helium balloons that would become the trademark of Macy's Parade. Robert F. Sibert Medal and the NCTE Orbis Pictus Award

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

The Case of the Lost Boy – Dori Hillestad Butler ©2010 "My name is King. I am a dog. I am also a detective." King has a very big mystery to solve. His family is missing, and he's been put in the P-O-U-N-D. Why doesn't his beloved human (Kayla) come to get him? When King is adopted by Connor and his mom, things get more confusing. The new family calls him Buddy!

Christian the Lion – Anthony Bourke ©2009 As Ace and John, two friends, are searching for holiday gifts in London, they come across a lion cub for sale in Harrods, the famous department store! Unable to bear the thought of leaving the cub, Ace and John take him home and name him Christian.

Age Range: 9 - 11 Years Grade Level: 3 - 5

Dear Primo a Letter to My Cousin – Duncan Tonatiuh ©2010 Two cousins, one in Mexico and one in New York City, write to each other and learn that even though their daily lives differ, at heart the boys are very similar. Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

How I Learned Geography - Uri Shulevitz ©2008 Recounting memories of his family's flight from the Warsaw Blitz and his years as a refugee during World War II, Shulevitz employs watercolor and ink to depict a boy liberated from his dreary existence. Caldecott Honor Book

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

The Iridescence of Birds: A Book About Henri Matisse - Patricia MacLachlan ©2014 If you were a boy named Henri Matisse who lived in a dreary town in northern France, what would your life be like? Would it be full of color and art? Full of lines and dancing figures?

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

It's Probably Penny - Loreen Leedy ©2007 Lisa's class is learning about probability. For part of her homework, she has to think of an event that will happen, one that might happen, and one that can't happen. Who is that Boston terrier that keeps popping into Lisa's imagination? It's probably Penny!

Age Range: 6 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

Just Grace Goes Green - Charise Mericle ©2009 Grace can do a lot of things ... but can she save the planet? Or at the very least, can she help her best friend Mimi get her favorite stuffed animal back?

Age Range: 6 - 9 Years Grade Level: 1 - 4

Libby of High Hopes – Elise Primavera ©2012 Ten-year-old Libby Thump loves two things: her dog Margaret and horses. She dreams about them, draws them all the time, and more than anything she wants to take lessons and learn to ride like a real horsewoman. Age Range 7 – 10 Years Grade Level: 2 - 4

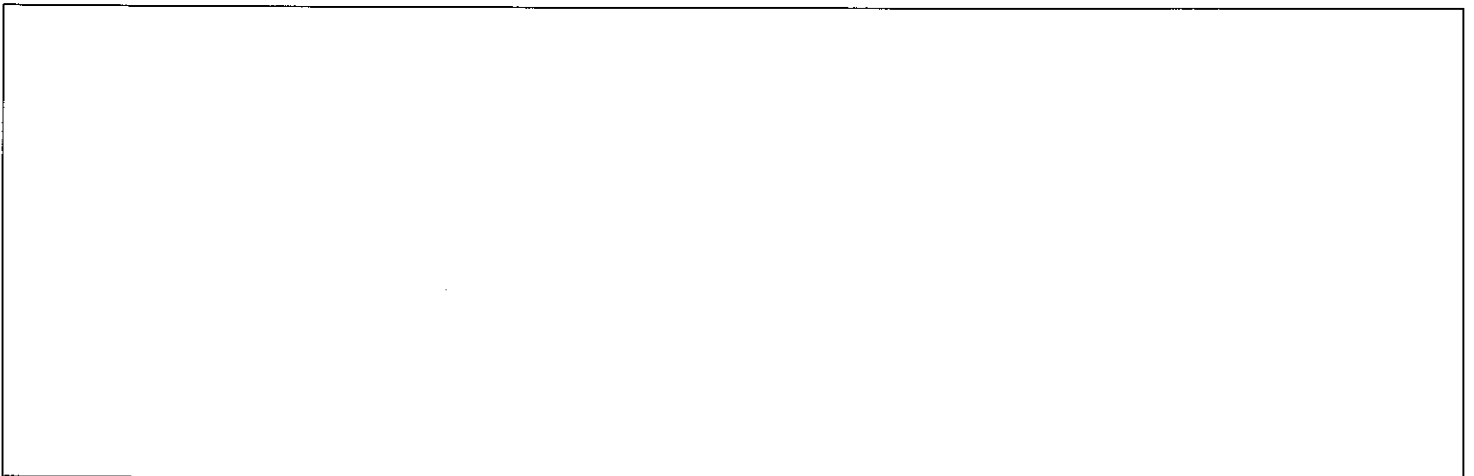
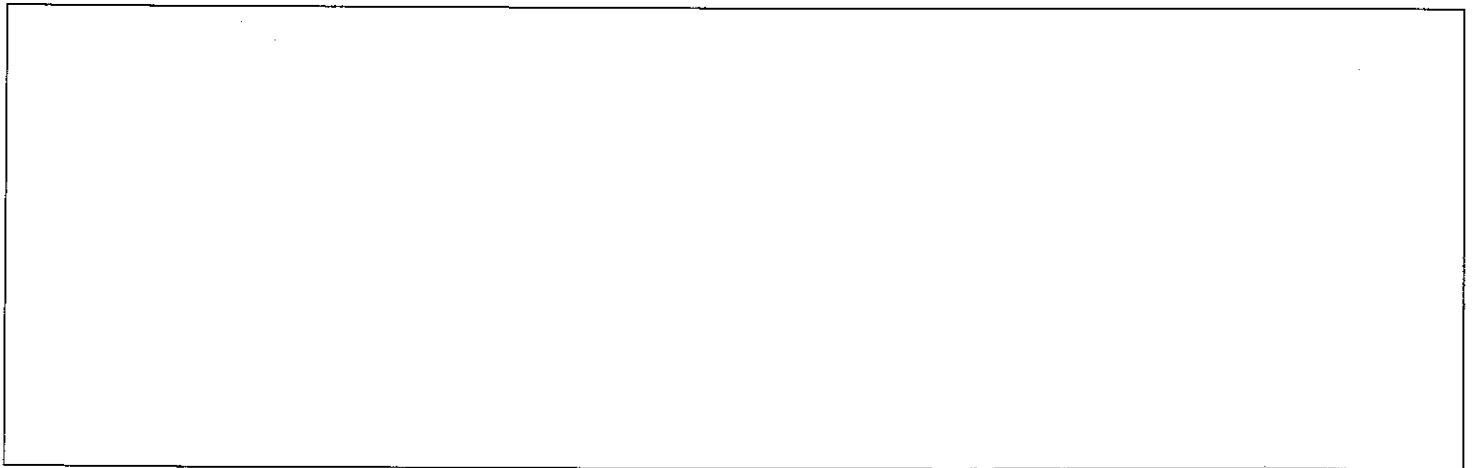
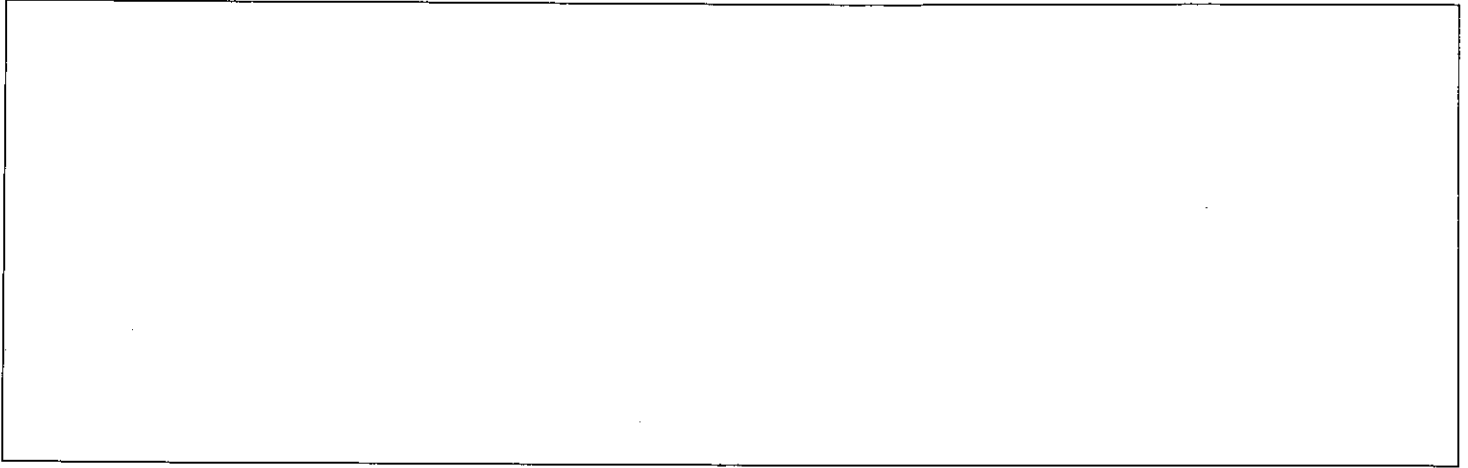
Minette's Feast: The Delicious Story of Julia Child and Her Cat - Susanna Reich ©2012 While Julia is in the kitchen learning to cook up elaborate, delicious dishes; the only feast Minette is truly interested in is that of fresh mouse. Age Range: 5 - 8 Years Grade Level: 1 - 3

Comic Strip Book Report

Name _____ Date _____

Title _____ Author _____

Draw a comic strip showing the events of your favorite part of the book.

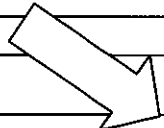


Follow the Arrows
Book Report

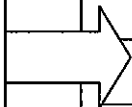
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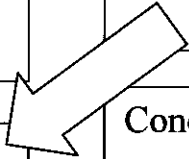
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Characters

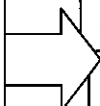


Problem/Conflict



Main Events

Conclusion



Did you like the book?
