



Third Grade Summer Reading 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

Reading is an important foundation for our imagination and creativity, so every Brookfield student is encouraged to read throughout the summer vacation. Incoming third grade students are expected to read at least three (3) books over the summer. Their summer assignment is to design, write, and send a postcard based on one of these free choice books. Please read the following instructions carefully.

Please select two (2) **free choice books** from the suggestions included. The wide variety in genre should accommodate readers of all interests, but suggestions are welcome. This reading should be enjoyable. However, we do ask that students challenge themselves to read books that are approximately 150+ pages (the minimum requirement for the novels used for their monthly book reports in third grade), and that whatever they read challenges them, both as readers and thinkers. **For their summer assignment, incoming third grade students are expected to create and send a postcard for one of these free choice books.** The template and guidelines are attached.

Additionally, each third grade student is **required** to read the book **Soft Rain: A Story of Cherokee Trail of Tears by Cornelia Cornelissen**. This is a historical fiction novel that follows the journey of a young Cherokee girl. **This novel is required summer reading, but we suggest you wait to read it (or re-read it) in August, so that it is fresh in the scholar's mind when school begins.** We will use this novel to help us learn, together in class, how to write and produce our first full book report for third grade. It would be helpful for students to acquire their own hard copy (some like the e-version), as we will refer to it often during the first few weeks of school. Students should also use the Chapter Organizer and prepare to turn it in during the first week of school. I can't wait to hear from you! Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Ms. Moore

Postcard Guidelines

Postcards are a great way to communicate from afar and can make for the perfect summary for a great summer reading book. All postcards must be addressed to Ms. Moore and be filled out entirely for the five sections of a postcard. You may actually mail it or turn in in during the first week of school:

1. **Heading:** Date in the full form: July 18, 2023
2. **Address:** Ms. Moore
% Brookfield School
6115 Riverside Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95831
3. **Greeting:** Dear Ms. Moore,
4. **Body:**
 - Must be 5-7 sentences long
 - Must include book title and author
 - Must include a brief description of the main character, the setting, main conflict, and its resolution.
 - Must include a question addressed to the teacher.
5. **Closing & signature:** Sincerely, Your Friend, Your Student, etc.
6. **Colorful illustration:** A special feature of a postcard includes a colorful image that represents the location it is being sent from. **The front of this postcard should have a colorful illustration that shows an important scene from the book.**

Sample Postcard:

Dear Ms. Moore,

The Wizard of Oz by Frank Baum was such an exciting book to read in the summer sun! Dorothy and ToTo her new friends, the Tin Man, Cowardly Lion, and Scarecrow, had such a great adventure in the make believe land of Oz. I'm glad they all became friends because they really needed each other's help on this difficult journey. Dorothy was really kind to all of her friends. They were all in search of the Great Oz to give them each a gift. Although The Wizard was a fraud, I'm glad they were able to all work together to get Dorothy back to Kansas and solve the problem. I had many make-believe adventures with my friends this summer too. Did you have any magical adventures this summer? I hope you did!

Your Student,

[Student Name]

Third Grade Book Summer Reading Book List

Please note: many of these authors have written several fabulous books or series. For simplicity's sake, I've only listed the title of the first book in a series--but you are welcome to read other titles by these authors or books in these series. What I have listed is just the beginning... When in doubt, please send me an email: afiya.moore@brookfieldschool.org. Happy Reading!

Animal Stories

<u>The One and Only Ivan</u>	Katherine Applegate
<u>Henry and Ribsy</u>	Beverly Cleary
<u>The Tale of Despereaux, Because of Winn Dixie, Flora & Ulysses</u>	Kate DiCamillo
<u>The Black Stallion</u>	Walter Farley
<u>Misty of Chincoteague</u>	Marguerite Henry
<u>Shiloh</u>	Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
<u>The Cricket in Times Square</u>	George Selden
<u>Stuart Little</u>	E.B. White

Fantasy Sci-Fi

<u>The Wizard of Oz</u>	Frank L. Baum
<u>The Enormous Egg</u>	Oliver Buttsworth
<u>The Land of Stories series</u>	Chris Colfer
<u>Gregor the Overlander</u>	Suzanne Collins
<u>The BFG, The Witches, Matilda, James and the Giant Peach</u>	Roald Dahl
<u>The Spiderwick Chronicles</u>	Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi
<u>Seven Day Magic</u>	Edgar Eager
<u>The Phantom Tollbooth</u>	Norton Juster
<u>The Ordinary Princess</u>	M.M. Kaye
<u>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</u>	C.S. Lewis
<u>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</u>	Grace Lin
<u>Mrs. Frisby & the Rats Of NIMH</u>	Robert C. O'Brien
<u>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</u>	J.K. Rowling
<u>Mary Poppins series</u>	P.L. Travers
<u>Dealing with Dragons</u>	Patricia Wrede

Fiction

<u>Tuck Everlasting</u>	Natalie Babbitt
<u>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing , Superfudge</u>	Judy Blume

<u>The Faraway Tree</u>	Enid Blyton
<u>The Children of Green Knowe</u>	L.M. Boston
<u>A Little Princess, The Secret Garden</u>	Francis H. Burnett
<u>Cheaper by the Dozen</u>	Ernestine Gilbreth Carey
<u>Ramona series, Dear Mr. Henhaw</u>	Beverly Cleary
<u>Bud, Not Buddy</u>	Christopher Paul Curtis
<u>The Moffats , Ginger Pye</u>	Eleanor Estes
<u>My Side of the Mountain</u>	Jean Craighead George
<u>Pippi Longstocking</u>	Astrid Lindgren
<u>Five Children and It,</u>	E. Nesbit
<u>The Borrowers, Bedknobs and Broomsticks</u>	Mary Norton
<u>Hatchet</u>	Gary Paulsen
<u>Henry Reed, Inc.</u>	Keith Robertson
<u>All-of-a-Kind-Family Uptown</u>	Sydney Taylor
<u>One Crazy Summer</u>	Rita Williams-Garcia
Historical Fiction	
<u>Caddie Woodlawn</u>	Carol Ryrie Brink
<u>The Great Brain</u>	John D. Fitzgerald
<u>The Cabin Faced West</u>	Jean Fritz
<u>When Hitler Stole the Pink Rabbit</u>	Judith Kerr
<u>Patty Reed's Doll</u>	Rachel Kelley Laurgaard
<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u>	Mildred D. Taylor
Mystery	
<u>Nancy Drew / Hardy Boys</u>	Caroyln Keene / Franklin W. Dixon
<u>Harriet the Spy</u>	Louis Fitzhugh
<u>Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library</u>	Chris Grabenstein
<u>Holes</u>	Louis Sachar
<u>The Series of Unfortunate Events</u>	Lemony Snicket
<u>The Boxcar Children</u>	Gertrude Warner

Postcard Template

This can be done on regular sized paper, just be sure it is formatted like an actual postcard.

P.S.- Don't forget your Drawing!

Date

Dear Ms. Moore,

Your Student,

[Your Name Here]

Place
Stamp
Here

To:
Brookfield School
% Afya Moore
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Sacramento, CA 95831