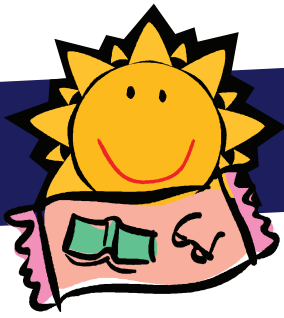


# Summer Reading

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## REQUIRED SUMMER READING and ASSIGNMENT

for soon-to-be 3rd graders

This summer you'll need to complete one of the Required Reading books and its assignment as well as two Reader's Choice books. You may ask for help understanding the assignments, but you must draft and edit them independently. The ideas and editing should reflect your abilities, not those of someone who helped you.

Choose one of the following (books are listed in order of difficulty) and complete the assignment.

Julian's Glorious Summer by Ann Cameron

Julian didn't want to try to ride a bike because he was afraid of falling. All kids (and grown-ups) are afraid to try new things sometimes. *Your assignment is* to write a story about a person who overcomes a fear and learns to do something that at first might seem difficult or impossible. This could be a true story about yourself or a fictional story about a made-up character. Describe the character's feelings and how s/he overcomes the feelings to learn to do something new or to adjust to a new situation.

The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

This book tells the story of an exciting summer spent by loving but competitive pair of siblings, Evan and Jessie. They have a personal conflict which becomes a professional one as well, as they set out to outsell each other at each of their lemonade stands. *Your assignment is* to write a story about a time when you had a conflict. Have you ever felt competitive with someone close to you, like a sibling or a good friend? How did the conflict begin/happen? What did you do? How was it resolved?

Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl

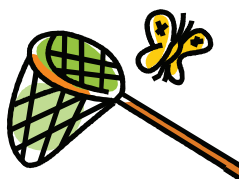
Mr. Fox and his family live under a tree on a hill, along with his friends. In order to keep his family fed, he steals food each night from one of the three mean farmers who also live on the hill. The farmers seek revenge and make many plans to get rid of Mr. Fox. *Your assignment is* to write a letter either to Mr. Fox letting him know that you think what he is doing to the farmers is okay, OR, a letter to one of the farmers letting him know that Mr. Fox is committing a crime.

You will share  
your story during  
the first week of school.

Your assignment should ...

- ◆ be typed in Times New Roman, font size 12
- ◆ be double-spaced
- ◆ have your name and date at the top
- ◆ be at least one full page

**Reader's Choice:** Choose at least two additional chapter books to read this summer.



Reading is fun, but it's also good for your continued intellectual growth — you have to exercise the muscle between your ears to keep it strong, toned, and ready for heavy lifting in the fall.

