Summer Reading Assignment

Second Grade Entering Third Grade

Dear Parents,

Each student will be required to read **one** fiction book, Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli or Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary.

In addition, students will read **one** non-fiction book of their choice. On the back is a list of recommended nonfiction series for second graders entering third grade. If choosing a book not listed, please make sure it is appropriate for your child's reading level.

I have also attached a list of recommended books from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. There are several great books that you might want to check out, but none are required for third grade.

After reading each book, students should complete the attached graphic organizers/reports. These reading assignments will be collected during the first week of school.

Nonfiction List

National Geographic Kids Readers– These books have TONS of images/photographs, so they are not intimidating to young readers. There are several different science and geography topics to choose from that are typically of high interest to kids. They are also filled with different kinds of text features and the perfect resource to teach this, even with older kids. There are THREE LEVELS of books within this series, students should choose books from levels 2 or 3.

Magic Tree House Nonfiction Companions– If you have a child who has enjoyed the Magic Tree House series, then she'll enjoy the nonfiction companions.

True Books Series –They have many books in this series that are great for studying history or other cultures and lands. I love the way the text is laid out with fun facts and captions. I also think the online resources provided towards the end of the book are a great way to expand kids' understandings of the topics.

Scholastic True or False– These books are highly interactive as kids guess whether the information is true or false. It's a great way to introduce a topic (they stick with mainly animals and Earth science).

Who Was? Series OR What Was? Series– This nonfiction series does a great job of presenting information surrounding a person or event in history, particularly American history, although there are some books in this series that do not pertain to American history, like *Who Was King Tut?* or *Who Was Queen Elizabeth?* These chapter books do a phenomenal job of filling in background knowledge for readers by providing extra blurbs on topics that pertain to the subject of the book.

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All That's Missing by Sarah Sullivan Secretly providing for himself and a beloved grandfather who is succumbing to dementia, young Arlo is placed in the care of a social worker and runs away to find and connect with his only other family member. **©2013 Grade Level 3-7**

Bad Bella by Ali Standish All Bella wants is a family who loves her for the dog she is. And perhaps some popcorn now and then (with extra butter). But with Christmas growing nearer and a new baby on the way, her adopted family finds that they have little patience and even less time for a dog. **©2019 Grade Level 3-4**

Grand Canyon by Jason Chin Rivers wind through earth, cutting down and eroding the soil for millions of years, creating a cavity in the ground 277 miles long, 18 miles wide, and more than a mile deep known as the Grand Canyon. **2018 Caldecott Honor Book, Sibert Honor Book ©2017 Grade Level 3-5**

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson. **1945 Newbery Honor New edition ©2004 Grade Level 3-5**

John Lincoln Clem: a Civil War Drummer Boy by E. F. Abbott Do you have what it takes to run off and join the army, leaving your family behind? That's what John Lincoln Clem, a nine-year-old boy living in Ohio, does as the American Civil War rages on. **©2017 Grade Level 3-4**

St. John Bosco and His Big Gray Dog by Hayley Medeiros It is hard to believe that anyone would have ever wanted to hurt good Father John Bosco. He helped so many people. But there were times when his life was in danger. During those times, a very special guardian would appear to protect him. **©2015 Grade Level 2-4**

Sergeant Reckless: The True Story of the Little Horse Who Became a Hero by Patricia McCormick When a group of US Marines fighting in the Korean War found a bedraggled mare, they wondered if she could be trained to a packhorse. **©2017 Grade Level 1-5**

Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant Louis Braille was just five years old when he lost his sight. He was a clever boy, determined to live like everyone else, and what he wanted more than anything was to be able to read. **©2016 Grade Level 2-4**

The Sign of the Carved Cross by Lisa M. Hendey Katie joins her friends in being mean to the new girl, Lily. But suddenly, Katie becomes the new girl—in 1675! She has no idea how she traveled in time to a Native American village, but she's hoping the young woman she meets will be nicer to her than Katie was to Lily. **©2015 Grade Level 2-5**

***Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement by Carole Boston* Weatherford** Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, even being beaten to within an inch of her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964. **2016 Caldecott Honor Book, Robert F. Sibert Honor Book, and John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award ©2015 Grade Level 3-6**

The Whisper in the Ruins (Chime Travelers) by Lisa M. Hendey Somebody is angry, and they're taking it out on St. Anne's. Patrick and his twin sister Katie are shocked when they learn that someone threw a brick through the St. Francis of Assisi stained glass window at St. Anne's. What would make someone angry enough to damage the beautiful old window? **©2016 Grade Level 2-5**

Wish by Barbara O'Connor "A story about a girl who, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers that family doesn't always have to be related--they are simply people who love you for who you are." **©2016 Grade Level 3-5**

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The Nonfiction News

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Two facts I found the most interesting:

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One question I am still wondering about:

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One unusual photograph or illustration: