



Summer Reading List For Students Entering Grade 3



Students are required to read two books and complete two responses over the summer, yet we encourage your child to read more books. Rising third graders will have **one nonfiction book that is required** for one of the two reading responses: *Who is Martin Luther King Junior* by Bonnie Bader (RC 4.6) It is also available online on YouTube as a read-aloud. Students may choose any of fiction books at their reading level for the second reading response.

The two responses will be collected in the first week of school, and will be counted toward their 1st quarter reading grade. The book response form is attached to this list. Books highlighted in yellow are books that emphasize honor and/or the virtues. RC stands for Reading Counts level.

Choose TWO books from the following list:

Abe Lincoln's Hat – Martha Brenner (RC 2.9)

Gabi's Mixed-up Spanglish Day Marisa Montes (RC 2.9)

Freckle Juice – Judy Blume (RC 3.0)

Sara Plain and Tall- Patricia MacLachlan (RC 3.4)

How to Eat Fried Worms – Rockwell (RC 3.5)

Surprise according to Humphry – Betty G. Birney (RC 3.8)

The Hundred Penny Box- Sharon Mathis (RC 3.9)

* *Stuart Little*- E.B. White (RC 3.9)

The Enormous Crocodile – Roald Dahl (RC 4.0)

The Korean Cinderella- Shirley Climo (RC 4.1)

The Velveteen Rabbit- Margery Williams Bianco (RC 4.1)

My Journey to the Stars- Astronaut Scott Kelly (RC 4.2)

**Little House on the Prairie*- Laura Ingalls Wilder (RC 4.2)

**Bunnicula: A Rabbit tale of Mystery* –Deborah Howe (RC 4.2)

* *Clementine*- Sara Pennypacker (RC 4.5)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane- Kate DiCamillo (RC 4.5)

My Father's Dragon- Gannett Ruth (RC 4.8)

Magic Treehouse's #8 Twisters and Other Terrible Storms- Mary Pope Osborne

Who was King Tut? - Roberta Edwards (RC 4.9)

Book Series:

Rainbow Fairy: Pet Fairies (2.7-3.4)

The Boxcar Children (Series) – Gertrude Warner

Tomie de Paola Book of Bible Stories- Tomie DePaola (illustrator)

Judy Moody (Series) - Megan McDonald

Horrible Harry (Series) –Suzy Kline

The Black Lagoon (Series) – Mike Thaler

Note to Parents: Books marked with an asterisk (*) were on the Battle of the Books List for this grade.

**Holy Spirit Preparatory School
Summer Reading Book Response
Grade 3**

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Book title: _____

Author: _____

Choose two of the following questions to answer. Please either write a response using **lined** paper or type your response. You must have a full paragraph (minimum of 5 sentences) response to **each** question you choose to answer. (Make sure you complete **two response questions** for **each** book you read!)

- **What is your opinion of the characters?**
 - Be sure to explain **why** you feel the way you do about the characters (what did they do in the story to influence your thinking?).

- **What do you wished happened in the book?**
 - What would you change if you rewrote this book? What do think would have made it a better story?

- **Write a recommendation of this book.**
 - Be sure to include **why** you are recommending this book.

- **Write about any connections you made throughout this book.**
 - Text-to-self; Text-to-Text; Text-to-World – Remember to include **what happened** in the book and what it **reminded** you of.

- **What did you wonder about as you read?**
 - What questions did you have? Did they get answered later on?

- **Are there things you know about or things in your life that helped you to understand this book?**
 - What experiences or knowledge helped you? How did that help you?

- **What do you think this story, all together, is trying to tell people?**
 - What is the author's message or reason for writing this book?

- **What do you think is the most important part of this book? Why?**
 - Make sure to tell **why** you think this particular event is so important!