

Dear Future 3rd Graders and Parents,

The 3rd grade team has selected the novels listed below for you to choose to read over the summer break. Pick one! If you would like to read more than one, all the better! We think you will enjoy these stories! When you return to school, you will be completing an activity and taking an A.R. test that will count towards your first trimester reading goal. We encourage you to read daily this summer and to practice your math facts. By now, we hope that you have mastered your addition and subtraction facts. In third grade all students will be expected to memorize the multiplication facts. Summer is the perfect time to begin! We have attached a fact list to assist you in your memorization. Have fun and READ, READ, READ! See you in August!

The Third Grade Teachers



The Flunking of Joshua T. Bates by Susan Shreve Lexile L. 840

Joshua is devastated to learn that he must repeat third grade. But he manages to survive the taunts of former classmates, learn something important about himself, and make it through the year with the help of a sympathetic teacher in this "funny, touching, and realistic" story. *Library Journal*



Freckle Juice by Judy Blume Lexile L. 370

Andrew wants freckles more than anything else, so Sharon offers to sell him her freckle recipe. When Andrew turns green from the recipe, and blue from making brew, it's doubtful he'll ever wish for freckles again! "Spontaneous humor, sure to appeal to the youngest reader."--The Horn Book.



The Chalkbox Kid by Clyde Robert Bulla Lexile L. 270

A new neighborhood. A new school. An unhappy birthday. Things aren't looking great for Gregory. But when he discovers an abandoned chalk factory behind his house, something magical happens: a beautiful garden and a quiet friendship spring up within its walls.