**School of St. Mary**

**Summer Reading Project**

Entering 3rd Grade



This summer, please read and complete:

-One book of your choice (that you haven’t previously read) from the attached list.

-Complete the attached summary sheet on the novel.

-Assemble a basket of 6-8 items that represent your book along with an explanation of each item on index cards.

Free Choice Book List:

The reading level indicates the approximate reading level in school years. For example, a 3.0 would mean in the beginning of 3rd grade. Base your child’s appropriate reading level on his/her Accelerated Reading level.

**Ivy and Bean Make The Rules**  By: Annie Barrows

**Genre:** Fiction/Humor (530L/3.4)

Ivy and Bean are best friends and do everything together. In the ninth book in the series, Ivy and Bean look for adventure when they can’t go to summer camp. They find it when they make up their own camp! They become counselors, and bring a whole new meaning to arts and crafts.

**Freckle Juice**  By: Judy Blume

**Genre:** Fiction/Humor (570L/3.6)

Andrew Marcus wants freckles more than anything in the world. His classmate has freckles, so he buys a friend’s secret freckle recipe for fifty cents. But what starts as a simple freckle recipe turns into disaster. Andrew thinks he has the perfect solution, or does he?

**Frindle** By: Andrew Clements

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction (830L/4.0)

When clever yet precocious Nick decides to invent a new word for ‘pen,’ it puts him at odds with his no-nonsense teacher who is a stickler for grammar. What begins as a classroom duel over the usage of the word “frindle” escalates into a national word craze.

**Judy Moody Was In A Mood** By: Megan McDonald

**Genre:** Fiction/Humor (530L/3.4)

Judy doesn’t have high hopes for third grade, and she is in a bad mood about it! But, when her teacher assigns a special project, Judy will finally get to express herself!

**Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid**  By: Megan McDonald

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction (540L/3.5)

Stink is the little brother of Judy Moody, another fantastic series! Judy always measures Stink, who always measures the same height: three feet, eight inches. Then one day, Judy measures him as three feet, seven and three quarter inches. Is Stink shrinking?

**Big Nate Out Loud**  By: Lincoln Peirce

**Genre:** Graphic Novel (300L/2.5)

Big Nate, aka Nate Wright, is 11 years old. His friends won’t let him be the lead singer in the band, but he won’t let that stop him from ‘rocking out.’

**Henry and Mudge: The First Book**  By: Cynthia Rylant

**Genre:** Fiction/Humor (460L/3.3)

The first in a series of books, Henry finds himself lonely on a street without any other children. He finds a friend, and love, in a big dog named Mudge.

**Third Grade Angels**  By: Jerry Spinelli

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction (390L/3.0)

George ‘Suds’ Morton competes with his third-grade classmates to earn the first ‘halo’ of the year for good behavior. However, being ‘good’ turns out to be more stressful than he anticipated.



*After completing your required reading,*

*You are welcome to read any of the following:*

* *Adventures of a South Pole Pig* by Chris Kurtz
* *Alvin Ho* by Lenore Look(series)
* *Creature Features: 25 Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do* by Steve Jenkins
* *Discovering Dinosaurs* by Daniel Cohen (series)
* *Eye to Eye: How Animals See the World* by Steve Jenkins
* *Finding Winnie: True Story of the World’s Most Famous Bear* by Lindsay Mattick
* *Geronimo Stilton* by Geronimo Stilton (series)
* *Gooney Bird Greene* by Lois Lowry
* *Gooseberry Park* by Cyntha Rylant
* *Ivy & Bean* by Annie Barrows (series)
* *Joe Sherlock Kid Detective* by Dave Keans
* *Littles* by Josh Peterson (series)
* *Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne and Sal Murdocca (series)
* *Marty McGuire* by Kate Messner (series)
* *Matt Christopher Sports* by Matt Christopher (series)
* *Melvin Beederman Superhero* by Greg Trine and Rhode Montijo (series)
* *Mouse on a Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary
* *My Weird School* by Dan Gutman (series)
* *Nims Island* by Wendy Orr
* Non-Fiction animal books by Nic Bishop (series)
* *One Small Dog* by Johanna Hurwitz
* *Pee Wee* by Johanna Hurwiz (series)
* *Princess in Black* by Shannon Hale (series)
* *Rainbow Magic* by Daisy Meadows (series)
* *Ramona* by Beverly Cleary
* *The Lighthouse Family: The Storm* by Cynthia Rylant (series)
* *The Truth of Me* by Patricia macLachlan
* *Tales of Buhnjitso Bunny* by John Mimmelman
* *Third Grade Baby* by Jenny Meyerhoff and Jill Weber
* *Toys Go Out* by Emily Jenkins
* *Twelve Dancing Unicorns by Alyssa Heyman*
* *Whatever After* by Sara Mlynowski (series)
* *Wiley and Grandpa* by Kirk Scroggs