

Grade 3

June 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we begin summer vacation, I encourage all our students to continue learning throughout the summer months. While summer is a time for fun, relaxation, and family activities, it is also important for children to keep their minds active and engaged.

One of the most valuable things you can do for your child is to make reading a daily habit. Research consistently shows that children who read regularly during the summer maintain and improve their literacy skills, while those who do not often experience learning loss. Parents should continue reading to their children each day until they are able to read independently. Even after children become strong readers, reading together as a family remains a wonderful way to build vocabulary, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books.

We encourage every family to set aside 15–20 minutes each day for reading. Whether it's a favorite story, a chapter book, a magazine, or a visit to the local library, reading together can become a special family tradition.

Math practice is equally important. Students must continue using their math skills to remain sharp and confident. Consistent practice helps students retain what they have learned and prepares them for success when school begins again in September.

You have received your child's login information for **Freckle Math and Freckle ELA**. These are valuable learning resources because the programs assign work based on each student's **STAR Assessment** results. Students who are performing above grade level will be appropriately challenged, while students who need additional support will receive instruction and practice tailored to their individual needs. This personalized approach allows every child to grow and learn at their own pace.

St. Thomas Kids Stay Sharp Over the Summer!

I will be checking in throughout the summer to see who is working on their Math, Reading, and ELA activities. When we return to school in the fall, all summer learners will be treated to a special **Popsicle Celebration** as a reward for their hard work over the summer.

Thank you for your partnership in helping your child continue learning throughout the summer months.

Happy reading, writing, and problem solving!

Blessings,

Miss Hawley



- 5 composition pads
- 2 red pens for correcting
- 5 sharpened #2 pencils
- 12-inch ruler
- Box of 24 Crayola Crayons
- A container of water colors
- Package of 8 Crayola Markers
- One pair of scissors
- A small container of glue / *glue stick*
- One large eraser
- A plastic pencil box or zippered bag (about 8" by 4")
- 2 folders with pockets (different colors)
- 4 stretchable book covers
- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox Wipes
- 2 highlighters*

Thank you for preparing your child for 3rd Grade. Remember to read throughout the summer. It broadens one's vocabulary, as well as one's imagination. It will be important to practice addition and subtraction facts! PLEASE label your child's name on everything!

SUMMER READING FOR THIRD GRADE ROOM 3-5

DIRECTIONS: Please write all books read on the back. (TITLE/AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR)

READ A MAGIC SCHOOL BUS BOOK	FIND A NEW BOOK AT THE LIBRARY	ENJOY AN I SURVIVED SERIES BOOK	READ A BOOK ABOUT AN ANIMAL	PICK AN AUTO - BIOGRAPHY BOOK
CHOOSE A WHO'S WHO BOOK	READ AN A TO Z MYSTERY BOOK	LISTEN TO AN AUDIO BOOK	READ A BOOK THAT HAS THE SCHOOL AS A SETTING	READ TO A FAMILY MEMBER
READ A BEVERLY CLEARY BOOK	READ AN ADVENTURE BOOK	FREE SPACE	READ A MYSTERY BOOK	ENJOY A JERRY SPINELLI BOOK
READ A JUNIE B. JONES BOOK	PICK OUT A NONFICTION BOOK	READ A CLASSIC BOOK LIKE TOM SAWYER	ENJOY A BOOK ABOUT A HISTORICAL EVENT	READ A BOOK THAT BECAME A MOVIE
TRY A NANCY DREW OR HARDY BOY BOOK MYSTERY	READ A FABLE	ENJOY A DISNEY CLASSIC	READ A FAIRY TALE	LOOK FOR A FICTIONAL BOOK
READ A DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BOOK	ENJOY A WHO WOULD WIN BOOK	PICK OUT A GRAPHIC NOVEL	READ A BOOK WITH AN ANIMAL IN THE TITLE	READ AN AWARD WINNING BOOK