

3rd Grade Optional Classes

Note to Parents:

One of primary goals has always been to develop lifelong readers and learners. For this reason, we like to offer students a variety of books from which to select. Over the summer, students are to choose one book from his or her 3rd grade level's summer reading list (the books listed under the suggested book list). (In addition to the required summer reading book) Each student should read this book for enjoyment while recording evidence from the text using the attached handouts. This will help your child be prepared to write or speak about the text upon his or her return to school in August. Enclosed are the graphic organizers that must be completed as students read the book. Please print the documents before students begin reading so he/she can complete the work while reading. Students are required to turn in the completed graphic organizers to their ELA teacher on the first day of school. Thank you for encouraging your child's reading. We look forward to building on the foundation you have. **Do Not Complete Graphic Organizers on the Required Summer Reading Book! (Wonder, By R.J. Palacio)**

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Student's Name:	Book Title:	Parent's Signature:
<u>Main Characters:</u>	<u>Setting (Time and Place):</u>	<u>Main Problems:</u>
<u>Most Exciting Moment:</u>		
Resolution (How was the problem solved):		
What is the theme or the (central idea) of the story?		

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Directions: Think about the theme the (central idea) of the story you've read, select three passages from the text (evidence) that helps you understand the theme of the story. Record the textual evidence below and explain what the evidence shows about the theme. Be sure to write in complete sentences.

Student's Name:	Book Title:	Parent's Signature
Textual Evidence (Include quote directly from the text)		Reflection & Analysis Explain what this passage shows about the theme of the story
Page # _____		
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(Required):

New York Times bestseller WONDER By R.J. Palacio— Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie Pullman becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

Suggested:

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Animal-loving readers will be smitten with Ivan, a gorilla who lives in captivity at the Big Top Mall, as he starts to learn a better life may be waiting beyond his cage.

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Melody is a thoughtful 11-year-old with a near-photographic memory, but because of her cerebral palsy, she has trouble communicating with the people in her life. Her story will rouse compassion in readers, and offer encouragement to those who have struggled to find their own voice.

The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe

Discover this engrossing story of a fantasy world lying behind a wardrobe. Full of rich symbolism, challenging ideas, and a story sure to keep students turning the pages.

The Box Car Children, Gertrude Chandler Warner (Book 1)

The Aldens begin their adventure by making a home in a boxcar. Their goal is to stay together, and in the process they find a grandfather.

Little House series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The nine books in the timeless Little House series tell the story of Laura's real childhood as an American pioneer, and are cherished by readers of all generations. They offer a unique glimpse into life on the American frontier, and tell the heartwarming, unforgettable story of a loving family.

Fantastic Mr. Fox, Roald Dahl

Someone's been stealing from the three meanest farmers around, and they know the identity of the thief, it's Fantastic Mr. Fox! Working alone they could never catch him; but now fat Boggis, squat Bunce, and skinny Bean have joined forces, and they have Mr. Fox and his family surrounded.