



Dear Families,

Welcome to third grade in Room 14! I am very excited to begin our Academy journey together. While summer is a time of well-deserved rest and relaxation, please keep in mind that in order to keep your child's reading level, writing and math skills current, he/she should practice over the summer. In this packet, you will find three summer homework assignments and a suggested supply list for the upcoming school year. These assignments are due the first day of school.

We are soon to embark on a wonderful journey. Together, we will create a special place to learn and grow. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or comments.

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Soar high like an eagle and reach for the stars!!!



Assignment #1 Reading

- Read a fiction chapter book at your reading level – not one you have already read 😊
- Complete attached mini book report form.

Examples of Different Text Connections needed for the completion of the book report.

Text to Text Connections

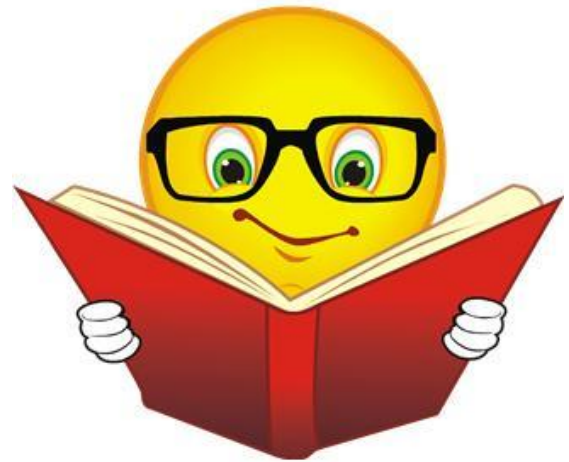
- This part is just like...
- That reminds me of...
- I read another book where...
- This is similar to...

Text to World Connections

- That reminds me of...
- This is like...
- I know about this... but I didn't know that.

Text to Self Connections

- That reminds me of...
- That made me think of the time...
- I can relate....



Also, think about joining your public **library's summer reading program**. There are great activities and programs available for you and your child to enjoy.

AND

www.readwritethink.org

This website from the International Reading Organization provides parents and students access to the highest quality resources in reading and language arts. There are book chats, suggested titles, writing activities, podcasts and more, all by grade level. Just click on the parent section of the site.

HAVE FUN EXPLORING!



FICTION BOOK REPORT

(Starred sections (*) should be written in complete sentences)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Author: _____

Pages: _____

Setting: _____

Main Characters: _____

*Problem: _____

*Solution: _____

Connection*: T-T T-S T-W (see

text-text text-self text-world

*Describe and explain your connection with the book.

Parent Signature: _____

* See "Examples of Different Text Connections" on the preceding page

Assignment #2 Math and Science

- Explore various children's math and science sites such as

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com>

PreK – 12. Games and other activities offer students fun working with Numbers. Be sure to try Number Monster and Arithmattack!

2) IXL Math

<http://ixlmath.com>

More than 1,000 topics, from PreK – 6th grade, students win awards and virtual prizes along the way. Kids love it.

3) PBS Kids

<http://pbskids.org/cyberchase>

Grades K – 8. Animated games are presented for each grade level on a wide variety of topics. Excellent graphics are used to make the games very entertaining as they teach the basic skills.

4) A+ Math

<http://www.aplusmath.com>

Grades 2-8. Flashcards, games, worksheets, and a section called Homework Helper are found on this site. The activities cover a variety of skills and operations.

5.) NASA

<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>

Science, space exploration and information for young people.

6.) American Chemical Society

<http://portal.acs.org> Choose the 'education' tab at the top; then scroll down and choose 'kids' activities on the left hand side.

7.) Science for Kids

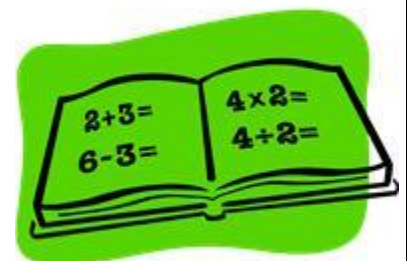
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/>

Now complete the following:

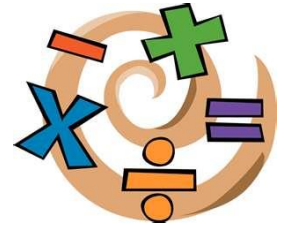
- Fill out the attached math and science questionnaire.
- Practice addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts.

*Knowing math facts and practicing fluency are

ESSENTIAL for third grade math.



Math Questionnaire



Name _____

What was your favorite math web site? Why? _____

What is your favorite part about math? _____

What part of math do you have difficulty with?

Any other thoughts about math that you would like to share with me?

Science Questionnaire



Science

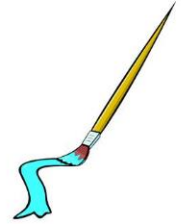
Name _____

What was your favorite science web site? Why?

What is your favorite part about science? _____

Any other thoughts about science that you would like to share with me?

Assignment #3



- Create a small poster (**no larger** than 24” by 24”) that displays the activities you enjoyed during the summer.
- Use art media such as crayons, paints, felt, foam pieces, pictures, cut outs from magazines.
- What ever you want to use is YOUR choice. I want to see how YOU create. Make sure your name is somewhere on your poster.

For fun explore www.crayola.com

Also: Practice ‘keyboarding’ (word processing on the computer) “Typing” is a 3rd grade standard and will be needed to complete on-line assessments.



Third Grade Academy Supply List

For Classroom:

- Small backpack or book bag
 - 1 **white** 1 ½ inch 3 ring AVERY economy binder
 - 2 packs of 3 ring AVERY sheet protectors
(*Open and place in AVERY binder*)
 - Folder for homework
 - 2 Composition Notebooks
 - 1 Spiral notebook – wide ruled
 - 1 box of sharpened pencils
 - 1 blue ink pen
 - 1 yellow highlighter
 - Dry erase pen and eraser (NO SPRAY)
 - Headphones/ear buds (place in a baggie with student name written on front)
 - 1 plastic pencil/supply box
- > Place the next 4 items in the pencil box
- ~1 box of 12 colored pencils
 - ~24 box of crayons (Take out of box and put in a small Ziplock with name)
 - ~**Small** ruler – about 6" (standard/metric)
 - ~Glue stick
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- Individual nutritious snack and reading book for each day



****PLEASE do NOT bring any supplies that are not on the list or personal items. Thank you!**

Suggested Classroom donations:

- Sharpened Pencils
- Binder paper

\$5.00 donation for agenda

\$25.00 field trip donation for the year

\$10.00 class supplies/projects donation for the year.

Any checks need to be made out to Mather Heights Elementary

To keep at **home**:

- Wide ruled binder paper
- Graph paper
- Dictionary
- World Atlas
- Reading books
- Pencils and sharpener
- Arts supplies
- Stapler