



## **INCOMING 3rd GRADERS**

### **Steps to Successful Reading This Summer... The Appoquinimink Way**

- 1) Read for, at least, one hour every week.
- 2) Record your reading on the Reading Log provided by the district.
- 3) Fill out the Venn Diagram (located on the back of the reading log) for one book that you read.

The following are individual titles that Appoquinimink teachers suggest. The picture books selected have historical themes or topics about character development appropriate to a third grader. Short chapter books have also been included so that children can start to read books without pictures. At the bottom of the list, suggested authors and series have been offered. You may also choose a book by any author that has been cited on this list. Enjoy reading with your child this summer.

#### **POETRY**

##### **The Beauty of the Beast: Poems of the Animal Kingdom, Prelutsky**

Lots of different animal poems by Jack Prelutsky.

##### **If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Dakos**

Funny poems about life in school.

##### **This Land Is Your Land, Guthrie**

Woody Guthrie's famous song about the USA with great pictures.

#### **PICTURE BOOKS**

##### **Ballot Box Battle, Emily Arnold McCully**

A girl helps Elizabeth Cady Stanton fight for a woman's right to vote.

##### **Girl Wonder: A Baseball Story Told in Nine Innings, Deborah Hopkinson**

In 1907, Alta Weiss, at the age of seventeen, pitched for the Vermillion Independents, a baseball team. The rest of the team were men.

##### **When Marian Sang, Pam Munoz Ryan**

Marian Anderson sang with her eyes closed but opened the eyes of others to the need to abolish segregation and prejudice.

##### **Verdi; Janell Cannon**

The story of the little yellow python who doesn't want to grow up.

##### **Brother Eagle, Sister Sky; Susan Jeffers**

Enjoy the words of Chief Seattle as he describes how the Native Americans feel about the Earth.

##### **The Library, Sarah Stewart**

Elizabeth likes to read so much, she starts her own public library.

##### **Dumpy LaRue by Elizabeth Winthrop**

The main character is a pig who wants to dance but meets many obstacles.

##### **Players in Pigtails by Shana Corey**

Learn about the song "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

##### **Hurricane by David Weisner**

A fictional book about two brothers who weather a hurricane together.

##### **And Still the Turtle Watched by Sheila MacGill-Callahan**

In this Native American story, a turtle watches the river below. Over the span of time it observes many ecological changes with a great deal of sadness.

## CHAPTER BOOKS

### **Bony-Legs, Cole**

Sasha fools the nasty witch, Bony-Legs (Baba Yaga).

### **Horrible Harry and the Drop of Doom, Kline**

Harry and his friends go to an amusement park. Number nine of the Horrible Harry books.

### **In a Dark, Dark Room, Schwartz**

Short ghost stories. Includes the woman who removes her head.

### **Lucky Baseball Bat, Christopher**

Can Marty win without his lost lucky bat?

### **The Minstrel in the Tower, Skurzynski**

Roger & Alice, seeking help for their ill mother, are taken by bandits. Medieval adventure.

### **Smasher, King-Smith**

When Mrs. Buzzard wants to banish Smasher the dog, Farmer Buzzard hides him.

### **Tornado, Byars**

While waiting in the tornado cellar, Pete tells stories of his dog who arrived in a tornado.

### **The Heart Of Cool by McEwan/Boynton**

When Bobby North Comes to his new school, he discovers that some of his favorite things are not cool.

What *is* cool is Harry Haller.

### **The Stories Julian Tells, Ann Cameron**

Julian, that quick fibber, is great at telling stories. He can make people...especially his younger brother, believe just about anything.

## MEDIUM HARD FOR ENTERING GRADE 3

### **Ace, the Very Important Pig, King-Smith**

How does a pig named Ace wind up on television?

### **Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery, Howe**

Harold Dog and Chester Cat try to warn the family about the new vampire rabbit.

### **Catwings Return, Le Guin**

Two winged cats visit their mother in the city and rescue their baby sister from wreckers.

### **Tenth Good Thing about Barney, Viorst**

Remembering Barney, a wonderful cat. Good to read after losing a pet.

SERIES BOOKS: We suggest any of the books in the following series.

**The Bailey School Kids** by Dadey & Jones

**Marvin Redpost** by Louis Sachar

**Amber Brown** by Paula Danziger

**Nate the Great** by Marjorie Sharmot

**Kids of the Polk Street School**, Patricia Reilly Giff

AUTHORS: We suggest any book by one of these authors.

#### **Novels:**

Andrew Clements

Betsy Byars

Roald Dahl

#### **Picture Books:**

Jon Scieska

Patricia Polacco

Judith St. George/David Small

Seymour Simon (non-fiction)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Summer Reading Log for Children Entering 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Research states that during the summer, students may lose as much as six weeks of growth from the school year. Please help your child retain all the progress that he/she has made this school year by reading with him/her!

Weeks of the Summer	Amount of Time Read	Parent Signature
Week 1 <b>6/15/09</b>		
Week 2 <b>6/22/09</b>		
Week 3 <b>6/29/09</b>		
Week 4 <b>7/6/09</b>		
Week 5 <b>7/13/09</b>		
Week 6 <b>7/20/09</b>		
Week 7 <b>7/27/09</b>		
Week 8 <b>8/3/09</b>		
Week 9 <b>8/10/09</b>		
Week 10 <b>8/17/09</b>		

**Directions:**

- **Students are to read or be read to for at least one hour each week.**
- Books may be chosen from the attached list, or you may choose your own.
- Parent records the time spent reading each week and signs each box.
- **Students need to read 9 out of the 10 weeks.** Mark an X in the box for the week you do not read.
- Help your child complete the attached Book Response for **ONE** book you read this summer.
- **Completed log and book response is due FIRST DAY OF SECOND GRADE.**
- Students who complete the summer reading log and book response will be recognized and rewarded during the month of September.

**Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer  
Reading – Venn Diagram**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Choose two books that you read this summer. Put the title of each book above the circles. Compare those books using the elements of a story listed on the left side of the page. Differences go in the outer parts of the circles. Similarities go where the two circles cross each other.

**Story #1**

**Story #2**

**Characters**

**Setting**

**Events**

**Problem**

**Solution**

