

# Summer Reading Activities

Summer 2017

## Rising Third Grade

Please choose one of the following activities to complete over the summer. It will be due August 18 and will count for a reading grade. (F) indicates that the activity is more appropriate for a fiction story and (NF) represents nonfiction.

- (F) **Book Report in a Bag:** Write the title, author, and your name on the front of a brown paper grocery bag. Draw and color an illustration to go along with your book. Fill up the front of the bag. Put 4 items in the bag that can help you retell the story. Item 1 should tell about a character. Item 2 should tell about a setting. Item 3 should tell about a problem or event in the story. Item 4 should tell the solution or ending to the story. Pictures may be drawn for 2 of these items but not all 4. The back of the bag, describe how each item relates to your story. (Ex. The first item in my bag is a \_\_\_\_\_. It represents the character because \_\_\_\_\_.) On one of the smaller sides of the bag, draw a picture of your favorite part of the story. On the other small side, write about why that part was your favorite. Write in complete sentences and be sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation.
- (F) or (NF) **Book Collage:** Create a collage using pictures that represent important parts of your book. Use a large piece of poster board for your collage. Make sure the title and author of your book are displayed prominently on your collage. Include at least 15 pictures. You can use pictures that you cut from magazines, print out from the internet, or draw yourself. On a separate piece of paper, write a descriptive title for each picture that you included and a sentence or two about why it was important to the book. For example, if you read one of the Harry Potter books, you could include a picture of a lightning bolt and write about why Harry has that mark on his forehead. As you read your book, keep a list of important characters, events, and objects to use in your collage. Remember that in a collage, pictures overlap a bit on the edges. Be sure to glue the edges and corners down carefully to make your collage look neat. Attach your paper with the descriptions to the bottom of the poster. Write in complete sentences and be sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation.
- (F) or (NF) **Timeline:** Create a timeline for your story. For fiction, you may create a timeline of events that describe the plot/events of the story from beginning to end or show how a character/characters changes (physically, mentally, emotionally) throughout the book. If your book is nonfiction, your timeline can be organized to show events/dates over time, how a setting changed throughout the book, a problem and the steps that were taken to solve that particular problem, the steps to follow to create a certain item, etc. The timeline can be organized horizontally or vertically and should include pictures and a description of what is happening in each one. Write in complete sentences and be sure to use correct capitalization and punctuation.

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## GRADES 3-5

### ***Audacity Jones to the Rescue***

by Kirby Larson  
Scholastic, 2016, ISBN:  
9780545840569

Audie Jones finds herself on the adventure of a lifetime when she is whisked away to Washington, D.C., where sinister goings-on are afoot.

### ***The Blackthorn Key***

by Kevin Sands  
Aladdin, 2015, ISBN:  
9781481446518

This adventure, filled with rich suspense, mystery, and unforgettable characters, follows Christopher Rowe as he learns a mysterious cult is preying on London's apothecaries, and the trail of murders is growing closer and closer to Blackthorn's shop.

### ***Crimebiters! My Dog Is Better than Your Dog***

by Tommy Greenwald  
Illustrated by Adam Stower  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN:  
9780545773324

Jimmy suspects his dog is a crime-fighting vampire; can the canine's superskills help track down who stole his mother's diamond necklace? First in a series.

### ***The Door by the Staircase***

by Katherine Marsh  
Illustrated by Kelly Murphy  
Disney-Hyperion, 2016, ISBN:  
9781423134992

Orphan Mary Hayes hopes to escape the Buffalo Asylum for Young Ladies, only to find herself in peril when a mysterious woman named Madame Z adopts her.

### ***A Dragon's Guide to the Care and Feeding of Humans***

by Laurence Yep and Joanne Ryder; Illustrated by Mary GrandPré

Crown Books, 2015, ISBN:  
9780385392280

A story about dragons with a twist: Miss Drake (the dragon) has a new human pet!

### ***Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile***

by Marcia Wells  
Illustrated by Marcos Calo  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,  
2014, ISBN: 9780544238336

Sixth-grader Eddie is called on by the NYPD to help bust a gang of art thieves by using his photographic memory and talent for drawing. First in a series.

### ***Fable Comics***

Edited by Chris Duffy  
First Second, 2015, ISBN:  
9781626721074

Various graphic novelists retell twenty-eight fables from different cultures and traditions in this vibrant collection of comics

### ***Honey***

by Sarah Weeks  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN:  
9780545465571

When she realizes her dad may have a secret girlfriend, Melody sets out to find out who it is.

### ***Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph***

by Roxane Orgill; Illustrated by Francis Vallejo  
Candlewick Press, 2016, ISBN:  
9780763669546

This collection of poetry focuses on the process

art designer Art Kane went through in order to photograph what was to become the iconic 1958 photo of American jazz greats on a stoop in Harlem.

### ***The Jumbies***

by Tracey Baptiste  
Algonquin Young Readers,  
2015, ISBN: 9781616204143

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home.

### ***The Key to Extraordinary***

by Natalie Lloyd  
Scholastic, 2016, ISBN:  
9780545552745

Emma must fulfill her Destiny Dream: to locate a legendary treasure. If she fails, she lets down not only the legacy of her ancestors but also the family business—the Boneyard Cafe.

### ***The Last Kids on Earth***

by Max Brallier; Illustrated by Douglas Holgate  
Viking, 2015, ISBN:  
9780670016617

Described as Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets The Walking Dead, this postapocalyptic graphic novel is sure to delight summer readers as Jack Sullivan holes up in his tree house for as long as he can.

### ***Lola Levine Is Not Mean!***

by Monica Brown; Illustrated by Angela Dominguez  
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN:  
9780316258364

Sports-loving Lola accidentally injures a classmate during a recess

soccer game and resolves to win back her spot on the field—and her friends—by demonstrating what good sportsmanship is all about. First in a series.

### ***My Diary from the Edge of the World***

by Jody Lynn Anderson  
Aladdin, 2015, ISBN:  
9781442483873

Dragon season and homework about Sasquatches' involvement in American history aside, Gracie Lockwood lives in a normal, uneventful world until a Dark Cloud comes for her little brother. Can her family outrun this harbinger?

### ***My Pet Human***

by Yasmine Surovec  
Roaring Brook Press, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781626720732

An independent cat resists being tied down by a human pet in this fun tale.

### ***Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands***

by Katherine Roy  
David Macaulay Studio, 2014,  
ISBN: 9781596438743

This book investigates the mystery surrounding the great white shark.

### ***Oona Finds an Egg***

by Adele Griffin  
Illustrated by Mike Wu  
Scholastic, 2016, ISBN:  
9780545732796

Follow Oona Oodlethunk on her adventures in prehistoric times as she tries to find the perfect pet. First in a series.

### ***Project Blastoff***

by Mark Kelly and Martha Freeman  
Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman, 2015, ISBN:  
9781481415453

Twins Mark and Scott Kelly are about to embark on an adventure of epic proportions as they build and engineer their own rocket ship. First in a series.

### ***School for Sidekicks***

by Kelly McCullough  
Feiwei & Friends, 2015, ISBN:  
9781250039262

At the Academy for Metahuman Operatives, superhero wannabe Evan's wisecracks land him in double trouble: he angers the school's director and is partnered with has-been hero Foxman. First in a series.

### ***The Story of Diva and Flea***

by Mo Willems  
Illustrated by Tony DiTerlizzi  
Disney-Hyperion, 2015, ISBN:  
9781484722848

Pampered lapdog Diva and streetwise alley cat Flea strike up an unlikely friendship, finding adventure while exploring the stunning landmarks of Paris, France.

### ***The Tapper Twins Go to War (with Each Other)***

by Geoff Rodkey  
Little, Brown, 2015, ISBN:  
9780316297790

Fraternal twins Reese and Claudia take sibling rivalry to a new level with their prank war. First in a series.

### ***The Terrible Two***

by Mac Barnett and Jory John  
Illustrated by Kevin Cornell  
Abrams/Amulet Books, 2015,  
ISBN: 9781419714917

Two pranksters team up for the greatest prank ever. First in a series.

### ***Upside-Down Magic***

by Sarah Mlynowski, Lauren Myracle, and Emily Jenkins  
Scholastic, 2015, ISBN:  
9780545800457

After some mishaps with unpredictable magic, Nory is sent to the Dunwiddle Magic School's Upside-Down Magic class in this funny and magical novel. First in a series.

### ***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***

by Bob Raczka  
Roaring Brook Press, 2016,  
ISBN: 9781626722361

Raczka offers a collection of twenty-one concrete poems that are a surefire way to draw the attention of young readers and inspire older ones.

### ***The Wild Robot***

by Peter Brown  
Little, Brown, 2016, ISBN:  
9780316381994

Robot Roz wakes up to find herself alone on a remote island.

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