

Greetings, Future Third Graders!

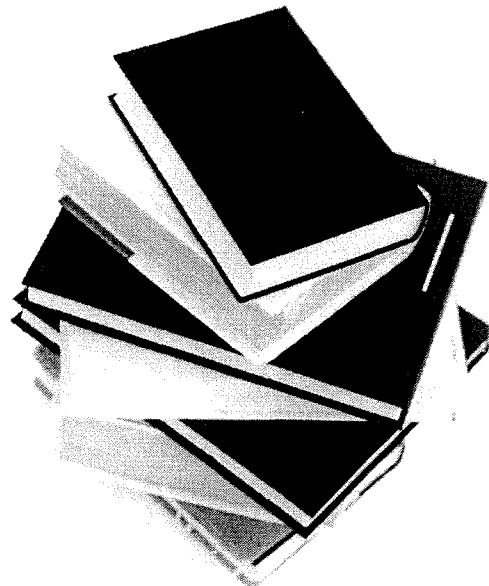
We look forward to getting to know you and your family in the coming school year. During the summer, it is very important for you to continue reading and improving your skills. Your summer requirement is that you read for at least 20 minutes daily. You will have one required book with a project. The book is a former Michigan Young Reader's Award winner called Freckle Juice by Judy Blume (ISBN 0440428130). After reading the book, you will **design a character poster**. The directions with an example are included with this summer reading information packet. Your completed poster is **due during the first week of school**. You may use crayon, colored pencil, marker, or water color. Be sure to follow the directions for size: one 9" X 18" sheet of white construction paper or poster board.

You will also find a list of *recommended* reading selections listed by genres included with this required summer reading information packet. However, you are required to read 3 additional books from the three remaining genres on the chart; **one mystery; one non-fiction and one biography**. You may also choose titles that you enjoy reading. The books should be on your reading level - not too easy and not too difficult. Do your "five finger check." If you find five or more words on a page that are unknown to you, the book is too difficult and you make another selection. Remember that the quality of the book is not measured by the number of pages. 😊 You will not be required to complete a project for these 3 books. However, you should be **prepared to share summaries in class**.

We trust that you and your family will have a **FANTASTIC SUMMER**, and we can hardly wait to see you on the first day of school with your summer reading log filled with the titles of wonderful books you have read.

Always our best,

Third grade teachers



# CHARACTER POSTER

Realistic Fiction

## What you'll need:

9" x 18" sheet of white construction paper, colored pencils, crayons, or water colors or markers

## Steps:

1. Choose a character from your book
2. Use information from the book to draw and color a picture of your character on the construction paper. Add a label with the character's name
3. Around the outside of the character, draw six circles or shapes in which to write information about the character. You can write about the character's friends, conflicts, feelings, personality traits, and appearance. Think of one more category that would help you share important information about your character
4. On the back of your Character Poster, explain one connection you can make with the character

## Grading Criteria

Illustration	10 points
Adequate supporting details	15 points
Connection	10 points
Organization	5 points
Followed directions	5 points
Neat/colorful	<u>5 points</u>
	50 points

ALL ITEMS LISTED HERE ARE  
MADE UP EXAMPLES – DO NOT  
USE THESE ON YOUR  
CHARACTER POSTER!

Pony Boy

**Personality Traits**  
Smart  
Sensitive  
Kind  
Sees people for who they really are  
Does not see class

**Favorite Things**  
Sunsets  
Reading  
Movies

**Conflicts**  
Has a conflict with his brother  
Has a conflict with Bob

**Appearance**  
Green eyes  
Light brown hair  
Medium build

**Family**  
Mom - Sue  
Dad - Gary  
Brother - James

**Feelings**  
Is sad when his dog dies  
Is happy when he makes a new friend

## Literature Genres and Book Suggestions

Please be sure to read at least **one book** from each genre listed below.

<u>Mystery</u> <u>Books</u>	<u>Fiction</u>	<u>Non-Fiction</u>	<u>Biography</u>
A to Z Mysteries	Judy Moody Books	Magic School Bus Chapter Books	Who Was series
Encyclopedia Brown	Amber Brown Series	Magic Tree House Research Guides	
The Boxcar Children	Any books by Bill Wallace		
Nancy Drew or Hardy Boys	Animal Ark		

# Third Grade *Recommended* Summer Reading

Author	Title of Book
Adkins	What If You Met a Pirate?
Adler	Cam Jansen and the Triceratops Pops Mystery
Apple	Runaway Radish
Bahr	The Memory Box
Blume	Freckle Juice
Brown	Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein
Brumbeau	The Quiltmaker's Gift
Brumbeau	The Quiltmaker's Story
Bulla	Chalk Box Kid and Sword in the Tree
Bunting	A Day's Work
Bunting	How Many Days to America?
Catling	Chocolate Touch
Christopher	The Dog That Stole Home
Christopher	Penalty Shot
Christopher	Zero's Slider
Christopher	Lucky Baseball Bat
Clark	The McElderry Book of Grimm's Fairy Tales
Clements	Frindle
Clements	The Landry News
Cohen	Molly's Pilgrim
Coville	Alens Ate My Homework
Dahl	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Dahl	Fantastic Mr. Fox
Dagliesh	The Courage of Sarah Noble
Danziger	Amber Brown Series
Davis	Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers
Duffey	How to Be Cool in Third Grade
Erickson	Hank the Cowdog
Estes	The Hundred Dresses
Fletcher	Twilight Comes Twice
Fritz	The Cabin Faced West
Gardiner	Stone Fox
Hoffman	Amazing Grace

Hopkinson	Apples to Oregon
Houston	My Great Aunt Arizona
Hurwitz	Baseball Fever
Hurwitz	Faraway Summer
Johnston	Amber on the Mountain
Keene	Nancy Drew: Case of the Sneaky Snowman
Kline	Horrible Harry Goes to Sea
Krull	Wilma Unlimited
Lorbieki	Sister Anne's Hands
McDonald	Judy Moody Books
McKee	The Conqueror
McKissack	Goin' Someplace Special
MacLachlan	The Facts and Fiction of Minna Pratt
Myers	Wings
Namioka	Yang the Youngest and His Terrible Ear
Osborne	Kate and the Beanstalk
Parish	Amelia Bedelia
Polacco	All of her books
Sachar	Wayside School
Schuch	A Symphony of Whales
Scieszka	Knights of the Kitchen Table
Seuss	The Lorax
Smith	The Chocolate Touch
Sobol	Encyclopedia Brown Books
Spinelli	Sophie's Masterpiece
Steig	Dr. DeSoto
Tanaka	On board the Titanic
Tokuda and Hill	Humphrey the Lost Whale: A True Story
Waters	Sarah Morton's Day
Wilder	Little House books

