

## Third Grade Summer Reading

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to third grade and I look forward to having your child in my class next year. Students have two choices for summer reading.

Students can join a summer reading program at any city or county library of their choice. Please use the attached reading log or one given to you at your local library to write down the titles of all books read. At the end of the reading program students are given a certificate of completion. Please send in the reading log and a copy of that certificate during the first week of school.

On the other hand, students can also read 2-3 books of their own choice. All reading material selected should be age appropriate books. Chapter books, comic books, biography, graphic novels for kids, and science books (extra) are all great choices. Again, using the attached reading log please list all books that have been read and turn it in during the first week of school.

Finally, each student is being asked to do a project that will be turned in during the first week of school. **Choose 1 book from your local library, suggested reading list, or a chapter book of your choice and create a character book.** Choose 1 character (your favorite) to compare yourself to. You will need to write about 3 things that you have in common (alike) with that character and 3 things that are different. Your book needs to contain the following:

**Cover page:** The title of the book and author must be written at the top and should stand out. Somewhere on the front your name and the name of your favorite character should also be written. Again, please make sure both names stand out and can be clearly seen from a distance.

The title and the names on the front cover should be outlined in markers, crayon, colored pencils, or something that makes them stand out. Bubble letters, stickers, or fancy letters are also acceptable for the title page. Be creative!

### **Inside pages:**

**Pages 1-3** should be 1 fact written on each page comparing how you and your character are alike or what you have in common. The writing on each page should be 1-3 sentences in length **print and in pencil only**. **Please use the attached template (pdf) for your writing pages.** At the top of the page (inside the box) should be an illustration showing how you and your favorite character are alike or different. All illustrations that are drawn need to be colored. Crayons,

colored pencils, or markers are fine to use. Please do not color in pictures using a regular pencil. Be creative!

**Pages 4-6** are the same directions as above except each page should contain 1 fact that shows how you and your character are different.

**Back page:** Please include a back page to your book to make it complete.

**Total:** 8 pages completed

**The Book:** The book may be made out of construction paper, poster board, copy paper (any color), a notebook, a scrapbook, etc. as long as it is in book form.

**Extras:** Please **include** at least **1 photograph of yourself** since it is a book about you! Your picture can be on the title page or anywhere you like in your book.

**Handwriting:** Please make sure that **all handwriting is in print** and written **in pencil only** (except the title page). Typed projects will not be accepted.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Ms. Colflesh

**Third Grade Summer Reading and Math**  
**Please sign and return to school by June 7, 2017**

I am aware that my child, \_\_\_\_\_,  
has required reading and math work to complete over  
the summer. I understand that this work is due in the  
beginning of the next school year. I have received the  
instructions and all information needed to complete  
these assignments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Book Project Writing Sentence Starters

I am like \_\_\_\_\_ because...

I am different from \_\_\_\_\_ because...

I learned that \_\_\_\_\_ is just like me and we both...

\_\_\_\_\_ and I are the same because...

\_\_\_\_\_ and I are different because...

\_\_\_\_\_ and I both like ...

\_\_\_\_\_ and I both dislike ...

\_\_\_\_\_ made me think of a time when...

\_\_\_\_\_ is like me and ...

\_\_\_\_\_ is not like me because...

\_\_\_\_\_ is different from me...

## Suggestions

The following is a list of books or series you may enjoy. Please remember these are suggestions only and not required.

Geronimo Stilton series

Magic Treehouse series

Beverly Cleary series

2095- John Scieszka series

Being Teddy Roosevelt- Claudia Mills

Dog Diaries: Secret Writings of the WOOF Society- Betsy Byars

Seymour Simon- Science books

\*Extra (Not for the project but great nonfiction books!)

## Character Book Rubric- Reading Comprehension

	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Character Comparison Alike and Different</b>	Character book contains 3 comparisons that are alike and 3 that are different in the correct order. Alike is together and dislike is together	Character book contains comparisons that are alike and are different but 1-2 pieces of information are missing or the order is incorrect	Character book contains comparisons that are alike and different but 3-4 pieces of information are missing or the order is incorrect
<b>Illustrations</b>	Illustrations are related to the facts/comparisons and the connections are easy to understand. Illustrations are correct on all 6 pages	Illustrations are related to the facts/comparisons and most connections are easy to understand. Illustrations are correct on 4-5 pages	Illustrations are not related to the facts/comparisons and connections are not easily made. Illustrations are correct on 3 or less pages
<b>Writing Conventions (Grammar, spelling, punctuation)</b>	There are no spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors	There are 1-4 spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors	There are 5 or more spelling, punctuation, or grammar errors
<b>Title Page</b>	Title page contains the book title, author, character name and student's name and all directions were followed	Title page contains most information with 1 required item missing. Most directions were followed	The title page does not contain required information and the directions were not followed

Total: \_\_\_\_/20 points

\_\_\_\_%

\_\_\_\_ Grade

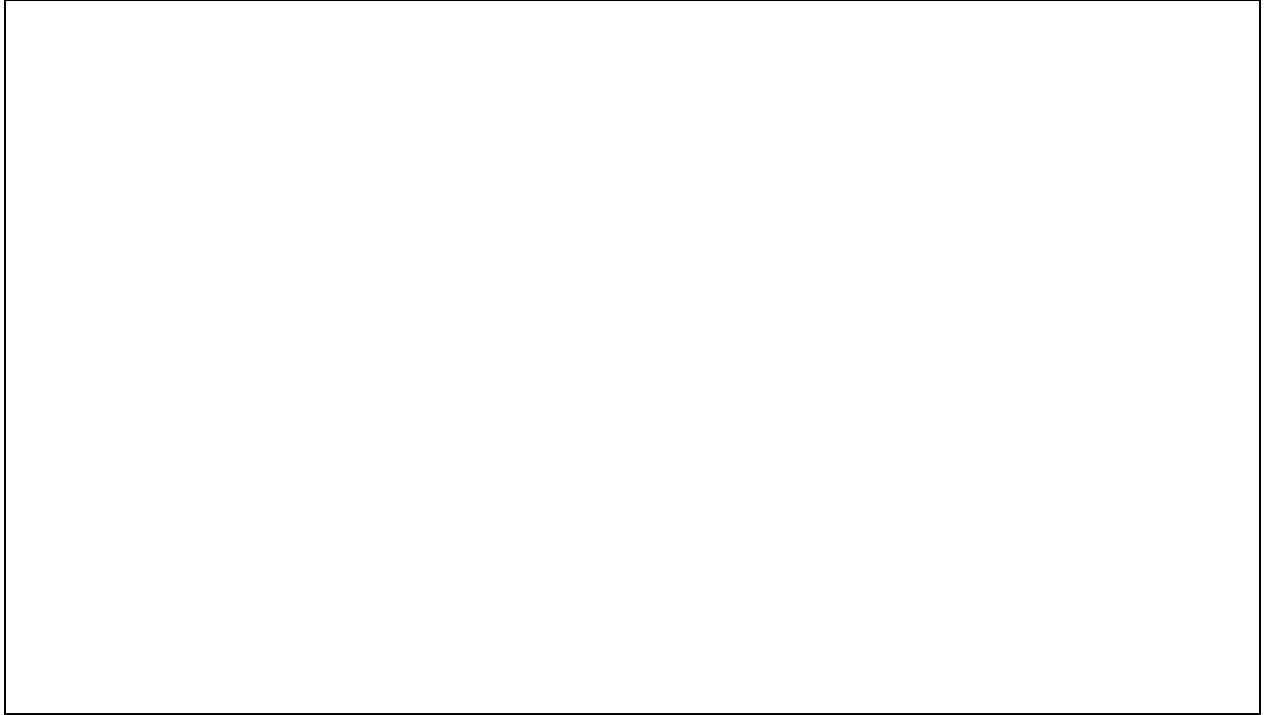
## Sample: Charlotte's Web

An illustration of Charlotte and I would go here. All illustrations should be colored using crayons, markers, or colored pencils.

(On the attached lined paper.)

Charlotte and I are different because I am a person and Charlotte is a spider.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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