



ST. MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Rising 3rd Graders,

Welcome to 3rd grade at St. Mark's! Summer is a wonderful time to read and write for pleasure and strengthen your foundational math skills. Rising 3rd graders are able to read independently and identify main ideas, describe characters, settings, and problems. As writers, 3rd graders can independently compose multiple paragraphs about a topic using the writing process steps. In math, beginning 3rd graders understand place values up to 1000, are fluent in their addition and subtraction fact families, and have familiarity with multiplication. In this packet, you will find selections of activities to help guide and reinforce these essential skills.

Each student is asked to read *Dory Fantasmagory #1* by Abby Halon, and **1 book of your choice from the [Bluebonnet](#) or [HASLIN list](#)**. Should your 3rd grader read 8 bluebonnet books, they will qualify for the Bluebonnet Breakfast that our librarians offer in the spring.

Your child should choose a spiral notebook (8 ½" x 11") to be used as their St. Mark's summer reading assignment journal. The journal should be divided into three parts:

- **Part 1** — SUMMER READING — Make a list of the books you read over the summer and write about them. Choose 1 of the books, draw a new cover, and create a new title for it. On the back of your cover, write a summary .
- **Part 2** — MY SUMMER — Write, illustrate, and use photos to describe your summer adventures! Choose a minimum of 3 different occasions about which to write. Each entry should be at least ½ a page in length.
- **Part 3** — I Wish My Teacher Knew...  
Take time to consider what you wish your teachers knew about you. What are you most excited about? Do you have any questions for us? What is your favorite subject? Is there anything else you wish we knew?

Bring your journal and book cover with you. We will present them in the classroom during the first few weeks of school.

In Math, we ask all students to practice their skills/concepts for 30 minutes a week. Two digital tools that can assist with basic practice are linked: [Sheppard Software](#) and [Khan Academy](#). If you would like to use a [printable sheet](#) for practice, linked is a variety of problems and activities to work through. *Please note there is not a requirement to work on math daily.*

We are looking forward to seeing you in 3rd grade where tremendous things are in store for you and your child.

Have a wonderful summer,  
Your 3rd Grade Teachers