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Dear Soon-To-Be-Third-Graders,

During Third Grade we read many books and learn reading comprehension strategies to help us understand what we read. In preparation for next year, we are asking that you read at least **two** chapter books for your summer reading. The more stars, the more challenging the reading.

Choose **one** of the titles below:

\* **Gooney Bird Greene** by Lois Lowry

From the moment Gooney Bird Greene arrives at Watertower Elementary School, her fellow second-graders are intrigued by her unique sense of style and her unusual lunches. So when story time arrives, the choice is unanimous: they want to hear about Gooney Bird Greene. And that suits her just fine, because, as it turns out, Gooney Bird has quite a few interesting and “absolutely true” stories to tell.

\* **The Magic Tree House- Dinosaurs before Dawn** by Mary Pope Osborne (Or any book in this series)

A tree house that travels through time? Not possible, says Jack. But he has to admit — when he and his younger sister, Annie, start running into dinosaurs — that they're not in Frog Creek, PA, anymore. The first book is an entertaining time-travel fantasy series for young readers.

\* **Dragon Slayers' Academy-The New Kid at School** by Kate McMullan (Or any book in this series)

When a traveling minstrel foretells that he is to become a hero, Wiglaf sets out to fulfill his destiny: he signs up at the Dragon Slayers' Academy. But how can he ever hope to be a dragon slayer when he can't even stand the sight of blood?

\* **Lincoln's Legacy** by Stacia Deutsch (Or any books in the “Blast to the Past” series)

Third graders travel through time to keep history on track!

\*\* **Top Secret** by John Reynolds Gardiner

Despite the disapproval of his parents and his formidable science teacher, nine-year-old Allen determines to do his science project on human photosynthesis.

\*\* **Clementine** by Sara Pennypacker (Or any book in this series)

Clementine is not having a good week. On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair. Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her. Wednesday, she's sent to the principal. again. Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her. Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse. And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her. Okay, fine. Clementine is having a DISASTROUS week.

\*\*\* **BFG** by Roald Dahl

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life giving happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts a plan with him to save the world from nine other man-gobbling “cannybull” giants.

You can choose any book to be your second book! Some suggestions are books written by Beverly Cleary, Lois Sachar, Judy Blume, E.B. White, Lemony Snickett, J.K. Rowling, R.L. Stine, Tony Abbott and Dan Greenberg. You do not have to choose a book by these authors. They are just suggestions that past Third Graders enjoyed.

After you read one of the books from the first list, please do one of the following assignments!

**Choice 1:** Send us a letter that includes a colored picture of your favorite part of the story and a written explanation of why you liked that part. Please write neatly and in full sentences. Please mail your letters to the school's address below.

**Choice 2:** Write the first chapter to a made up sequel, or a continuation of the book you read. Your written chapter should be more than 2 handwritten pages long. Please mail your story to the school's address below.

**Choice 3:** Draw a comic strip on paper that shows what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the book. Please mail your comic to the school's address below.

**Choice 4:** Make a model of your favorite part of the story and include a written explanation of why you liked that part. Please write neatly and in full sentences. You can bring your model to school on the first day of classes.

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We heard wonderful things about you from your second grade teachers, and we are looking forward to our year together in third grade! Have a fun summer!

Love,

Morah Lea

P.S. If you keep track of your reading over the summer, please let me know about it next year. I always love to hear about what you are reading!