

Summer Reading Entering 3rd Grade

St. Thomas's Day School



We think we can, so we can.

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

Welcome to 3rd Grade! I am excited to have your child in my class next year and look forward to meeting you all in the fall. Whether your family is staying close to home or traveling far this year, try to make reading part of your summer adventures. Have a fabulous summer!

Best,
Mrs. Reymond

At St. Thomas's Day School, we seek to make children life-long readers by nurturing an early interest in books and by encouraging recreational reading. We strive to instill confidence so that the children become independent readers who love literature. This includes building good habits and teaching the children the importance of reading every single day.

Summer Reading Goals

- Promote life-long reading habits
- Foster reading as a shared experience that includes reading aloud to and with your child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful discussions about books
- Discover different viewpoints and literacy genres
- Build vocabulary, enhance fluency, and deepen understanding

Reading Matters!

- Children who read often, read better.
- Reading exercises our brains and improves concentration.
- Reading teaches children about the world around them.
- Reading improves vocabulary and develops a child's imagination.
- Reading helps kids develop empathy.
- Children who engage in the reading process perform better academically.
- Reading is entertaining and stretches the mind.

Recommendations

- Read a chapter book with your child.
- Visit the library weekly.
- Peruse a magazine in the magazine section at the book store.
- Join a reading incentive program at the library.
- Ask your child to write a review of a book he/she read.
- Read a book on a digital device.
- Start a book club with your child and a few of his/her friends.
- Listen to audio books
www.audiobooks.com

Be Sure to READ! READ! READ!

St. Thomas's Day School believes that summer is a wonderful time for children to engage in fun-filled math activities and real-world math experiences. Math is inherent in almost all summer experiences—trips, ball games, sports, board games, trading cards, puzzles, camps and cooking. It is everywhere! The enclosed list includes family-oriented activities that aim to maintain math facility in a fun and interesting way while reinforcing the intrinsic value that your family places upon mathematical development. The activities are recommended, but not required. The goal is for you to have fun with your child.

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Summers are wonderful. Never forget your summers. Stuart Little

**Summer Math
Entering 3rd Grade**

Summer Math Goals

- Develop an understanding about how math pertains to the real world
- Promote life-long learning habits
- Foster math as a shared experience between parent and child
- Broaden children's interests and stimulate their imaginations
- Engage in meaningful conversations about math
- Prepare children for the future
- Promote critical thinking and problem solving abilities
- Have fun

Math Matters!

- Children who practice math frequently, understand the world around them better.
- Math is a language that describes the ideas that make up our world.
- Math activities can promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Math is the foundation for many sciences and for music.
- Math is interesting and can stimulate your mind.
- Mathematics is woven throughout almost everything we do.
- The process of learning math boosts your brain power.

Recommendations

- Have your child practice mental math by asking him/her to add three single digit numerals in his/her head.
- Arrange 3-4 playing cards to build the largest/smallest numeral possible.
- Have your child practice fractions by measuring out ingredients while cooking.
- Ask your child to tally how many different license plates he/she sees on the road.
- Ask your child to calculate how much change he/she should get when you pay for an item in a store.
- Count the rooms in your house and make some fraction facts about them.

MATHEMATICS Is Fun!