

Blessed Sacrament School 3rd Grade Summer Reading

Dear Third Graders,

Congratulations on a job well done in second grade! Welcome to third grade. We are looking forward to working with you in September.

Over the summer, we would like you to read: **Friendship According to Humphrey** by **Betty G Birnes AND one book of your choice.**

After reading these books we would like you to complete the book report forms as carefully and neatly as you can. We suggest that you write the summary on scrap paper first and then copy it onto the form. Remember only to include important information in the summary to tell about the beginning, middle and end of the story. Your summary should fit on the lines provided. Please give examples from the book to support your opinion.

We encourage you to read other books suggested on the list or books of your own choice throughout the summer. Try to read books from each genre. Fill in your reading journal each time you complete a book. Reading is so much fun and such a great way to relax and stay cool!

We suggest that you write as often as possible. Help mom or dad with grocery or packing lists, write postcards to friends, letters to grandma and grandpa, write creative stories or poems for friends to enjoy, or keep a journal of your summer activities each day.

It is very important that you do some math work over the summer to be prepared for third grade math. You should be studying all addition and subtraction math facts and completing the math packet. We will ask you to memorize multiplication and division math facts in third grade.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer! We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

- Mrs. Newell and Mrs. Sutton

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Third Grade Book Report

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Title of Book: _____

Author: _____

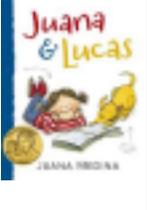
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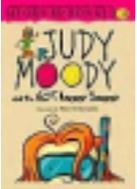
Setting: (Time and place) _____

Plot: (Give a brief summary of the story) _____

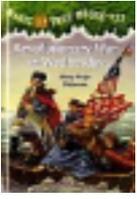
Explain why you liked or did not like the book: _____

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	<p><i>Pilgrims: a nonfiction companion to Thanksgiving on Thursday</i> **REQUIRED Genre: nonfiction</p> <p>Describes the life of the Pilgrims who settled in New Plymouth Colony and the historical events and people involved in the early years of the colony.</p>
	<p><i>Thanksgiving on Thursday</i> (Osborne) Genre: fantasy, adventure, historical fiction</p> <p>Jack and Annie travel in their magic treehouse to the year 1621, where they celebrate the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians in the New Plymouth Colony.</p>
	<p><i>Juana and Lucas</i> (Medina) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>A spunky young girl from Colombia loves playing with her canine best friend and resists boring school activities, especially learning English, until her family tells her that a special trip is planned to an English-speaking place.</p>
	<p><i>The Hundred Dresses</i> (Estes) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Wanda is ridiculed by her classmates for her peculiar last name and for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. She claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't and teases her mercilessly.</p>
	<p><i>Gooney Bird on the Map</i> (and others in series by Lowry) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>When her second-grade classmates are envious of the three students who are going away on winter vacation, the creative and ingenious Gooney Bird Greene thinks of a geography activity to cheer them all up.</p>

	<p><i>Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer</i> (and others in series by McCarthy) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Judy's big plans for the summer seem ruined when two of her best friends go away, but a new "thrill-a-delic" plan has her racing toward fun.</p>
	<p><i>Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth</i> (and others in the series by O'Connor) Genre: mystery</p> <p>Sassy Fancy Nancy is now a detective. Told in the third-person narrative, when one of Nancy's classmate's most special possessions disappears from school, it's up to her to save the day.</p>

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	<p><i>Toys Go Out</i> (and others in series by Jenkins) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>These six linked stories showcase the unforgettable adventures—and misadventures —of three extraordinary friends, who happen to be toys.</p>
	<p><i>Revolutionary War on Wednesday</i> (and others in series by Osborne) Genre: historical fiction, adventure</p> <p>Using their magic tree house, Jack and Annie travel back to the time of the American Revolution and help General George Washington during his famous crossing of the Delaware River.</p>
	<p><i>The Boy Who Cried Bigfoot</i> (and others in series by Greenburg) Genre: humor</p> <p>After hearing stories that a Bigfoot-like monster is haunting Camp Weno-wanna-getta wedgee, ten-year-old Zack begins to find evidence that the legend may be true.</p>
	<p><i>Stuey Lewis Against All Odds : stories from the third grade</i> (Schoenberg) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Stuey Lewis has conquered second grade, but third grade's no piece of cake, either. Can he figure out how to transport his whole class to outer space, navigate a first airplane trip disaster, celebrate the best Mother's Day ever, and find a cool enough pet for the class's pet show?</p>

	<p><i>Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Carnival Prize</i> (Adler) Genre: mystery</p> <p>When fifth-grader Cam notices that the prizes for a game at the school carnival are disappearing, she uses her photographic memory to investigate.</p>
	<p><i>Knights of the Kitchen Table</i> (and others in series by Scieszka) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, and find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.</p>
	<p><i>Muggie Maggie</i> (Cleary)</p> <p>Maggie resists learning cursive writing in the third grade, until she discovers that knowing how to read and write cursive promises to open up an entirely new world of knowledge for her.</p>

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	<p><i>Ruby Lu, Brave and True</i> (and others in series by Look) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Ruby Lu spends time with her baby brother, goes to Chinese school, performs magic tricks and learns to drive, and has adventures with both old and new friends.</p>
	<p><i>Friend or Fiend? with the Pain and the Great One</i> (and others in the series by Blume) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>A reading circle mishap convinces Jake that he never wants to speak during class again and Abigale loses her trust in one of her best friends, but they both have to deal with their fiendish cousins from New York.</p>
	<p><i>The Pinstripe Ghost</i> (and other books in the Ballpark Mysteries series by Kelly) Genre: mystery, sports</p> <p>While visiting New York's Yankee Stadium with Kate's mother, cousins Mike and Kate decide to investigate the rumor that the ghost of Babe Ruth is haunting the stadium.</p>

	<p><i>Catwings</i> (Le Guin) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, finally meeting two children with kind hands.</p>
	<p><i>Dory Fantasmagory</i> (and sequels by Hanlon) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.</p>
	<p><i>Marty McGuire Has Too Many Pets!</i> (Messner) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>After visiting a great ape sanctuary, Marty and her friends set out to raise the money to "adopt" a chimpanzee by organizing a talent show at school and starting a pet-sitting business in Marty's basement--which soon gets out of hand.</p>
	<p><i>Pippi Longstocking</i> (written by Lindgren, I recommend the readaloud version illustrated by Lauren Child)</p> <p>Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.</p>

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	<p><i>Henry and Mudge and the Best Day of All</i> (and others in the series by Rylant) Genre: realistic fiction, animal story</p> <p>Henry and his big dog Mudge celebrate Henry's birthday with a pinata, a lively birthday party, and a cake shaped like a fish tank, making May first the best day ever.</p>
	<p><i>Mercy Watson Thinks Like a Pig</i> (and others in series by DiCamillo) Genre: animal story</p> <p>Two sisters move in next door to where Mercy the pig lives, and become frustrated when Mercy continues to eat their flowers. They decide to call for the help of an Animal Control Officer, Francine Poulet, to handle the case.</p>

	<p><i>Commander Toad and the Space Pirates</i> (and others in series by Yolen) Genre: science fiction, humor</p> <p>Commander Salamander and his band of pirates capture the "Star Warts" spaceship, and Commander Toad is forced to hop the plank.</p>
	<p><i>Ivy and Bean Take Care of the Babysitter</i> (and others in series by Barrows) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Bean, left in the care of her mean older sister Nancy for the afternoon, enlists her best friend Ivy in a plot to prove Nancy is the worst babysitter ever.</p>
	<p><i>Just Grace Walks the Dog</i> (and others in series by Harper) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Eight-year-old Just Grace and her best friend Mimi embark on a campaign to convince Grace's parents that they are responsible and dependable enough to get a dog.</p>
	<p><i>The Talented Clementine</i> (and others in the series by Pennypacker) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Eight-year-old Clementine, convinced that she has no talents, tries to find a way to avoid participating in the class talent show.</p>
	<p><i>Alvin Ho : allergic to camping, hiking, and other natural disasters</i> (and others in the series by Look) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Alvin learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything when his father takes him camping. Sequel to <i>Alvin Ho: Allergic to Girls, School, and Other Scary Things</i>.</p>

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	<p><i>The Deadly Dungeon</i> (and other in A to Z Mysteries by Roy) Genre: mystery</p> <p>While visiting Wallis's castle, Dink and his friends investigate strange noises that lead them to a dangerous secret.</p>
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	<p><i>Pinky and Rex and the Double-Dad Weekend</i> (and others in the series by Howe) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Pinky and Rex share a weekend with their fathers camping indoors due to rain.</p>
	<p><i>Attaboy Sam</i> (also <i>All About Sam</i> by Lowry) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Sam is able to help his sister Anastasia with the poem she is writing for their mother's birthday, but his own efforts to create a special perfume are disastrous.</p>
	<p><i>The Chocolate Touch</i> (Catling) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.</p>
	<p><i>Mysteries According to Humphrey</i> (and others in series by Birney) Genre: animal story</p> <p>After learning about Sherlock Holmes, Humphrey the classroom hamster follows clues to try to discover why their teacher Mrs. Brisbane is gone and why a substitute is taking her place.</p>
	<p><i>The Stories Julian Tells</i> (Cameron) Genre: short stories, adventure</p> <p>A collection of brief stories that relate the adventures of seven-year-old Julian's life, including getting into trouble with his younger brother Huey, planting a garden, what he did to try to grow taller, losing a tooth, and finding a new friend.</p>
	<p><i>The Doll People</i> (and others by Martin) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.</p>

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	<p><i>How to Eat Fried Worms</i> (Rockwell) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Tells a story about a boy who sets out to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days in order to win a bet.</p>
	<p><i>George Washington's Breakfast</i> (Fritz) Genre: historical fiction</p> <p>Having the same name and birthday as George Washington, a young boy wants everything else in his life just as Washington had it, but he cannot find out what Washington ate for breakfast.</p>
	<p><i>The Million Dollar Shot</i> (Gutman) Genre: sports</p> <p>Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals.</p>
	<p><i>Emmaline and the Bunny</i> (Hannigan) Genre: animal story</p> <p>More than anything, Emmaline wants a bunny. And, more than anything, Mayor Orson Oliphant does not like animals. He has banished them all, including bunnies. Is there a way for Emmaline to have a bunny of her own?</p>
	<p><i>Journey to the Volcano Palace</i> (and others in the Secrets of Droon series by Abbott) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>Eric and his friends attempt to recover a magic jewel which was stolen from Princess Keeah by Lord Sparr.</p>
	<p><i>Quinny & Hopper</i> (Schanen) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Two polar-opposite eight year olds who become summer best friends find their friendship threatened by the uncertainties of a new school year.</p>
	<p><i>Roxie and the Hooligans</i> (Naylor) Genre: adventure, humor</p> <p>Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.</p>

	<p><i>Beezus and Ramona</i> (and others in series by Cleary) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Four-year-old Ramona has an imagination that makes her a menace to everyone around her, particularly her older sister, Beezus.</p>
	<p><i>The Littles Go Exploring</i> (and others in series by Peterson) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>The Little family--the biggest person is just six inches tall--explores beyond the Dark Woods.</p>
	<p><i>S.O.R. Losers</i> (Avi) Genre: sports</p> <p>Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.</p>
	<p><i>Kate Larkin the Bone Expert</i> (Tate) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>When Kate breaks her arm, she learns all about bones, from how x-rays work to how bones heal, and by the time she gets her cast removed at the end of the summer, she is an expert.</p>
	<p><i>The Girl with 500 Middle Names</i> (Haddix) Genre: realistic fiction</p> <p>Janie's parents move to the suburbs so she can go to a better school, but when she discovers that all the other students are richer than she is, she feels out of place--until she realizes that there are more important things than money.</p>
	<p><i>Stink and the Incredible Super-galactic Jawbreaker</i> (and others by McDonald) Genre: realistic fiction, humor</p> <p>Stink, having discovered that he can get free samples by writing letters of complaint to companies, gets so caught up in his letter writing campaign that he misses his best friend's birthday.</p>
	<p><i>My Father's Dragon</i> (and others in series by Gannett) Genre: fantasy</p> <p>A young boy is determined to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.</p>

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	<p><i>Two Bobbies : a true story of Hurricane Katrina, friendship, and survival</i> (Larson)</p> <p>Tells the true story of Bobbie the dog and Bob Cat, two pets who bonded together and were able to survive the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.</p>
	<p><i>Nic Bishop Marsupials</i> (and other animal books by Bishop)</p> <p>Presents photographs and discussions of the diversity, beauty, habits, and life cycle of various marsupials from Australia, including quolls, quokkas, potoroos, and pademelons.</p>
	<p><i>Ada's Violin : the story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay</i> (Hood)</p> <p>Tells the true tale of an orchestra made up of children playing instruments built from recycled trash called the 'Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay.'</p>
	<p><i>Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins</i> (Kerley)</p> <p>The true story of Victorian artist Benjamin Waterhouse Hawkins, who built life sized models of dinosaurs in the hope of educating the world about what these awe-inspiring ancient animals were like.</p>
	<p><i>Balloons Over Broadway: the true story of the puppeteer of Macy's parade</i> (Sweet)</p> <p>Tells the story of puppeteer Tony Sarg, the man who first invented the helium balloons that have become the trademark of the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.</p>
	<p><i>The Marvelous Thing that Came from a Spring : the accidental invention of the toy that swept the nation</i> (Ford)</p> <p>With magnificent dioramic illustrations, Gilbert Ford captures the joy, creativity, and determination behind the invention of an iconic, one-of-a-kind toy: the Slinky!</p>

	<p><i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters</i> (Step toe)</p> <p>African folktale about Mufaro's two beautiful daughters. One is bad-tempered, one is kind and sweet. They go before the king, who is choosing a wife.</p>
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	<p><i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> (Kamkwamba)</p> <p>Tells the true story of William Kamkwamba, who studies the technology and engineering behind wind turbines to solve a major problem - lack of electricity for lights or to pump water - in his hometown. This picture book is based on the book written for older readers.</p>
	<p><i>There Goes Ted Williams</i> (Tavares)</p> <p>Chronicles the life of Ted Williams, who spent his entire career in major league baseball as the left fielder for the Boston Red Sox.</p>
	<p><i>Those Rebels, John and Tom</i> (Kerley)</p> <p>John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were different in many ways, but they did have two things in common: They both cared deeply about the American colonies, and neither cared much for the British tyrant, King George.</p>
	<p><i>George Washington's Teeth</i> (Chandra)</p> <p>Second only to kids' curiosity about Washington and the cherry tree may be their interest in his teeth. Did the president wear wooden dentures? Chandra sets the record straight with wit, verve, and a generous amount of sympathy for poor Washington and his dental woes.</p>
	<p><i>Reaching for the Moon</i> (Aldrin)</p> <p>Presents an illustrated account of astronaut Buzz Aldrin's life and the determination and experiences that led him to be part of the first mission to land men on the moon.</p>

	<p><i>I am Jane Goodall (and others in Ordinary People Change the World series by Metzler)</i></p> <p>Features Jane Goodall, the scientist and conservationist who is famous for her work with chimpanzees.</p>
	<p><i>The Boy Who Invented TV : the Story of Philo Farnsworth (Krull)</i></p> <p>This fascinating picture-book biography of Philo Farnsworth covers his early interest in machines and electricity, leading up to how he put it all together in one of the greatest inventions of the 20th century.</p>

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	<p><i>Louise, the Adventures of a Chicken (DiCamillo)</i></p> <p>Longing for adventure, intrepid Louise leaves her comfortable nest and goes to sea.</p>
	<p><i>Two Bad Ants (Van Allsburg)</i></p> <p>When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.</p>
	<p><i>The Scrambled States of America (Keller)</i></p> <p>The states decide to change places for a while because they became bored with their positions on the map, and also includes interesting facts about the states.</p>
	<p><i>How I Learned Geography (Shulevitz)</i></p> <p>As he spends hours studying his father's world map, a young boy escapes the hunger and misery of refugee life. Based on the author's childhood in Kazakhstan, where he lived as a Polish refugee during World War II.</p>
	<p><i>How My Parents Learned to Eat (Friedman)</i></p> <p>An American sailor courts a Japanese girl and each tries, in secret, to learn the other's way of eating.</p>

	<p><i>Frank and Lucky Get Schooled</i> (Perkins)</p> <p>A boy and his dog learn about each other, go to school to learn more, then explore the world around them as they study science, geography and even foreign languages together.</p>
	<p><i>Chester the Worldly Pig</i> (and others by Peet)</p> <p>A disgruntled pig sets his sights on being more than something to eat.</p>
	<p><i>Art & Max</i> (or any books by David Wiesner)</p> <p>Max wants to be an artist like Arthur, but his first attempt at using a paintbrush sends the two friends on a whirlwind trip through various media, with unexpected consequences.</p>

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	<p><i>First Peas to the Table: how Thomas Jefferson inspired a school garden</i> (Grigsby)</p> <p>Students study techniques used by Thomas Jefferson as they grow pea plants and compete to see whose will produce a bowl full of peas first.</p>
	<p><i>John, Paul, George, and Ben</i> (Smith)</p> <p>A humorous look at the early lives of five founding fathers of the United States, including George Washington, John Hancock, Paul Revere, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson.</p>
	<p><i>The Astonishing Secret of Awesome Man</i> (Chabon)</p> <p>A young superhero describes his awesome powers, which he then demonstrates as various foes arrive on the scene.</p>
	<p><i>Rechenka's Eggs</i> (or any by Patricia Polacco)</p> <p>Having broken the painted eggs intended for the Easter Festival in Moscva, an injured goose rescued by Babushka lays thirteen marvelously colored eggs to replace them, leaving behind one final miracle in egg form before returning to her own kind.</p>

	<p><i>The Quiltmaker's Journey</i> (Brumbeau)</p> <p>The quiltmaker grows up wealthy and sheltered, but radically changes her life after she discovers the poverty and need outside her town. Sequel to <i>The Quiltmaker's Gift</i>.</p>
	<p><i>Enigma: a magical mystery</i> (Base)</p> <p>When Bertie the badger visits his grandfather at a retirement home for magicians, he learns that his grandfather's rabbit, Enigma, has disappeared along with everyone's magical things, and the reader is invited to help break a code to find the items hidden throughout the book.</p>
	<p><i>The Night Gardener</i> (Fan)</p> <p>Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener, but William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.</p>