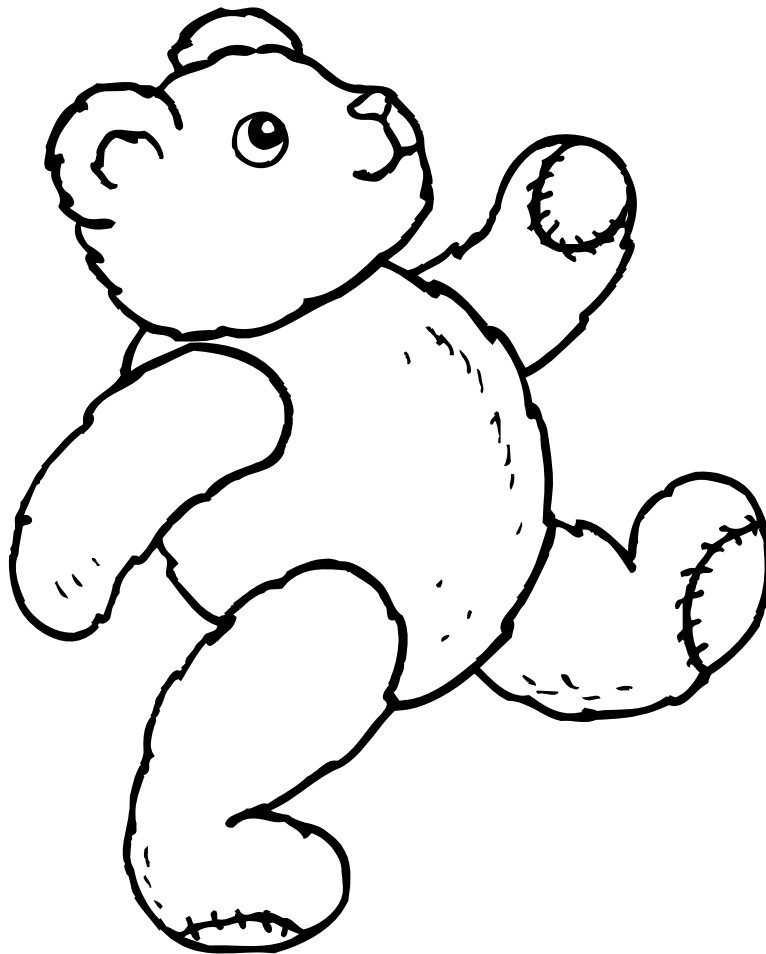


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The  
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**Be Excited About Reading**



**For Students Entering 3rd Grade**

June 2008

Dear Parents,

The summer reading program at DC is a way to develop in your child a love for reading and to maintain the current level of skills that your child has worked to achieve during the school year. We hope that you will enthusiastically support this program and make reading a daily part of your child's summer.





Happy reading!

Third Grade Teachers

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### How To Help Your Child Select A Book

**YOU** are the key in helping your child select summer reading books that will be of high interest and will also be at your child's *independent reading level*. The independent reading level (Zone of Proximal Development) is the level at which your child can comfortably read and understand material without adult supervision. Your child's current ZPD range is \_\_\_\_\_. Please use these guidelines in helping your child select appropriate reading material.

-  Find books about your favorite topic or hobby.
-  Look for books by a favorite author/illustrator.
-  Browse through the book to see if the illustrations are interesting. Read the book summary on the back cover or book jacket.
-  Choose a book that is at your *independent reading level*. Use the "**Five Finger Rule**". Choose a book that you think you would like to read. Open to any page and begin reading. If you come to five words you can't pronounce or don't understand, put the book back. It's too hard for you.

For younger children, you may want to use the "Three Finger Rule".

# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE SUMMER READING RECORD

Please return this page to your teacher on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the following books over the summer:**

<p><b>Theme:</b> _____</p> <p>Why did you choose this theme?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>1. Title _____ Author _____</p> <p>2. Title _____ Author _____</p> <p>3. Title _____ Author _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Biography</b></p> <p>Title _____ Author _____</p> <p>Name one thing you admired about this person, and tell why:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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## **Books of Your Choice**

<p>Title _____ Author _____</p> <p>Color a picture of your favorite part of this story:</p>	<p>Title _____ Author _____</p> <p>Write one sentence for each part of the story:</p> <p>Beginning: _____ _____</p> <p>Middle: _____ _____</p> <p>End: _____ _____</p>
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## Required Summer Reading for Third Grade

Students entering Third Grade should read six books at their ZPD range. Each book should be recorded on the last page of this booklet. Please bring this page to your child's teacher on the first day of school. Activities during the first week of school will include a review of these books.

### **Books on a Theme - Read 3**

Read 3 books about a theme of your choice. At least one of the books should be non-fiction, or informational. For example, the following books would be appropriate for a theme on DOGS:

Barry, the Bravest Saint Bernard by Lynn Hall

Okay, Good Dog by Ursula Landshoff

Your Pet Dog by Elaine Landau

Me and My Pet Dog by Christine Morley

Puppy Love by Dick King-Smith

Barkis by Clare Turley Newberry

### **Biography - Read 1**

### **Books of Your Choice - Read 2**