

Topeka Collegiate School

3rd Grade Summer Reading

- Frindle
- A Book of Poetry
- A William Allen White Nominee

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Dear Third Grader Scholar,

We hope that you will have a fun filled, refreshing summer. We will be preparing for an exciting new school year and reading lots of great books this summer. We feel that it is important that you read great books too. The purpose of reading over the summer is to not only make you a better reader, but to also go places only books can take you! Be sure to read by yourself, read with someone, read to someone, and find someone who will read to you. To get you started on your summer reading adventure we have selected books and activities that we think you will enjoy.

Poetry

1. Select and read a book of poetry. (The Topeka Shawnee County Library has a great selection!)
2. Pick your favorite poem and type it, handwrite it, or make a copy of it on a copy machine.
3. Illustrate your poem on a SEPARATE piece of paper. (Do your best, they will be displayed in the hallway!)
4. Ask an adult to teach you how to address an envelope.
5. Mail your poem and illustration to Ms. Bauer and Ms. Kido at 2200 S.W. Eveningside Drive, Topeka, KS 66614. (Please mail your poem and illustration by July 15 so that it can be included in a special book that we will be putting together for the first week of school. And if you are in the mood, write your own poem and send it in too!)

Popular Author

1. Read the book *Frindle*, by Andrew Clement by yourself, with someone, or have someone read it to you.
2. Create a poster that will serve as an advertisement for a *Frindle*. Your poster should include: A picture or illustration of a *Frindle* (is it an ordinary pen or something more unique), an endorsement by a famous person or celebrity, elements from the story (characters, settings, events, etc.), and a catchy tag line.
3. Bring your poster to school during the first week of school. We will display them in the hallway so be creative and do your best work!

Children's Book Award Nominee

1. Select a 2010-2011 William Allen White Book, and read it on your own or with someone. The Master List is attached. (We will talk more about this list at the beginning of the school year, but be prepared! Scholars who read two books from the list will be eligible to vote online in April 2011 for the William Allen White Children's Book of the Year Award. We have attached the Master List for Grades 3-5.)
2. Be prepared to discuss the book with others, including your teachers, when you get to school.

You should be able to find the books you need for summer reading at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Barnes and Noble, or online. Please let us know if you need help or have any questions.

Happy Reading!

Ms. Kido and Ms. Bauer

P.S. These are actual third grade assignments! Your completion of the books and the effort you put into each activity will be assessed and reported on your first quarter progress report.

William Allen White Children's Book Award

2010-2011 Nominee Master List

Grades 3-5

Chancey of the Maury River, by Gigi Amateau

Synopsis: After being abandoned, Chancey, an albino Appaloosa horse, finds a new home with Claire who needs him as much as he needs her, but as his eyesight deteriorates, he and Claire start anew as a therapeutic team.

Masterpiece, by Elise Broach

Synopsis: After Marvin, a beetle, makes a miniature drawing as an eleventh birthday gift for James, a human with whom he shares a house, the two new friends work together to help recover a Durer drawing stolen from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Buffalo Song, by Joseph Bruchac

Synopsis: The story of the first efforts to save the vanishing bison (buffalo) herds from extinction in the United States in the 1870s and 1880s. Based on the true story of Samuel Walking Coyote, a Salish (Kalispel) Indian who rescued and raised orphaned buffalo calves.

Freedom Train, by Evelyn Coleman

Synopsis: Twelve-year-old Clyde Thomason's older brother is a guard on the Freedom Train, which is carrying the Bill of Rights and other documents throughout the country in 1948, but Clyde is also learning about rights and freedom as he is saved from a beating by an African American boy, and later returns the favor when men in their Atlanta suburb decide to show the "Nigras" their place.

Eleven, by Patricia Reilly Giff

Synopsis: When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his eleventh birthday, it brings forth memories from his past, and, with the help of a new friend at school and the castle they are building for a school project, his questions are eventually answered.

Swindle, by Gordon Korman

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palomino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker.

The adventures of Sir Lancelot the Great, by Gerald Morris

Synopsis: Relates tales of Sir Lancelot, the bravest knight in King Arthur's court

Planting the trees of Kenya: The story of Wangari Maathai, by Claire A Nivola

Synopsis: This is the story of Wangari Maathai, winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize and founder of the Green Belt Movement, Wangari came home from college to find the streams dry, the people malnourished, and the trees gone. How could she alone bring back the trees and restore the gardens and the people.

42 miles, by Tracie Vaughn Zimmer

Synopsis: As her thirteenth birthday approaches, JoEllen decides to bring together her two separate lives--one as Joey, who enjoys weekends with her father and other relatives on a farm, and another as Ellen, who lives with her mother in a Cincinnati apartment near her school and friends.