



2023 Summer Reading List

First Presbyterian Day School

Dear Lower School Parents,

The purpose of our Elementary Summer Reading Program is to nurture the habit of reading and to develop secure skills by engaging in daily reading opportunities. Strong reading skills help students in every academic area and open them up to a lifetime love of learning. Nothing can take the place of reading when it comes to building vocabulary, language, comprehension, and writing skills. All children enjoy cuddling up to read a good book, especially when they've found a book they love!

Parents, please make sure to monitor time and activities on digital devices this summer to be sure programs are appropriate and your child is safe. Research states that a child who is read to or reads 20 minutes a day is more successful in academics. Children who create things develop stronger problem-solving skills. Reading and creating – what a wonderful combination for summer fun!

We suggest giving your child as many reading opportunities as possible – to be read to, to read aloud, to read to themselves, and to read for an audience such as siblings, family, or grandparents. Help your child find things to read that interest them. As you travel and vacation, read signs, trucks, and billboards.

Thank you for helping nurture a love for reading throughout the summer, beyond just completing required assignments. Let's all work together as we watch their love for reading grow!

Happy reading! We can't wait to see you back on campus very soon!

Mrs. Shannon Bryant

Rising 3rd Grade Summer Reading List

Third grade students are required to read and complete activities for **two** books this summer. While third graders are only required to read two books, we hope that you will enjoy reading all summer long!

Book #1-All third grade students will read Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. With this required book there is a comprehension packet to complete. The completed packet will be due the first week of school. We will be doing a project with this book the first month of school as well.

Book #2- Choose an Accelerated Reader **chapter book** designed for 2nd-4th graders. You will take an AR test on this book this summer from home or during the first full week of school. When selecting a book, please make sure there is an AR quiz for it. You can find this using the AR BookFinder

http://www.renlearn.com/store/quiz_home.asp?c=1 . The Accelerated Reader test link can also be found at: <https://global-zone20.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/55535>

To log in, the student will use their 2nd grade username and password. If you are new to FPD, please email lyn.brumbelow@fpdmacon.org for log-in assistance.

IMPORTANT: The list of books below should NOT be read during the summer because they will be read as part of third grade novel studies during the year:

Rent a Third Grader	Charlotte's Web	Pilgrim Boy
The Christmas Cup	The Hundred Dresses	The Story of George Washington Carver
Exodus the Prince of Egypt	The Mouse and the Motorcycle	

****Find the Flat Stanley comprehension packet and suggested books on the following pages.**



Rising 3rd Grade Summer Reading Form

Student's name: _____

I read:

Book # 1: Flat Stanley

How many stars do you give it? Why?



Book # 2: _____

How many stars do you give it? Why?



Student signature: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this to your teacher when you come to school in August.

Book #1

Flat Stanley



Please complete all pages in this packet.
This will be due the first week of 3rd grade!

Name _____

As you read Flat Stanley, you will come across these vocabulary words. The chapter where the word is found is provided. Please match the correct definition on the right with the vocabulary word on the left. Write the letter in the blank!

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|----------------------------|---|
| _____ 1. marvel (Ch. 1) | A. easy to bend |
| _____ 2. altered (Ch. 1) | B. to search for by moving things |
| _____ 3. limber (Ch. 2) | C. a special event or happening |
| _____ 4. jostled (Ch. 3) | D. changed in some way |
| _____ 5. parcel (Ch. 3) | E. to be filled with wonder or surprise |
| _____ 6. suspect (Ch. 4) | F. smartly done |
| _____ 7. disguise (Ch. 4) | G. a package |
| _____ 8. cleverly (Ch. 4) | H. to hide |
| _____ 9. rummage (Ch. 5) | I. bumped around |
| _____ 10. occasion (Ch. 5) | J. to think that someone is guilty |

Name: _____

Flat Stanley

Chapters 1 - 3



1. How did Stanley become flat?

2. When Arthur saw Stanley slide under the door, Arthur felt...

a. glad b. confused
c. jealous d. sad

3. When Mrs. Lambchop's ring fell into a shaft, Stanley climbed down to get it.
What did Stanley hold onto when he went in the shaft?

a. his belt b. a rope
c. Mrs. Lambchop's hand d. a shoelace

4. Who was Stanley going to visit when he mailed himself to California?

a. his grandma and grandpa b. his aunt and uncle
c. the Jeffrey family d. the Jones family

5. What did Stanley eat on his way to California? _____

6. Where was Arthur when Stanley got stuck in the tree?

Name: _____

Flat Stanley

Chapters 4 - 5



1. Who is Mr. Dart?
- a. a sneak thief
 - b. a police officer
 - c. a guard at the museum
 - d. the director of the museum

2. What kind of disguise did Stanley want to wear in the museum?

3. Describe the disguise that Mr. Dart made Stanley wear.

4. How did the sneak thieves get into the museum?
- a. through a window
 - b. through the front door
 - c. through the ceiling
 - d. through a trap door

5. What did Stanley use to unflatten himself?
- a. a balloon
 - b. a bicycle tire pump
 - c. a bulletin board
 - d. many toys from his toy box

Name: _____

Flat Stanley



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 - sad
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 - his belt
 - a rope
 - Mrs. Lambchop's hand
 - a shoelace
- Who was Stanley going to visit when he mailed himself to California?
 - his grandma and grandpa
 - his aunt and uncle
 - the Jeffrey family
 - the Jones family
- Why did Stanley's father mail his son to California?
 - It was cheaper than buying a train ticket.
 - Stanley liked talking to the mail carrier.
 - The Lambchop family did not have a car.
 - He wanted Stanley to arrive quickly.
- What did Stanley eat on his way to California?
 - a sandwich
 - a hot dog
 - a candy bar
 - an apple
- At the museum, Stanley wanted to dress up as...
 - a pirate
 - a cowboy
 - a superhero
 - a sheep girl

Match each character with his/her description. Draw straight lines.

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|-----------------|---|---|--|
| 7. Stanley | • | • | rolled up Stanley like a paper to carry him |
| 8. Arthur | • | • | one of the sneak thieves |
| 9. Mr. Lambchop | • | • | director of the art museum |
| 10. Dr. Dan | • | • | Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop's youngest son |
| 11. Luther | • | • | Mr. and Mrs. Lambchop's oldest son |
| 12. Mr. Dart | • | • | examined Stanley to be sure he is okay after he becomes flat |

13. How did Stanley become flat?

14. How did Stanley get stuck in a tree?

15. How did Stanley help catch the sneak thieves?

Name: _____

Flat Stanley
Who Said That?



Tell which character is speaking for each quote below. Choose from the list of characters in the box.

Stanley	Arthur	Mr. Lambchop
Mrs. Lambchop	Mr. Dart	Dr. Dan

1. "No, you will have to wear the disguise I have chosen." _____
2. "Someday I will have a big kite, and I will win a kite-flying contest and be famous like everyone else. Nobody knows who I am these days." _____
3. "I felt sort of tickly for awhile after I got up, but I feel fine now." _____
4. "Sometimes we doctors, despite all our years of training and experience, can only marvel at how little we really know." _____
5. "Wallpaper? Oh, no. This is my son, Stanley." _____
6. "I am not playing with a yo-yo. My son is at the other end of this lace, if you must know." _____

Name: _____

Flat Stanley

A	M	T	I	R	E	P	U	M	P	M	A	L
B	U	L	L	E	T	I	N	B	O	A	R	D
S	S	T	A	N	L	E	Y	F	L	L	T	R
T	E	R	F	L	M	A	I	L	I	F	H	D
A	U	K	A	R	T	E	R	A	C	L	U	A
M	M	I	M	R	D	A	R	T	E	Y	R	N
P	G	T	D	I	L	A	M	B	C	H	O	P
S	N	E	A	K	T	H	I	E	V	E	S	Q
S	T	A	L	P	A	I	N	T	I	N	G	G

Find these words in the puzzle. Words are hidden → and ↓.

ARTHUR

BULLETIN BOARD

DR. DAN

FLAT

FLY

KITE

LAMBCHOP

MAIL

MR. DART

MUSEUM

PAINTING

POLICE

SNEAK THIEVES

STAMPS

STANLEY

TIRE PUMP



Rising 3rd Grade Suggestions

Books by these authors:

David Adler	Jan Brett	Janell Cannon	Matt Christopher
Beverly Cleary	Andrew Clements	Henry Cole	Carmen Deedy
Eric Litwin	Max Lucado	Patricia Polacco	

Chapter book series:

<i>Magic Treehouse</i> series by Osborne	<i>A to Z Mysteries</i> by Roy	<i>Cam Jansen</i> by Adler
<i>Boxcar Children</i> series by Warner	<i>Encyclopedia Brown</i> series by Sobol	<i>Wayside School</i> series by Sachar
<i>Whatever After</i> series by Mlynowski	<i>Puppy Place</i> series by Miles	<i>My Weird School Daze</i> series by Gutman
<i>Calendar Club</i> series by Star	<i>American Girl</i> series by various authors	<i>Great Illustrated Classics</i> by various authors
<i>I Survived</i> series by Tarshis	Sports series by Matt Christopher	<i>Owl Diaries</i> by Elliott
<i>Sideways Stories from Wayside School</i> by Sachar	<i>Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew</i> by Keene	<i>Black Lagoon</i> chapter books by Thaler
<i>Junie B. Jones</i> by Park	<i>Dog Man</i> by Pilkey	<i>Big Nate</i> by Pierce
<i>Bad Kitty</i> by Bruel	<i>Hardy Boys</i> by Dixon	<i>Geronimo Stilton</i> by Stilton
<i>Ivy and Bean</i> by Barrows	<i>Mercy Watson</i> by DiCamillo	<i>Rainbow Magic</i> by Meadows
<i>Ramona and Beezus</i> – Beverly Cleary	<i>The Adventures of Sophie Mouse</i> - Green	<i>Princess Posey</i> - Stephanie Green
<i>Mermaid Tales</i> – Debbie Dadey	<i>The Glimmer Girls</i> – Natalie Green	<i>Candy Fairies</i> – Helen Perelman
<i>Swiss Family Robinson</i> - Johann David Wyss	<i>Baby-sitters Club</i> - Ann Martin	<i>Critter Club</i> - Callie Barkley
<i>Nancy Clancy</i> - Jane O'Connor	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i> - Jeff Kinney	<i>Misty Inn</i> - Marguerite Henry
<i>White Fang</i> - Jack London	<i>Diary of a Pug</i> - Kyla May	<i>Baby Mouse</i> - Matthew and Jennifer Holm
<i>Stink</i> -Megan McDonald	<i>Judy Moody</i> - Megan McDonald	<i>Cat Kid Comic Club</i> - Dave Pilkey
<i>Ranger in Time</i> - Kate Messner	<i>Who Was...</i> biographies by various authors	