

Incoming 3rd Grade Summer Reading and Writing Activities

Moby Max: Students can practice Reading Skills using their St. Ignatius login name and password.

Sell Summer: Tell your child: Try a new product or activity and write about it. How would you describe it? Would you recommend it? Create an advertisement to sell it to others.

Plan a Trip: Have your child use the Internet, travel guidebooks, brochures, and maps to plan a dream day, weekend, week, or month-long trip.

Play It: Take an adventure book with a clear plot and invent a board game based on it.

Comic Strip: Write a comic strip about a fictional character or yourself. See how long you can keep the strip going. Read classic comics or graphic novels for inspiration.

Mad Libs: This is a great way to practice the parts of speech and get some laughs!

Keep a Journal: Have your child write down what she does each day. (Even dictating to an adult or older sibling is fine!) The key is to include as much detail as possible. For example, not just “I saw grandma,” but “I ate pizza with grandma.” Or enhancing, “We ate cookies,” with “I bit into a cookie expecting chocolate chips and was surprised to taste raisins.” Falling and scraping a knee? The dog barking at the mail carrier? No detail is too small to include if it strikes your child as noteworthy. Sometimes a small detail becomes the most important part of the story! Have your child illustrate her entry and write the date.

Sticky, Squeaky, Fuzzy, Fizzy: Your child’s vocabulary is growing fast! The more you can develop your child’s vocabulary, the stronger his reading and writing skills will be. How many different words can you think of to describe how your mouth feels after a sip of lemon juice? How many different words can you think of that mean “angry?” How about “beautiful?” Playing [Mad Libs](#) is a fun way to practice new vocabulary words while also learning about parts of speech, like which words are nouns, adjectives, and verbs.

Summer Reading List for 3rd Graders

A Boy Called Bat (series) by Elana K. Arnold *Og the Frog* (series) by Betty G. Birney

Mac Undercover (series) by Mac Barnett *Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker* by Shelley Johanne

The Gumazing Gum Girl: Chews Your Destiny by Rhode Montijo *Knights vs. Dinosaurs* by Matt Phelan

Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Julie Sternberg *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl

Cam Jansen Series by David A. Adler *Mrs. Piggle Wiggle* by Betty McDonald

Muggie Maggie by Beverly Cleary *Geronimo Stilton* Series

Ramona the Pest by Beverly Cleary *The Magic Finger* by Roald Dahl