

Summer Reading for Incoming 3rd Graders

You may choose ONE of the two books listed below to read this summer. There will be an accompanying packet that should be completed in full and handed in on the first day of the 2022-2023 school year. Packets are available for pick-up in the Main Office.

***How to be Cool in the Third Grade* by Betsey Duffey (GR Level N/600 Lexile), available on Amazon or Scholastic**

“Robbie is old enough to know that surviving school depends on one very important thing: knowing what's cool. But what is cool in the third grade? he asks himself. He's got some ideas: Cool is a grown-up name like "Rob" instead of "Robbie." Cool is walking to the bus stop by yourself, and not having your mother there with a camera and a kiss goodbye. Cool is jeans and a t-shirt - and definitely not Super Heroes underwear. Robbie knows he has work to do in the cool department, but he's forgotten about one thing: Bo Haney, the school bully.

Bo is big, and he's been in the third grade for a long, long time. More importantly, when he gives a nickname, it sticks. And all it takes is one lurch of the school bus to land Robbie right in Bo's lap, and land him the nickname "Baby Wobbie." Now Robbie is convinced he's in for the worst year ever. But third grade can be full of surprises, as he finds out, not the least of which is his own resourcefulness. Young readers will cheer Robbie's ultimate success in this gentle, realistic chapter book.” (from Scholastic.com)

***Third Grade Angels* by Jerry Spinelli (GR Level P/390 Lexile), available on Amazon or Scholastic**

“The Long-Awaited Prequel to the Bestseller *Fourth Grade Rats*.

George, aka "Suds," has just entered third grade, and he's heard the rhyme about "first grade babies/second grade cats/third grade angels/fourth grade rats," but what does this mean for his school year? It means that his teacher, Mrs. Simms, will hold a competition every month to see which student deserves to be awarded "the halo" - which student is best-behaved, kindest to others, and, in short, perfect. Suds is determined to be the first to earn the halo, but he's finding the challenge of always being good to be more stressful than he had anticipated. Does he have to be good even outside of school? (Does he have to be nice to his annoying little sister?) And if Mrs. Simms doesn't actually see him doing a good deed, does it even count?

A warm, funny return to elementary school from master storyteller Spinelli.” (from Scholastic.com)