

Dear Future 3rd Graders and Families,

I am so excited to begin getting to know you all. As the end of the school year approaches, and we all prepare for summer, I want to wish you all a happy vacation! I am sure you will have a relaxing time, and will return to school in September ready and eager to learn.

To make sure we are all prepared, here is some guidance to help us build on the skills we mastered in 2nd grade. Throughout the break, I would like for all of you to practice your math and reading skills every week. You should have access to iReady, and will continue to be able to log in over the summer. I would like everyone to spend 30 active minutes on iReady Reading and 30 active minutes on iReady Math each week. You will take a new assessment in the fall to see how well you remember your 2nd grade skills. Please also spend 30 to 40 minutes on independent reading, at least 3 days a week.

In addition, we will be using the Math Summer Solutions workbook to reinforce 2nd grade math skills. This practice book can be completed with a few minutes work each week, and can be purchased on Amazon. Ms. Cavera will be sending out a note with the specific ordering instructions. I would also like for all of my new students to read 2 chapter books (at least!) this summer. The first book I would like everyone to read is *Dragons in a Bag*, by Zetta Eliot. You can pick the second book! For each book, I would like a written summary that describes the major characters, the setting, and the important events of the story. Please be prepared to turn this summary in the first week of school in the fall. We will briefly discuss *Dragons in a Bag* when you return in September, and there will be a comprehension quiz.

Remember that one of the most important (and challenging) differences in 3rd grade is the focus on sustained work. 3rd grade is the first year in the 3-5 grade band, and so the expectations will be different from last year. I understand that this past school year was unpredictable, and so my pacing will account for that. However, my goal is to prepare every student in my class for 4th grade and beyond. We will hold a Zoom meet-and-greet before the start of school so I can give more details about what our classroom will look like, and what we will work on throughout the year. A supply list will follow this letter.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all! Have an amazing summer.

-Mr. Curro



Grade 3 Supply List



- SFACA Homework Planner / SFACA Folder [money will be collected in September]
- 6 Marble notebooks [Labeled: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science, Handwriting, Religion]
- 1 Expandable/accordion folder
- Pencils
- Pencil Case [must fit in a crowded desk]
- Box of 24 crayons
- 1 Glue stick
- Scissors
- 1 Package disinfectant wipes
- 2 Boxes of tissues
- Sturdy plastic box to hold art supplies [crayons, glue, scissors, etc.]
- Clear contact paper for books and workbooks [leave at home]