

**Cottage Hill Christian Academy
Upcoming 3rd Grade Summer Reading List**

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying a joyful and restful start to your summer! I am already looking forward with excitement to all that God has in store for our upcoming 3rd grade year!

Summer is such a wonderful time to rest, recharge, and continue growing—especially in reading. Reading not only strengthens important academic skills, but it also nurtures imagination, builds character, and allows children to explore new ideas.

For this summer, I am asking each student to read 2 chapter books minimum over the course of the summer. For students who truly love reading, they are welcome to read even more! The goal is not just to finish books, but to grow as thoughtful, joyful readers.

I have included a suggested reading list to help guide you. However, if your child would prefer to choose a different book, that is absolutely fine! I simply ask that any book selected reflects high moral values and/or godly character qualities. Books that encourage kindness, honesty, courage and faith are always a wonderful choice.

As your child reads, I encourage you to talk with them about the story and characters, ask what they learned or enjoyed most, help them make connections between the book and their own life, and set aside a consistent, quiet time for reading each day.

Even just 10-15 minutes a day can make a big difference! Reading together as a family- whether independent or aloud- is one of the sweetest ways to grow both hearts and minds.

**With love and excitement for the year ahead,
Mrs. Harnish & Ms. Brown**

3rd Grade Summer Reading

***Students must read at least two books throughout the summer before entering 3rd grade.**

- Nate The Great series (AR: 2.0 – 3.1)
By: Marjorie Weinman Sharmat
- Magic Tree House (AR: 2.6 – 3.4)
By: Mary Pope Osborne
- Mercy Watson to the Rescue (AR: 2.7)
By: Kate DiCamillo
- Horrible Harry series (AR: 2.8 – 3.9)
By: Suzy Kline
- Third Grade Angels (AR: 2.9)
By: Jerry Spinelli
- A to Z Mysteries (AR: 3.0 – 3.9)
By: Ron Roy
- Judy Moody series (3.0 – 3.9)
By: Megan McDonald
- Good Dog series (AR: 3.0 – 3.8)
By: Cam Higgins
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle (AR: 3.0)
Beverly Cleary
- White Fur Flying (AR: 3.1)
By: Patricia MacLachlan
- Dory Fantasmagory (AR: 3.2)
By: Abby Hanlon
- Best Family Ever (AR: 3.2)
By: Karen Kingsbury
- The Secret of the Hidden Scrolls (AR: 3.3 – 3.8)
By: M.J. Thomas
- Stink and the Shark Sleepover (AR: 3.6)
By: Megan McDonald
- The Boxcar Children (AR: 3.9)
By: Gertrude Chandler Warner
- Flat Stanley (AR: 4.0)
By: Jeff Brown
- The Lighthouse Family: The Storm (AR: 4.4)
By: Cynthia Rylant
- Charlotte's Web (AR: 4.4)
By: E.B. White

**parent Note:

if your child does not see a book that interests them, that is okay! They are encouraged to choose a book they are excited about, if it is within their AR level. They should be prepared to take an AR test on their two chapter books when the new school year begins.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.”

Colossians 3:16

