

Dear Families,

Summer is almost here! It's time to kick back, relax, and get some outdoor time. During the slow days of summer, it's still important for children to **read regularly**. Research shows that frequent reading reduces the "summer slide," when children lose some the reading gains from the previous school year. To keep this to a minimum, TCCS has summer reading requirements for all students entering grades 1-8.

Below is the **summer reading assignment for students entering grade 3**. (This is also available on the TCCS website).

1. All 3rd grade students must read **three** books over the summer. We recommend that you read throughout the summer, rather than all at once. Choose books that are either on-level, or one letter up or down from your June assessed reading level. For example: If you're level M, you can pick a book that is L, M or O. The TCCS website's Summer Reading page has links to leveled book lists, or you can find books on your own.
2. **Reading response:** For each book, complete the appropriate fiction or nonfiction template, which can be downloaded and printed from the link on the Summer reading page on the TCCS website www.tccsnj.org.

Reading responses are **due on the FIRST day of class** in September. They will be the students' first grade of the year.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Gail Lazaroff
3rd/4th grade reading teacher

Name _____ Date _____

Summer reading - book report - for students entering Grade 3

Title of book _____

Author _____

Setting _____

Main characters:

Give a brief description of each character

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Summary: Write a summary of the story. (Retell the story, including the ending)

Would you recommend this story? Why or why not? _____
