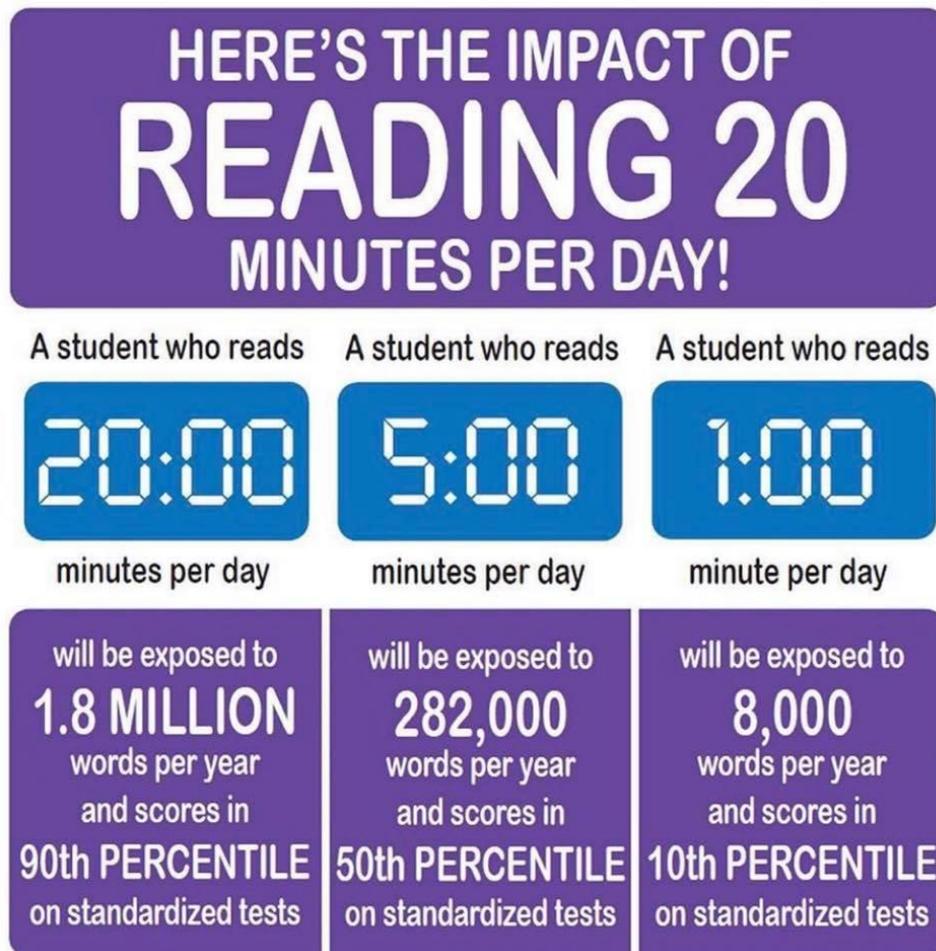


Summer Reading

Students can read as many books as they want over the summer and they do not have to read the books that are listed below. It is recommended that students in 3rd grade should read for AT LEAST 20 minutes per day.



Make sure the book is “JUST RIGHT” for you 😊

***Make sure the book is at the “just right” reading level with the 5 Finger Test:**

Open the book to the middle (any page).

Start reading. When you come to a word you don't know, that's okay! (hold up 1 finger for that word)

If you come to any other words you don't know, hold up one finger for each word. Stop at the end of the page.

0 fingers = easy book

1-5 fingers = “just right” book

More than 5 fingers = challenging book

Here are some book recommendations:

If you like **funny books**, you'll LOVE:

- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (series) by Jeff Kinney
- *Big Nate* (series) by Lincoln Pierce
- *The Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja* (series) by Marcus Emerson
- *Wayside School* (series) by Louis Sachar

If you like **friendship stories**, you'll LOVE:

- *The Never Girls* (series) by Kiki Thorpe
- *The Year of. . .* (series) by Andrea Cheng
- *Almost Home* by Joan Bauer
- *Jessica Finch in Pig Trouble* (series) by Megan McDonald

If you like **adventure** and **mystery books**, you'll LOVE:

- *I Survived* (series) by Lauren Tarshis
- *Secret Agent Jack Stalwart* (series) by Elizabeth Singer Hunt
- *The Haunted Library* (series) by Dori Hillstad Butler
- *The Great Shelby Holmes* by Elizabeth Eulberg

If you like **animal books**, you'll LOVE:

- *The Critter Club* (series) by Paula Harrison
- *Rainbow Street Shelter* (series) by Wendy Orr
- *Puppy Place* (series) by Ellen Miles
- *Lulu and the Rabbit Next Door* (series) by Hilary McKay

If you like **fantasy books**, you'll LOVE:

- *The Familiars* (series) by Adam Jay Epstein and Andrew Jacobson
- *Sammy Feral's Diaries of weird* (series) by Eleanor Hawken
- *Tuesdays at the Castle* (series) by Jessica Day George
- *The Olympians* (series) by George O'Connor
- *Whatever After* (series) by Sarah Mylnowski
- *Zoey and Sassafras* (series) by Asia Citr

"The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Daily Summer Reading Work:

In addition to reading a book of their choice for 20 minutes a day, students will log on to Freckle.com 2-3 times a week to practice their reading skills. Here is how it works:

- 1- Type Freckle.com into your internet browser.
- 2- Click 'sign in' at the top right corner of the page and then 'student'.
- 3- Type in our class code: 5kzxs5
- 4- Type in the students first and last name and click the green arrow.
- 5- They will pick a character to use as their avatar (when they work on freckle and reach goals, they will be rewarded with coins to clothe their avatar).
- 6- They will click English to practice at their level.
- 7- They can practice different skills each day (word study, skills practice, or reading from the library)

It will give them a pretest. This is so the program can adapt the work to their level and it will change with them as they become stronger readers.

If your child would like to also practice math on the Freckle program, that is fine but it is not required.

Daily Summer Math Work:

In 3rd grade, we use Zearn to supplement our math curriculum. I know in 2nd grade, students have used it as well. Over the summer, they are to use the same log in and passwords that they used in 2nd grade for Zearn (Mrs. Miralle already had students in the classroom transfer over to my Zearn class. If your child is not under my class yet, they will log onto zearn using their same information and then they will click on Mrs. Miralle under their name. Once they click on her name it will ask if they want to switch classes. Click "yes". Then, it will ask for the class code. My class code is: **QR9R7H**. If you are new to Good Shepherd, please contact me via email and I will get your child set up on Zearn right away.

Practice multiplication facts

Multiplication.com is a great site to practice.

Here are some websites for fun learning and reinforcement of math skills:

www.aplusmath.com Go under "Flashcards" or "Game Room" on the left side of the screen. They can practice adding and subtracting. Very important to know the addition facts and subtraction facts from memorization or within a couple seconds.

www.mathisfun.com Select Money then select Money Master, click on the US flag, select simple. Or you can select numbers then Math Trainer for adding and subtracting. At the home screen select games and pick a game to play.

www.illuminations.nctm.org Select lessons then select grade level.

www.aaamath.com At the top pick "Second" or "Third" for a challenge. Choose any of the activities like adding or subtracting then select "play" option toward the top of the screen. 20 Questions and countdown games are good ones.

www.funbrain.com Click grade level at the top of the page. Lots of fun games to choose from.

Other games and activities you can play:

- Take a deck of cards and remove the face cards (kings, queens, jacks). Aces are one. Divide the cards evenly among the players. Keep cards face down in a pile. Each player turns over 3 cards and tries to make their largest number they can with their 3 cards. Everyone must read their number and the one with the largest number collects all the cards. The player with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner. You can play smallest card version to change it up.
- Using sidewalk chalk, have them count by 3's or 4's.
- Play a game while in the car or waiting in line.

What number comes before 260? What number comes after 529?

750 is one more than ____? (749) 339 is one less than ____? (340)

- Practice counting by 5's, 10's, or 2's. When standing in line or driving in a car you give them a number and have them count by 5's or 10's from that number. Ex. Start with 35 and count by 10's. Start with 55 and count by 5's.

Need to Contact Me?

In third grade, I use **ClassDojo** to communicate with parents and guardians. It is a free app on your phone or you can use the website www.classdojo.com. We can instantly share messages, updates, and photos from class. It's the easiest way to see how your child is doing in school every day and to get in touch. It will also be used to encourage important skills like working hard and participating.

How to get started!

I'd like all families to join me and sign up for ClassDojo. All you have to do is email me with: student's name, parent's name and either your cell number or email.

Once you have emailed me your information, I will add your child to the ClassDojo list and you will receive an invitation to join the class. 😊

My email: nicolegasparino@gsschoolnyc.org