

Dear Future Third Grade Students and Parents,

The third grade teachers are very excited about meeting you in September. We have put together a wonderful list of things that you can work on over the summer to get ready for third grade.

## **SUMMER READING**

There are so many wonderful books that are just waiting to be read. Your family might have a great vacation planned or you may be staying at home all summer. What better way to travel to a faraway place than through a book! Over the summer set a reading goal for yourself. **A recent study found that kids who read four or more books over the summer do better in school in the fall.**

### **The Reading Assignment**

We have chosen the book Fly Guy Presents: Insects for you to read. After reading the book, you must choose **three** activities from the Tic Tac Toe Choice Board (see attached). Additional resources are included to help you, along with the following web sites. **This assignment will be collected on the first day of school, and it will be your first official grade.**

[www.insects.org](http://www.insects.org)

<http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-insects/>

<http://www.ducksters.com/animals/bugs.php>

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## **MATH PRACTICE**

Please practice your addition and subtraction facts. All students entering 3rd grade should know all basic addition and subtraction facts, along with being able to tell time.

### **Practice Math Facts**

A great way to do this is with flashcards or using the free websites below. Listed below are two wonderful math websites that will reinforce skills that have been taught.

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

[www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com)

### **Telling Time**

We would love for all incoming third graders to be able to tell time on an analog, non-digital clock. Please work with your child on this throughout the summer by asking him/her what time it is and only allow an analog clock to be used.

Lastly, we have included a list of school supplies that you will need for third grade when you begin school in September. We are looking forward to beginning our wonderful learning adventure together! This summer, just remember: ***Read four or more!***

Thank you,

Have a lovely summer!

Ms. Ramos, Ms. Iatesta and Mrs. Comesanas

# Third Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2015

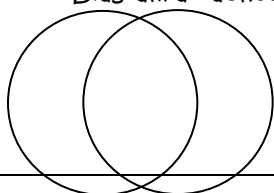
## Tic Tac Toe Choice Board

After reading the book Fly Guy Presents: Insects, choose three activities to complete in order to make Tic-Tac-Toe! Tic-Tac-Toe can be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. Please bring the Tic Tac Toe Board, along with the three assignments you chose to complete, and hand them in on the first day of school in September. Thank You!

### Compare and Contrast

Use a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast 2 of the insects from your book, the attached Insect Flash Cards and/or the Web Sites.

Include at least 3 differences for each, and at least 3 similarities. Record the differences and similarities on the Venn Diagram attached



### Insect Trading Cards

Use the information from the book, the attached Insect Flash Cards and/or the Web Sites to complete Four Insect Trading Cards.

Name of Insect _____	
Habitat _____	
Predators _____	
Prey/Food _____	
Did you know... _____	

### Persuasive Letter

Write a letter convincing another third grader to read this book. Include interesting facts that you learned. Use the letter format attached to help you do your best work.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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### Poster

Create a poster about one insect from your book or the attached information. You may use or illustrate at least 2 pictures of the insect, and record at least 5 facts. Make sure to label each part of the insect.



### Research Report

After reading about insects, select one insect and write a research report about that insect.

<u>My Insect Report!</u>	
The insect I'm choosing is... _____	
My insect can be found... _____	
My insect's characteristics:	_____
Color: _____	_____
Number of legs: _____	_____
Where: _____	_____
My insect's picture looks like: _____	
My insect eats... _____	
My insect lives about this long: _____	
Interesting facts about my insect: _____	

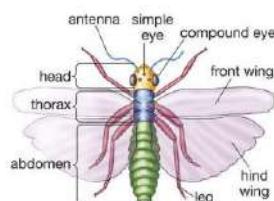
### Words, Words, Words!

Make a mini-dictionary using 5 new words from your book or attached information. Include the definition, an illustration and a sentence for each word.



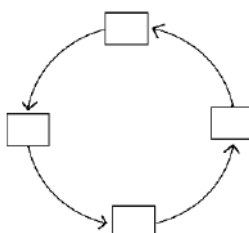
### New Insect Found In Newark

Create a new, undiscovered insect. Draw it and label the parts.



### Life Cycle

After reading about insects, select one insect and illustrate its life cycle.



### Read All About It!

Use the "Read All About It" worksheet to report what you learned from the book, Fly Guy Presents: Insects.



