



Summer Assignments for Rising Third Graders



Reading is a very important part of the experience at McAlpine Elementary School. Research shows that the frequency and continuity of reading a variety of texts increases fluency, builds vocabulary, and helps readers become better writers. Most importantly, we hope that each and every student will become a life-long pleasure reader. Summer is a time for recreational reading, for exploring new books, and for reading those that you never had time for during the busy school year. So go ahead, read voraciously this summer!

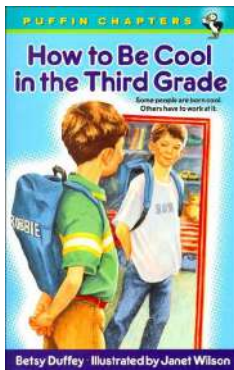
We have selected novels that will be challenging, yet will pique students' interest. Each novel ties to the curriculum for third grade.

The books are available at any branch of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, your students CMS [OneAccess](#) account, or you may purchase the books at most bookstores or through [smile.amazon.com](#) (proceeds go to our school if you link your account to 'PTA North Carolina Congress McAlpine Elementary School PTSA').

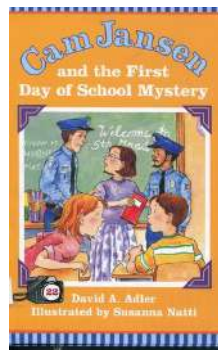
Students: You will need to choose one novel to read from each assignment. **Both of these assignments will be part of your first literacy grades in 3rd grade.** A copy of the assignment is also available on our website at mcalpineelementaryschool.wearecms.com and in the main office throughout the summer.

Assignment 1: On a separate sheet of paper, complete a **Plot Mountain** (see attached) on one of these books. Include your name and the title of the book.

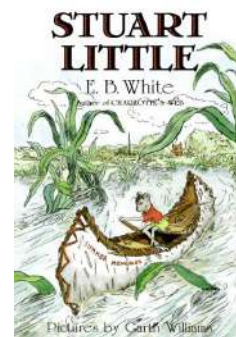
How to Be Cool in Third Grade



Cam Jansen and the First Day of School Mystery



Stuart Little



Assignment 2: On a separate sheet of paper, complete a **Character Analysis** graphic organizer (see attached) on one of the books below. Include your name and the title of the book.

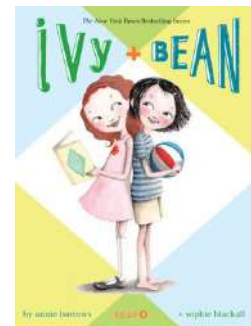
The Chocolate Touch



Third Grade Angels

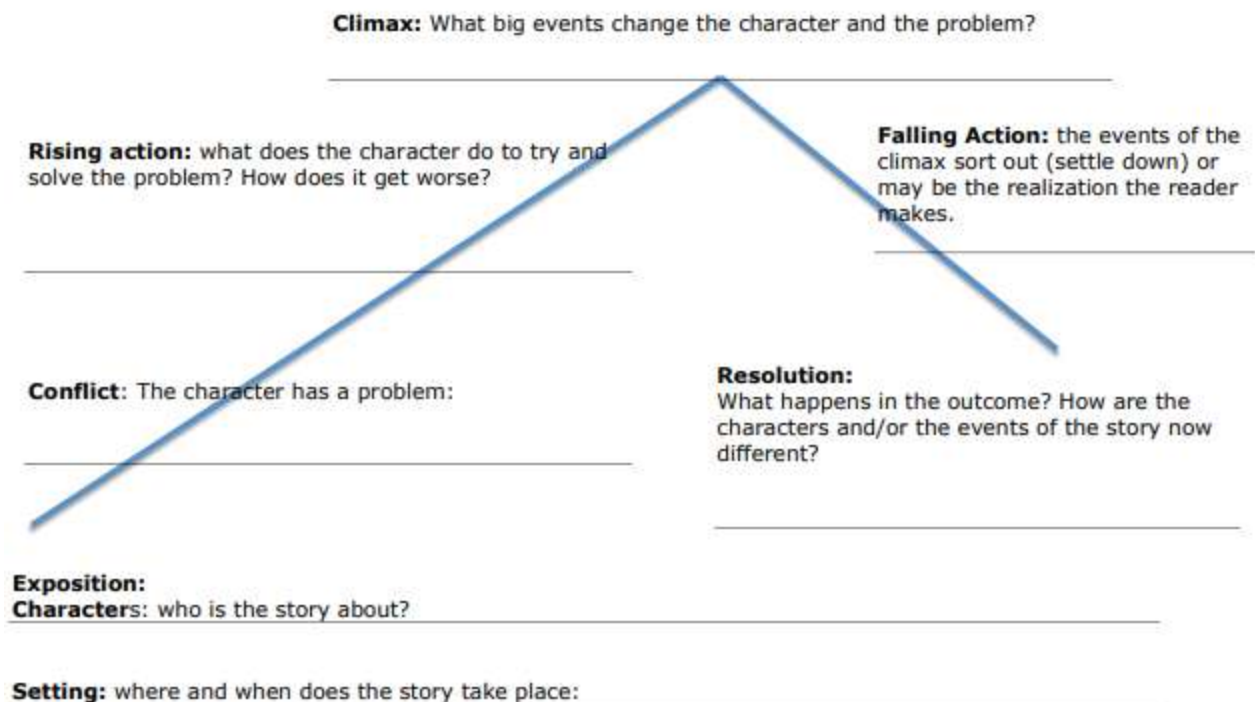


Ivy & Bean



Students must complete the assignments for the novels they chose, to be turned in to their Language Arts teacher by the due date of **September 13th**. This grade will be included in their first quarter PowerSchool grade book.

Assignment 1: Plot Mountain



Assignment 2: Character Analysis Graphic Organizer

