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Dear Parents of Incoming Third Graders,

To help your child maintain skills learned this year and be better prepared to make the transition into third grade, the following assignments are required during the summer months:

Reading: Read a *minimum* of one hour a week (perhaps 15 minutes, four times a week). Please fill out the attached Summer Reading Log each time to keep a record. I will collect the logs on the first day of school and credit will be given towards the student's reading grade. Although NOT required, I highly encourage students to keep a journal this summer. They may write about their day, about the books they have read, or make up a story. A journal can greatly aid in practicing their writing skills which they will use and further develop in the school year.

Math: Practice addition/subtraction facts **at least 20 minutes** a week. They will have timed tests starting on the first week of school. They should also practice, practice, and practice their computation skills. Lastly, I recommend that each student purchase a summer workbook such as Summer Bridge and Math Bridge, particularly for math.

Language Arts: Practice identifying parts of speech (noun, verb, adjective, adverb...) and I recommend Summer Bridge workbook or something similar. Also, please complete the worksheets attached.

Things incoming 3rd graders should know in **Math:**

- Basic number sense (counting by 2s, 5s, 10s, 20s, 25s, 50s; adding and subtracting mentally (53-2=51) ; **MEMORIZE addition and subtraction facts**; identify odd and even numbers)
- Place value (standard, expanded form, word form)
- ordering numbers (least to greatest, greatest to least)
- Telling time (to nearest hour, quarter of an hour, half hour, quarter until next hour) and elapsed time (1 pm to 3 pm = 2 hours)
- money (identify value of each coin and bill, count money)
- familiarity with problem solving key words: how much more, how many less, less than, more than, remain, in all, etc. (use word clues to determine which of the two operations (addition, subtraction) to use in problem solving)
- Measure to nearest inch, half inch

Things incoming 3rd graders should know in **Language Arts/phonics/writing:**

- identify vowels and consonants
- write in complete sentences, capitalize first letter of sentences, and punctuate sentences • identify present tense, past tense, and future tense
- correct letter usage and formation (especially understanding the difference between the letters D d and B b; differences between capital and lowercase letters)

I wish you and your family a lovely summer. I look forward to a wonderful year with third grade!

Language Arts

Name: _____ Date: _____

KINDS OF SENTENCES:

STATEMENT—A statement tells something. It states a fact. A statement ends with a period.

Mom went to the store to buy milk.
I am in the third grade.

QUESTION—A question asks something. A question ends with a question mark (?). How many dishes are in the sink?

Do you like to play ball?

EXCLAMATION—An exclamation shows strong feeling or excitement. An exclamation ends with an exclamation mark (!).

Wow, what a great job you did!
What an exciting trip we took!

COMMAND—A command tells someone to do something. A command ends with a period or an exclamation point if it shows strong feeling.

Do your homework.
Please hand me your paper.

PRACTICE TIME

A. READ EACH SENTENCE. ON THE LINE, WRITE (S) IF THE SENTENCE IS A STATEMENT, (Q) IF THE SENTENCE IS A QUESTION, (E) IF THE SENTENCE IS AN EXCLAMATION, AND (C) IF THE SENTENCE IS A COMMAND.

_____ 1. Hold your sister's hand as you cross the street.

_____ 2. I drank a whole carton of chocolate milk.

_____ 3. What a beautiful picture, Samantha!

_____ 4. I can't believe how quickly you finished, Nicholas!

_____ 5. Are you going to the zoo this weekend?

_____ 6. They are three for a dollar.

_____ 7. Pray before you eat your snack.

_____ 8. Is your mom picking you up after school, Desiree?

_____ 9. Nikola wants to have a chocolate cake on his birthday.

_____ 10. Oh, he tripped in the hallway!

B. Rewrite the following correctly.

1. are flowers pollinated by bees

2. wow, what an exciting time I had at the ballgame

3. do you like to play with your puppy

4. mrs. Arias lived in California before she moved to Virginia

5. have you ever seen a purple elephant

6. my favorite vacation spot is in the mountains

7. how beautiful the sunrise was this morning

8. is Sean going to eat gapes for his snack

9. that was a spicy sauce

10. did you hear your friend calling you

11. he and I are going to Sacred Heart Academy tomorrow

12. she bought apples, carrots, and cereal

C. Write a question you have for Miss Sargis.

Tell Miss Sargis something you would like for her to know.
