

Shelton Academy
2019-2020 SUMMER READING LIST
Incoming 3rd Graders

Dear Parents,

Please help your child choose three books from the summer reading list. After your child has read the books, he or she must complete the following assignments:

For the first 2 books:

On a loose-leaf paper with his/her name on it students will:

Write the name of the book.

Write the name of the author.

Describe his/her favorite scene in the book using 3-5 complete sentences.

Describe his/her favorite character. What was this person like? What did they look like? What special thing did they do? What did you learn from them?

For the 3rd book:

Students will make a puppet of their favorite character from the book they read. On an index card attached or pinned to your puppet, write your name, the name of the book, the author, and the name of your puppet character. Write a few complete sentences describing this character and his or her part in the story. Your child should bring the three book assignments with him or her on the first day of classes this fall. Happy Reading!

GRADE 3 – Summer Reading- Choose 3 books!

- Stuart Little- E. B. White: This is a story about the adventures of a shy, philosophical little mouse in New York City.
- Catwings- Ursula K. Leguin: Four young cats with wings leave the city slums in search of a safe place to live, and finally meet two children with kind hands.
- Fairy Tales-Jacob and William Grimm or Hans Christian Anderson: Both of these collections contain the most popular fairy tales that everyone loves to read and hear again and again. Choose one.
- Song of the Swallows-Leo Politi: Sad when the swallows leave for the winter, young Juan prepares to welcome them back to the old California Mission at Capistrano on St. Joseph's Day the next spring.
- The Mouse and the Motorcycle-Beverly Clearly: A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
- Chocolate Fever-Robert K. Smith: Henry Green doesn't just like chocolate --- he's crazy about it. Read how Henry comes down with the world's first case of "chocolate fever."
- The Littles Series (choose one)-John Peterson: This is about a colony of six-inch people who live inside the walls of the Bigg family's home and have dramatic escapades.
- American Tall Tales-Mary Pope Osborne: This is a collection of tall tales about such American folk

- heroes as Pecos Bill, John Henry, Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, and many more. Choose one.
- The Boxcar Children Series (choose one)-Gertrude Chandler Warner: This series tells about the adventures of the four Alden children.
 - The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest-Lynne Cherry: The many animals that live in a great Kapok tree in the Brazilian rainforest try to convince a man with an ax of the importance of not cutting down their home.
 - What's the Matter in Mr. Whiskers' Room? By Michael Ross
The Moon by Seymour Simon
Nature's Green Umbrella by Gail Gibbons
Dear America/My America Series-choose one
 - An American Girl Series – choose one
The Magic Tree House Series – by Mary Pope Osborne (choose one)