

Summer 2023 Reading Assignment for Third Grade

Over the summer months, each rising third grader is **required to read** the book *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade* by Betsy Duffy. You will need to complete both of the following activities using the book. **All activities are due the first day of school.** Please bring the book with you to school as well. **This will be a graded assignment!**

1 As you read, keep a list of interesting words you find in the book. Write complete sentences using ten (10) of the words you listed. Underline the words you used.

2. Story Summary Folder

What you need

Unlined paper
Crayons
file folder
Lined paper
pens and/or markers
Glue

What you do

1. After finishing the book, use this activity to “sum up” the book and let others know about your opinion of what you have just read. Begin by decorating the front of the file folder with the title and author of the book, your name, and a colorful picture about the book.
2. Next, write a summary of the book on the lined paper. For the summary, think about the main events and characters of the story, and try to give a brief but clear account of these points as well as the overall theme. The summary should be no longer than one side of a page of lined paper. When you are finished, glue it on the inside, left side of the folder.
3. On a half-sheet of unlined paper (cut horizontally), draw, color, and label an important event or fact from the book. Title it “ Important Event” or “ Important Facts”, followed by a few words that say what this important event is. For example : “ Important Event - Get rid of the name Robbie”. Glue it on the inside of the folder at the top of the right side.
4. On a half sheet of lined paper (cut horizontally), write your opinion of the book. This can include what you enjoyed about the book , what you disliked about the book, and any possible suggestions you might have for the author. Write complete sentences. Title it, “ My Review” or “My Opinion” and if you would like, you can even give the book a star rating just like the real book reviewers do, with 5 stars being the best and no stars being the worst. Glue the opinion on the inside of the folder at the bottom right side, under the important event or fact.

5. The final step is to draw, color, and label the main characters of the book on the back of the folder.

6. Upon completion of the story folder, share it with your family members and friends. Have the friend or family member read the folder with you and ask you three questions about the book.