



Dear Second Grader (soon to be Third Grader!),

Every incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> grader needs to read the book Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli. This is a mandatory summer assignment that all incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are required to complete. It is a funny fiction story about a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at the beginning of a school year. Suds and his friends try to win their teacher's competition to be awarded the first halo for high expectations! You can buy it in paperback, hardback or on Kindle.

The content, theme, and size of this book are appropriate for beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. You may read the book by yourself or with an adult's help. When reading orally to an adult, be sure to learn the correct pronunciation of words and ask them to clarify the meaning of words and phrases. This is an easy way to become a better reader. In addition to this book, we expect you'll read other books. Maybe you would like to read some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade favorites—Magic Tree House, Boxcar Children, Time Warp Trio or books by Johanna Hurwitz, Paula Danziger, Patricia Reilly Giff, Betsy Byars, Suzy Kline, and others. Anderson library has an extensive selection of books on tape which you could listen to as you read along. Be sure to sign up for the summer reading program at the public library and collect prizes as you read! This is a smart way to get an early start on AR which is an important part of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

You need to bring the book to school the first day. We will use the book to discuss comprehension, vocabulary and work on our writing. It is an AR book, so you can take an AR test on it at school when you return in August.

In between reading and relaxing, remember to complete your **summer math book**. We collect it the first day of school and expect it to be finished **correctly**, checked by a parent.

We're looking forward to our new class of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Have a great summer reading and we'll see you in August!



Miss Berry, Mrs. Pavely, Mrs. VonderHaar  
Guardian Angels School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers