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Dear Third Grade Parents,

Summer vacation is all but here, and the children have worked hard throughout second grade. We hope that summer will be relaxing and fun, but we also want the children to maintain the skills they worked so hard to master. As rising third graders, we do have some requirements for them to complete over the summer.

We would like the children to complete a summer scrapbook, instructions following. This has proven to be a nice opportunity for children to practice oral presentation skills as they share these with their classmates. It is also a nice "ice-breaker" for new students and a reintroduction to old friends, some of whom may not have seen each other over the summer.

In addition, we would like children to read at least four books over the summer, two of which should come from the online "Summer Reading" lists which can be accessed from our website. Students should bring one of these two books to school on the first day and plan to keep it here at school throughout the first week. They will write their first third grade book report here in school.

Remind your child to use the "Just Right" test for choosing books from the list.

Have a wonderful and safe summer. Don't hesitate to call school if you have any questions about this.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

SUMMER LEARNING SCRAPBOOK

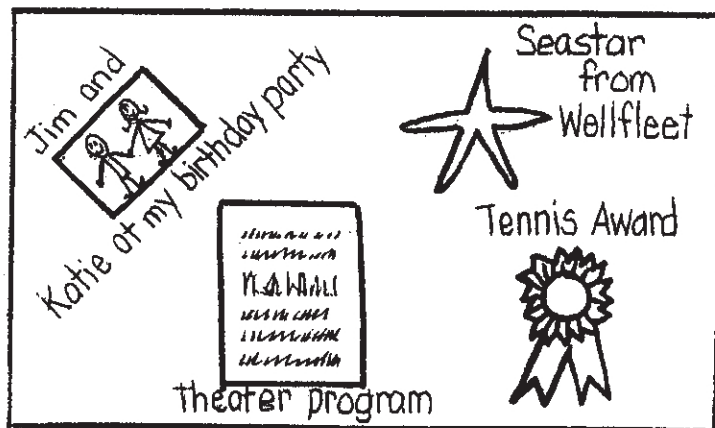
Scrapbook (skrap' book') n. a book with blank pages on which pictures, newspaper clippings and other souvenirs may be pasted.

This summer we are continuing an exciting summer project. We are asking you to keep a scrapbook of events, books, movies, trips and more. You have total freedom in choice of events and methods of display—souvenirs from museums, nature walks, special events, and sports outings would all be great additions to your scrapbook.

How to begin your incredible summer scrapbook!!

1. Buy a suitable scrapbook with unlined, removable pages. Maximum cost should be \$10.00. Plain covers are fine; decorate the cover yourself.
2. Find a box or sturdy bag and label it SCRAPBOOK. Keep this in a safe place, under your bed, in your closet – someplace safe from flood, sisters, brothers, parents, and pets.
3. As you collect items for your scrapbook, put them in your box or bag for safekeeping.
4. Every week or so, sort through your box or bag and select the items you wish to glue in your scrapbook.
5. Label your pictures and souvenirs. Labeling will help you remember special events, special foods, and activities. Labels can be dates, names of people and places, and short descriptions of events.

EXAMPLE:



6. Feel free to include your own work, art, and writings from this summer. These may be written or drawn on separate paper or directly in the scrapbook.

The scrapbooks should be brought to school on the first day to enjoy and share with your friends and teachers.