



# 3rd Grade Summer Packet

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## Dear Parents

My name is Katherine Hammond, and I will be your child's third grade teacher next year! In case we have not yet met, I wanted to introduce myself so you know a little bit about me. I moved to San Francisco last summer for my first year teaching at St. Anne after 5 years of teaching first grade at a Catholic school in the Washington, DC area. We had a great school year this past year, and I am so incredibly excited to meet your children in the fall!

I know you are all ready to celebrate summer break after a long and successful (and at times crazy!) school year. However, please take the time to read through this packet so your child can be ready to start third grade in August. Please have your child read at least one book from the suggested reading list, and complete at least two activities from the final two pages of this packet. I look forward to working with you to best support your child throughout the next school year! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at [hammond@stanne.com](mailto:hammond@stanne.com).

Have a wonderful and well-deserved summer, and see you all in August!

In Christ,

Miss Hammond



## School Supply List

- 1 medium-large sized backpack (**NO WHEELS**)
- 1 pair of Fiskars scissors
- 12 sharpened #2 Dixon-Ticonderoga pencils
- 2 boxes of baby wipes
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 large box of tissues
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 - 12-pack of Crayola colored pencils
- 1 pair of headphones
- 4 wide-ruled black-and-white composition notebooks
- 1 pack of Crayola twistables - 8 count
- 4 black Expo markers (thin)
- 4 - pack of 2 pocket folders
  - 1 green
  - 1 yellow
  - 1 red
  - 1 blue
- 20 1-gallon sized plastic bags
- 1 1-inch Navy blue binder with clear insert and pockets
- 1 vinyl pencil pouch
- 10 Crayola thick markers
- 2 packs of 3x5 index cards, 100 count, lined
- 1 ruler - 12 inch, plastic
- 1 yellow highlighter

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## Suggested Summer Reading List

- Mary or Francis, The Poor Man of Assisi - Tomie DePaola
- Under the Lilacs - Louisa May Alcott
- The King's Chessboard - David Birch
- Caddie Woodlawn - Carol Ryrie Brink
- The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett
- The Courage of Sarah Noble - Alice Dalgliesh
- Black Gold - Marguerite Henry or another Marguerite Henry book
- Pyramid - David Macaulay
- Sarah, Plain and Tall - Patricia MacLachlan
- The Borrowers - Mary Norton
- The Trumpet of the Swan - E.B. White
- Little House in the Big Woods - Laura Ingalls Wilder or another Laura Ingalls Wilder book
- Ramona Quimby, Age 8 - Beverly Cleary
- Mr. Popper's Penguins - Richard Atwater
- Encyclopedia Brown, Boy Detective - Donald Sobol
- Charlotte's Web or Stuart Little - E.B. White
- The BFG - Roald Dahl
- The Hardy Boys series - Franklin W. Dixon
- The Boxcar Children - Gertrude Chandler Warner

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## Fun Summer Activities

1. Cook up something in the kitchen! Choose a simple recipe and have your child take charge (with your supervision, of course!). Reading comprehension is so important at this age, so have your child read the directions and then try to explain them to you. Have your child do the measuring, too, and help your child learn how to double a recipe or cut it in half. Here are some links to child-friendly recipes:
  - [Kids' Recipes from Kraft](#)
  - [childrensrecipes.com](http://childrensrecipes.com)
2. Bring out the scientist in your child! Here are a few ideas:
  - Help your child record and track the weather from day to day, using TV reports or the Internet. Discuss temperature, humidity, wind speed, precipitation, etc. Have your child predict what the weather will be like the following day.
  - Build something! Make a marble run from household items, such as paper towel tubes, PVC pipe, plastic funnels, cardboard, and tape. See if your child can figure out how to make the marble go the fastest.
  - Have your child help you grow a vegetable garden. Experiment with sun exposure, amount of water, fertilizer, etc. to see what makes the best conditions for growing plants. Track the plants' heights from week to week.
  - Visit a local nature center. Forest preserves, botanical gardens, and park districts also often have nature programs designed for kids.
3. Take out the camera! Kids love working with pictures of themselves! Here are a few writing activities that you can do with photos:
  - Have your child use toys, action figures, blocks, dolls, etc. to take a series of photos. Your child can stage a few scenes in order, take photos, print the photos, and then write a story to go with them.
  - After taking a vacation or special trip, print out photos (1 per page). Have your child write captions for the photos and staple them together to create a memory book.
  - Take photos of your child playing outside, swimming in the pool, and doing other fun summer activities. Print them out for your child and have your

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child write a letter to a family member, friend, or teacher about the fun things they are doing over the summer.

4. Have your child write down what they do each day. The key is to include as much detail as possible. For example, not just “I saw grandma,” but “I ate pizza with grandma.” Or enhancing, “We ate cookies,” with “I bit into a cookie expecting chocolate chips and was surprised to taste raisins.” Falling and scraping a knee? The dog barking at the mail carrier? No detail is too small to include if it strikes your child as noteworthy. Sometimes a small detail becomes the most important part of the story! Have your child illustrate the entry and write the date. Every week or so, when you have a quiet moment, look back together and talk about the highlights.
5. Your child’s vocabulary is growing fast! The more you can develop your child’s vocabulary, the stronger their reading and writing skills will be. How many different words can you think of to describe how your mouth feels after a sip of lemon juice? How many different words can you think of that mean “angry?” How about “beautiful?” Playing [Mad Libs](#) is a fun way to practice new vocabulary words while also learning about parts of speech, like which words are nouns, adjectives, and verbs.
6. Telling time to the nearest five minutes on digital and old-fashioned clocks is a skill your child will have learned in second grade. Help your child keep this skill sharp by asking the time whenever you see a clock.
7. Have your child draw their favorite characters from a book or a show. Cut out the characters and tape each one to a craft stick or a pencil. Now your child can crouch below the table and act out a story by holding the puppets up at table-level.