

Dear Rising 3rd Graders and Their Families,

Summer is the perfect time for exciting adventures—and books are the best way to explore new places, meet fascinating characters, and discover amazing stories!

This summer, you will **read at least one book** from the list below and complete the accompanying assignment. But don't stop there! I challenge you to read all the books on the list and as many more as possible. The more you read, the more fun you'll have and the stronger your reading skills will be when you return to school.

Book List:

I Survived The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912 by Lauren Tarshis

Wilma Rudolph: Olympic Runner (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Jo Harper

Rickshaw Girl by Mitali Perkins

Assignment:

The primary assignments will be given in class after the summer is over. We will create literature circles for students who have read the same book. Students will participate in discussions and assignments based on the books they have read. Before the beginning of the school year, we want them to complete at least one assignment with one of the books on the list above to help them remember and process what they have read.

After reading your chosen book, complete at least one of the following tasks:

1. **Summary (4-5 sentences):** Write a book summary. Tell us what happened and who the main characters were.
2. **Favorite Part (2-3 sentences):** What was your favorite part of the book? Why did you like it?
3. **Character Connection (2-3 sentences):** Which character did you relate to the most? How are you alike?
4. **Character Choices:** Imagine you are a character in the book you just read. What would you do differently if you were in the story? Explain why you would make those choices.
5. If you read **all three books** from the list, write a paragraph (5-6 sentences) about which one was your favorite and why you liked it best.

Have a fantastic summer filled with reading adventures! 📖☀️

Happy Reading!

