

Summer Reading Assignment for Incoming Third Grade Students
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Each student is expected to read chapter books in the third grade. The assignment for incoming third graders is to read Betsy Duffey's *How to Be Cool in the Third Grade*. Students will be asked to do a book report during the first weeks of school. I am requiring students to write a brief summary for each chapter (about 3 sentences each) in one section of their five-subject notebook. These summaries will be very helpful as references when writing their book reports during the first weeks of school. Students have ample time to complete this assignment over the summer and it will be submitted on the first day of the new school year.

Below is a short synopsis of Duffey's *How to be Cool in the Third Grade*:

Robbie is old enough to know that surviving school depends on one very important thing: knowing what's cool. But what *is* cool in the third grade? he asks himself. He's got some ideas: Cool is a grown-up name like "Rob" instead of "Robbie." Cool is walking to the bus stop by yourself, and not having your mother there with a camera and a kiss goodbye. Cool is wearing stylish clothes. Robbie knows he has work to do in the cool department, but he's forgotten about one thing: Bo Haney, the school bully.

Bo is big, and he's been in the third grade for a long, long time. More importantly, when he gives a nickname, it sticks. Now Robbie is convinced he's in for the worst year ever. But third grade can be full of surprises, as he finds out, not the least of which is his own resourcefulness.

Websites to visit during the summer:

1. www.kidsmathtv.com
2. www.sadlier-oxford.com
3. www.abcya.com/third_grade_computers.htm
4. www.mathplayground.com