



# Earl D. Taft Elementary School

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## Summer Homework for Incoming Grade 3 Students

### Please post on your refrigerator.

The Summer Learning Program at the Taft Elementary School is part of the extended year learning activities being provided throughout the Uxbridge Public Schools. These learning activities include a broad range of interests and subject areas in order to provide choices for students.

A reading list of suggested authors is also attached. These authors are included in the State Language Arts Frameworks. We hope this will continue the process of your child reading books and authors that will build up their literary background in preparation for the grade four MCAS Testing Program. You should have already received an application for your child to participate in the Red Sox Reading Game. This game is sponsored by the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Boston Red Sox to promote reading and literacy among children in Massachusetts during the summer. For more information on the game, please log on to [www.readingmatters.org](http://www.readingmatters.org). Prizes will be awarded to over 500 participants.

The purpose of the summer learning activities is to maintain and enrich your child's academic skills. Have a good summer and help make the learning activities a fun adventure for your child.

### This is the #1 Priority

#### **MUST DO:**

1. Practice addition and subtraction facts all summer. **There will be a quiz the first week of school on addition and subtraction facts.** Students must get an 80% to pass. Those who do not pass will have additional homework until they pass the quiz. Please bring your addition and subtraction flashcards to school the first day of class. The cards should cover facts through 18.
2. Read a chapter book. Send your third grade teacher a postcard and tell about your favorite part of the book. Include the title (capitalized and underlined), the name of the author and the main characters. Mail the completed cards to:

(Teacher's Name)  
E. D. Taft School  
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#### **CAN DO:**

1. Draw an illustration about your favorite part of the book.
2. Make a list of the books you read during the summer.
3. Write a report about a trip you took while you were on vacation.

## Taft Elementary School Grades 3-4 Summer Reading List

This is a suggested list of authors for you to read to or with your child this summer. The public library has a great selection, but keep in mind that the demand of all of our students will limit the availability of some authors at some times.

Baum, Frank	Wizard of Oz (series)		Stink Series
Blume, Judy	Superfudge; Tales of a 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Nothing	Milne, A.A.	Pooh Stories
Bruchac, Joseph	Eagle Song; Fox Song	Nesbit, Edith	Enchanted Castle
Burnett, Frances	Secret Garden; Little Princess	North, Sterling	Rascal
Byars, Betsy	Any title is acceptable	Norton, Mary	Borrowers series, Bedknobs and Broomsticks
Cameron, Ann	Julian series	Osborne, Mary Pope	Magic Treehouse books
Carroll, Lewis	Alice in Wonderland	Pinkwater, Daniel	Any of his books
Ciardi, John	Poetry	Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling
Clearly, Beverly	Ramona Books; Ralph Books	Scieszka, Jon	Stinky Cheese Man; Math Curse; Knights of the Round
Danzinger, Paula	Amber Brown Books	Silverstein, Shel	Giving Tree; Where the Sidewalk Ends, any of his
Dodge, Mary	Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates	Stevenson, Robert L.	Treasure Island
Farley, Walter	Black Stallion Series	Travers, P.L.	Mary Poppins series
Fitzgerald, John	Brain Stories	White, E.B.	Stuart Little; Charlotte's Web
Fitzhugh, Louise	Harriet the Spy	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Little House on the Prairie Books
Fleischmann, Sid	McBroom series	Yep, Laurence	Any of his
Gardiner, John	Stone Fox	Yolen, Jane	Commander Toad series
George, Jean	Any of her books		
Gilson, Jamie	Hobie Hansen		
Grahame, Kenneth	Wind in the Willows		
Lear, Edward	Poetry/Nonsense books		
MacLachlan, Patricia	Sarah, Plain & Tall series		
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody Series		
In addition to above:		Jane Langton (fiction: mystery)	
Joan Aiken (fiction: adventure/fantasy)		Kathryn Lasky (multi-genre)	
Lynne Reid Banks (fiction: adv./fantasy)		Jacob Lawrence (illus.)	
Raymond Bial (information; photo-essays)		Patricia Lauber (information: science)	
Judy Blume (fiction: realistic)		Julius Lester (multi-genre)	
Eve Bunting (multi-genre)		Gail Levine (fiction: fantasy: realistic)	
Joseph Bruchac (fiction: historical)		David Macaulay (informational: science)	
Ashley Bryan (folktales: poetry)		Patricia MacLachlan (fiction: historical)	
Betsy Byars (fiction: realistic)		Mary Mahy (fiction)	
Ann Cameron (folktales)		Barry Moser (illus.)	
Andrew Clements (fiction: realistic)		Sarah Pennypacker	
Shirley Climo (folktales)		Patricia Polacco (illus.)	
Eleanor Coerr (fiction: historical)		Daniel Pinkwater (fiction: humorous)	
Paula Danziger (fiction: realistic)		Jack Prelutsky (poetry)	
Walter Farley (fiction: horses)		Louis Sachar (fiction: humorous)	
John Fitzgerald (fiction: Great Brain)		Alvin Schwartz (short stories: suspense)	
Louise Fitzhugh (fiction: realistic)		John Scieszka (fiction: humorous)	
Paul Fleischman (fiction: humorous)		Shel Silverstein (poetry)	
Sid Fleischman (fiction: humorous)		Seymour Simon (informational: science)	
Mem Fox (fiction)		Mildred Taylor (fiction: historical)	
Jean Fritz (fiction: historical: nonfiction)		Ann Warren Turner (fiction: historical)	
John Reynolds Gardiner (fiction: realistic)		Mildred Pitts Walter (multi-genre)	
James Griblin (nonfiction: bio.: history)			
Patricia Reilly Giff (fiction: realistic: hist.)			
Jamie Gilson (fiction: realistic)			
Paul Goble (folktales)			
Marguerite Henry (fiction: horse stories)			
Johanna Hurwitz (multi-genre)			
Peg Kehert (multi-genre)			