

2016-2017
3rd Grade Summer Work

Dear Parents,

I look forward to having your child in my class next year. As many of you know, each teacher assigns summer homework. I want to make clear that the reason we assign summer work is for students to practice and maintain some basic academic skills. The following is a list of what I am expecting the incoming 3rd graders to do to maintain those basic academic skills:

- ☀️ Read each day. Students should read at least 10 minutes each day, and SOME of that reading should be done out loud. Students should select a book with a Lexile Level of about 500L. If you are unsure of what this means or how to find it, please contact me: jvatsend@stolafs.org or 801-230-4385. I will also be at the school all summer long helping to run summer camp.
- ☀️ Flashcards. Please get a deck of playing cards, then students should practice both addition and subtraction. They should focus on one number at a time until mastered. Spend about 2-5 minutes per day. A little practice each day amounts to much more than a lot of practice on just one or two days.
- ☀️ Kahn Academy. Students should work through any Kindergarten through 2nd grade content until mastered. I will be checking over the summer to see that students are spending about 30 minutes each week. This is internet based, and accommodations can be made for any families that do not have the means to access the internet at home, or through a public library.

All of the summer work breaks down to a little less than 20 minutes of work each day! I promise that daily practice of the assigned work will benefit your child's overall academic growth, as well as prepare them to be successful in 3rd grade.

Again, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or recommendations. Have a fun, safe summer!

-Mr. Vatsend