

SUMMER READING

Dear Families,

We are already excited for the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to working with you and your child to make third grade a productive and rewarding experience. Included you will find assignments for our third grade books “Junkyard Wonders” by Patricia Polacco and “Wangari’s Trees of Peace.” Have an enjoyable and relaxing summer! We look forward to meeting you and your child in September.

**Cordially,
Third Grade Team**

Book 1: “*Junkyard Wonders*” by Patricia Polacco

This personal narrative follows the story of Trisha who was put in a special education class in California — but now that she can read, and she can’t wait for a fresh start at a new school in Michigan. But when she gets her class assignment, she’s heartbroken to find out that her new class is called the junkyard (even her teacher refers to it that way). At first, Trisha wants to quit, but then with the help of an unforgettable teacher and amazing friendships with the other kids in her “tribe,” she comes to realize that the junkyard is a place where every kid can become something truly special.

Book 2: “*Wangari’s Trees of Peace*” by Jeanette Winter

As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something—and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. And as they grow, so do her plans. . . .

This true story of Wangari Maathai, environmentalist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is a shining example of how one woman’s passion, vision, and determination inspired great change.

☐ Assignment:

Complete the attached book report form.

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“JUNKYARD WONDERS” BY PATRICIA POLACCO

1. **Passage Picker:** Pick one short passage in the story that was interesting to you. Write the page below and describe why you liked it.

PAGE _____: I liked this passage because...

2. **Word Wizard:** Look for 3 words from the book that may be new, interesting, different, strange, descriptive, hard, etc. Write the word, page, definition, and why you picked it.

| Page | Word | Definition | Why? |
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3. **Connector:** Share any connections that you felt with this story. They can be connections to your own life, other people or problems, events, or other books you have read.

4. **Discussion Director:** Write down one question you have about the story.

5. **Artful Artist:** Draw a sketch of an image that was created in your mind while you were reading.

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“WANGARI’S TREES OF PEACE” BY JEANETTE WINTER

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