



New Hope
Christian Academy

Dear Rising Third Grade Parents,

We are excited about your child becoming a part of the Third Grade Family! We know that you played a critical role in your child's academic, spiritual, and emotional development throughout their Second Grade school year. Thank you for ALL the time and energy you have given and will continue to give to support your child's growth! We recognize you spend ten months out of the year maintaining and supporting your child in many ways and believe that both you and your child should enjoy your summer!

At New Hope, we fully believe in developing your child not only academically, but also socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. That being said, the summer assignments attached are ones that holistically focus on preparing your child for Third Grade. It is our hope that you and your child will enjoy completing some of these activities together, along with the many other fun events and activities you have planned for the summer.

This summer, your student will be reading a "superheroic tragicomedy" about the adventures of *Flora & Ulysses* from Kate DiCamillo and completing a book report! They will bring this book report on the first day of school to present to the class.

We look forward to partnering with you in the 2023-2024 school year! Thank you in advance for your help in preparing your child for Third Grade.

Third Grade Summer Learning

1. Summer Reading

- Read *Flora & Ulysses*
- Complete **one** of the book report options below, be ready to present to the class, and discuss the book.
 - **Mobile Book Report**—Students will assemble a mobile based on a favorite book. The only materials needed are string, index cards, and a hanger. First, they will take some notecards, and write information about their book on each one. The information needs to include: Story elements (setting, characters, problem, solution), Facts and opinions, Main idea, Brief summary, Characters/descriptions, Sketches of significant or favorite scenes
 - **Book Report Movie Poster**— Students will create a promotional movie poster that would entice other students to read their book or to watch the movie version of their book. Get creative!
 - **Stop-Motion-Animation Book Report**—Students will create a short stop-motion-animation movie that recreates their favorite chapter or summary of the book. E-mail the completed movie to sking@newhopememphis.org

- **Diorama Book Report**–You will need to create a scene of a main event from *Flora & Ulysses*. You can use a shoe box, a cereal box on its side to construct your scene. 1. The inside and the outside of the box should be lined with colored construction paper or painted. 2. Be creative. Look around your home and outside. You can use pebbles, twigs, popsicle sticks, old jewelry, cotton balls, tooth picks, magazine cut outs, play dough, hand drawn cut outs, tinfoil, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, etc. to add detail to your diorama. 3. Make sure your name is on your diorama!

2. Summer Math

- Students should be fluent in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division math facts. Please practice over the summer to make sure you are ready for the timed math fluency tests.