

## Third Grade Summer Reading 2025

**Judy Moody and the Not So Bummer Summer by Megan McDonald. Please read and complete the summer reading assignment that is attached and bring it on the first day of school. This will be our first reading grade.**

Novels we will be reading in class during the year (You are not required to purchase)

1. The Box Car Children (Book 1) by Gertrude Chandler Warner
2. Romona the Brave by Beverly Cleary
3. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
4. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever by Barabara Robinson
5. Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo
6. Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner
7. The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies

# SUMMER READING BOOK BAG REPORT

For this report you will need to read *Judy Moody and the Not So Bummer Summer* by Megan McDonald. You will also need one large, paper grocery bag. After you have finished reading your book, you will do the following three things with the bag:

1. **Design a book cover.** You will cover the outside front part of the grocery bag with construction paper. On this cover, you will draw a picture to illustrate some aspect or part of the book. You will also include in large, bold letters: the book's title, author, your name, and one or two sentences about why you liked the book. You may write this in pencil and then trace with marker to avoid mistakes and make your project more appealing.
2. **Write a summary about your book.** This summary must be glued to the outside of the back part of the bag. The summary must include the following information:  
Setting: Describe where and when the story takes place  
Characters: Select 2 major characters and write a description of each including: name, looks, personality, and their importance to the story  
Summary of the plot: Write a half page summary including at least three major events that occurred in the story. Use transition words like first, next, and lastly to show the order of events. Tell them in the order they happened.

3. Find 3-5 objects which represent events or characters in the book. These items are to be placed inside of the bag. You will share these items in class during an oral presentation. You will need to explain who or what the items represent and why you chose them.
4. **Due:** The first day of school (Please see attached rubric for how students will be graded)

Thanks, Third Grade Team