

*Saint Mary School Third Grade Independent  
Reading Program Purpose:*

Every child can become a better reader if daily practice is provided.

**Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>:**

At-home reading time is required for third grade students. At least 20 minutes per day for at least 20 days each month is the minimum amount each child should be reading. Monthly reading needs to be recorded in student planners, **pages 4-14**.

Parents are asked to sign the reading logs each month. Reading logs are due the first of every month for a reading grade.

**Reading Log rubric:**

*A-20 days read*

*B-16-19 days read*

*C- 13-15 days read*

*D/Incomplete- 12 and fewer days, No parent signature*

This year, children are required to read 30 books from different genres, including but not limited to:

- fiction (fantasy, mystery, general, picture storybooks, historical, science fiction, traditional literature),
- nonfiction (biographies, autobiographies, informational book),

- poetry

Children will use a Reading Response Journal to “talk” to me about the books they read. Children will be given the opportunity to abandon any book that is not a good fit for them at the time.

***Material that counts toward monthly reading:*** Any book your child reads at home (including those for AR tests) or in school can be counted in the 30 books.

In order for students to immediately respond to literature they are reading, they may work on Reading Response Journals ***both at home and at school***. Children will be guided through the response process before they are expected to do so independently. Therefore, journals **MUST** be in class daily.

If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me through email.

Thank you!

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