



# Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton

## Third Grade English

### *Summer Reading List, 2017*

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**Directions:** For the summer reading assignment, you must read one of the following two required books listed below, and one book from the suggested reading list.

- Please purchase the novels instead of checking them out from the library as you will be asked to have your texts in class during the early weeks of the school year for literature activities centered around the books.
- For **each** novel selected, you must also complete the **assignment** enclosed in this summer reading packet. **Once completed, you can either bring the assignment into school on the first day or email it at any time over the summer to Ms. Nicole Kridos, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, to [nkridos@hilleldayschool.org](mailto:nkridos@hilleldayschool.org)**
- Enjoy your reading!
- Have a fantastic summer!

#### **Required Reading (Choose 1):**

***Frindle*** by Andrew Clements (ISBN: 0689818769)

Nick is an average kid in the fifth grade. He has a mean spelling teacher who always makes the kids use the dictionary. One day Nick's friend spots a pen on the ground, and Nick starts calling it a frindle. The new word is a big hit in Nick's class and finally throughout the whole school. People all over the world are saying the new word. Is the word a big hit, or will Nick get in trouble for it?

**OR**

***\*The Mouse and the Motorcycle*** by Beverly Cleary (ISBN: 0380709244)

Living in a knothole in a hotel room, young Ralph has seen plenty of families come and go, some more generous with their crumbs than others. But when young Keith and his parents check in to the hotel, Ralph gets his first chance to check out. He has always fantasized about venturing beyond the second floor, maybe even outside. Curiosity overcomes caution, and Ralph must have a go at Keith's toy motorcycle and undergoes many adventures.

#### **Suggested Reading (Choose 1):**

***The President's Daughter*** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley \*A Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program Book

***Whittington*** by Alan Armstrong \*A Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program Book

***American Girls*** series

***Andy Russell*** by David Adler

***Only Emma*** by Sally Warner

***Weird School*** by Dan Gutman

Any book from the author Andrew Clements

\*Challenging reading level

# **Frindle**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1.) According to Nick, what made Mrs. Granger look like a giant?**

- a.) her height
- b.) her hair
- c.) her eyes
- d.) her shoes

**2.) Which of the following didn't Nick do in Miss Deaver's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class to make it a tropical island?**

- a.) turn up the thermostat
- b.) put sand on the floor
- c.) bring a turtle
- d.) get the kids to change into shorts and t-shirts

**3.) What question did Nick ask on the first day of school?**

- a.) Why do you like words?
- b.) Where did all the words come from?
- c.) Why do we need a dictionary?
- d.) Why do we have to do 35 vocabulary words each night?

**4.) Which of the following events does not lead to Nick's idea of renaming a pen a frindle?**

- a.) Nick has to look up 35 words in the dictionary.
- b.) Nick asks "Who says "dog" means dog?" And Mrs. Granger replies, "you do."
- c.) Janet finds a pen in the street.
- d.) Nick remembers calling his cassette player gwagala and his parents understood what he meant.

**5.) What does Mrs. Granger do to students who use the word "frindle"?**

- a.) Give them silent lunch.
- b.) Call their parents
- c.) Make them write the sentence "I am writing this punishment with a pen" hundreds of times.
- d.) Keep them from using pens.

**6) What effect did Mrs. Granger's punishment have on the kids?**

- a.) They didn't use the word as much.
- b.) It didn't work. They continued to use the word.
- c.) They tried to get Nick to stop using the word.
- d.) They began to hate the word.

**7.) Who is Judy Morgan?**

- a.) a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- b.) the principal
- c.) a classmate of Nick's
- d.) a reporter

**8.) After there was an article written about the 5<sup>th</sup> graders using the word "frindle," what did other kids in town start doing?**

- a.) Using the word themselves.
  - b.) Making fun of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - c.) Creating their own words.
  - d.) Making fun of Mrs. Granger.
- 9.) Who is Bud Lawrence and what did he want with Nick?

**10.) What did all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders do during their class picture?**

- a.) They all stuck out their tongues
- b.) They held up a frindle and said frindle.
- c.) They held up a frindle
- d.) They said frindle.

**11.) How did people in other towns and states learn about frindle?**

- a.) They heard it from Bud Lawrence.
- b.) They read it in the Westfield Gazette.
- c.) It was on national TV shows.
- d.) They heard it on the radio.

**12.) What arrives at Nick's door 10 years later?**

**13.) What word best describes Nick?**

- a.) troublesome
- b.) irritating
- c.) creative
- d.) friendly

# **Mouse and the Motorcycle**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. The Mountain View Inn is not where the Gridley family had planned to vacation. How did they wind up staying there?**

- a. Their car broke down in front of the inn.
- b. Mr. Gridley was frustrated by the holiday weekend traffic, and decided to find a place to stay for the weekend.
- c. A friend invited them to come for a visit.
- d. They heard there was a family of talking mice, and they just had to see it for themselves!

**2. What does Mrs. Gridley think of the inn?**

- a. She thinks it is charming and cozy.
- b. She thinks it is the nicest place she has ever stayed.
- c. She thinks it is old, spooky and probably filled with mice.
- d. She thinks it is too expensive.

**3. Which event happens first?**

- a. Keith and Ralph meet.
- b. Keith brings Ralph and his family room service.
- c. Ralph tries riding the motorcycle, but can't figure out how to make it really go.
- d. Keith has a fever and Ralph brings him an aspirin.

**4. How do Ralph and Keith first meet?**

- a. Keith finds Ralph in a trash can.
- b. Keith saves Ralph from a mouse trap.
- c. Ralph saves Keith by bringing him an aspirin.
- d. Ralph hides the motorcycle in his mouse hole, and Keith pokes his finger in to retrieve it.

**5. Give two examples of things that Ralph's mother worries about.**

**6. How did Ralph's father die?**

- a. Mouse trap
- b. Too much cheese
- c. The housekeeper found him
- d. He was poisoned by an aspirin he had in his cheeks

**7. What did Ralph have to do to make the motorcycle *really* go?**

- a. Make the same Pb-pb-b-b-b sound that Keith made when he was playing with the motorcycle.
- b. Moving his feet fast along the table and then lifting them up while he coasted.
- c. Give it some gas.
- d. Make the levers move.

**8. Where did Ralph promise Keith he would park the motorcycle?**

- a. In the wastebasket.
- b. In his mouse hole.
- c. Next to the cars.
- d. Under the bed.

**9. What is the first thing Keith brings Ralph and his family from room service?**

- a. An apple with a core.
- b. A peanut butter and jelly sandwich.
- c. Bacon and toast with jelly.
- d. Blueberry muffin and a chocolate chip cookie.

**10. Why aren't Ralph and his family able to find plenty of their own food?**

**11. After his encounter with the vacuum cleaner, how did Ralph manage to escape from the pile of laundry linens?**

- a. He drove the motorcycle right out of the pillowcase.
- b. Keith rescued him.
- c. He fell into another trashcan.
- d. He chewed his way out.

**12. In Chapter 10, Keith falls ill with a fever. How does Ralph help him?**

- a. He finds a doctor to take care of Keith.
- b. He alerts Keith's parents.
- c. He brings Keith an aspirin that he has found in one of the guest rooms.
- d. He tells Keith jokes to make him feel better.

**13. At the end of the book, who gets to keep the motorcycle - Ralph or Keith?**

- a. Ralph
- b. Keith
- c. Neither - the bell boy Matt keeps it.
- d. Neither - Ralph loses it again.