



**Katz Hillel Day School of Boca Raton**  
**Third Grade English**  
**Summer Reading List, 2021**

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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 bring the assignment into school on the first day.**
- Enjoy your reading!
- Have a fantastic summer!

**Required Reading (Choose 1):**

**Because of Winn Dixie** by Kate DiCamillo (ISBN: 9780763644321)

Abandoned by her mother years ago, Opal, a 10-year-old girl, moves with her father to a small town in Florida. Lonely and missing her old friends, Opal is ecstatic to find companionship with a rambunctious little dog she names Winn-Dixie, after the store where she found the pup. With Winn-Dixie's help, Opal befriends several colorful townsfolk and even begins mending her relationship with her father.

**OR**

**\*The Mouse and the Motorcycle** by Beverly Cleary (ISBN: 0380709243)

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

# 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.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Summer Reading Choice Board

After completing one of your summer reading books, choose one activity to complete and turn in the first week of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

<p><b>Change it!</b></p> <p>Change the end of the story. List some events that could have happened to create a new ending to the story.</p>	<p><b>Persuade Me!</b></p> <p>Write a letter to your teacher or friend persuading them to read the book. Be sure to support your argument with 2-3 positive reasons.</p>	<p><b>Comic Strip!</b></p> <p>Create a comic strip of your favorite scene from the book.</p>	<p><b>Dear Author!</b></p> <p>Write a letter to author of the week. Ask them any questions or tell them if you liked the book and why.</p>
<p><b>Book Mark It!</b></p> <p>Create a bookmark for your story. On one side draw a picture of your favorite part, and the other write some of your favorite quotes.</p>	<p><b>Quiz</b></p>	<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Write a summary of the story including events from the beginning, middle, and end of the book.</p>	<p><b>Compare and Contrast:</b></p> <p>Write three ways the main character is different than you, and three things you may have in common.</p>

Happy Reading!