



Be Sure to Start Third Grade on the Right Foot with these Helpful Hints for Summer!

Suggested Books

- *Junie B. Jones, Horrible Harry, and Ramona Quimby* Series of Books

Suggested Reading Strategies

1. Make sure to pick a book that is appropriate for you.
 - Look at the Front Cover and Read the Back Cover to see if the book interests you
 - Read the Title and Author
 - Use the “Five Finger Rule” when you Read the First Page
 - *If there are 0 – 1 word you don’t know, the book is too easy
 - *2 – 3 words you don’t know means it’s “Just Right”
 - *4-5 words you don’t know means it’s too hard
2. Make predictions and inferences while you are reading.
 - Tell what you think will happen next as you are reading.
 - Try to figure out what the author does not say.
3. Use phonics and decoding.
 - Blend sounds that you know to figure out difficult words.
 - Decide if the word makes sense in the sentence.
4. Monitor, Clarify, Evaluate and Question
 - Does what you are reading make sense? If not, go back and re-read.
 - Think about how the author entertains or informs you. Tell how you feel about the story you are reading.
 - Question yourself about important ideas in the story.
5. Summarize what you read.
 - Think about characters, setting and plot. Describe the problem and how the characters solved it. Tell what happened at the beginning, middle, and end.

Suggested Helpful Websites

- **ELA:** <http://www idiomsbykids.com/>, <http://www.funbrain.com/>, <http://www.funology.com/>, <http://www.kidskonnct.com/subject-index/20-language-arts/343-figurative-language.html>, http://www.quia.com/cz/96689.html?AP_rand=1413820053, and <http://www.funbrain.com/roots/index.html>.
- **Math:** www.multiplication.com, www.aplusmath.com, and <http://acaletics.com> for math practice.
- **Social Studies:** Visit www.knowitall.com for plenty of information on South Carolina.
- **Science:** Visit <http://www2.mcdaniel.edu/Graduate/TI/pages/LEWIS/matterweb.htm> for information on the States and Properties of Matter.