

Student Name: _____

Due: September 11, 2026

Crusaders Caught Reading Summer 2026

Rising 3rd Graders

Dear Students and Families,

We are excited to invite all rising 3rd grade students to participate in our **Crusaders Caught Reading** summer reading challenge! Reading over the summer is one of the best ways to grow your mind, strengthen your skills, and prepare for a great start to the new school year.

This year, students will participate in our **Reading Rewards Journey**, where each milestone unlocks exciting prizes. Every step forward is worth celebrating! Track their progress using the form on the back of this page. Turn in the completed form to their homeroom teacher by **Friday, September 11**, in order to be eligible for the rewards.

We would love to see our students “caught reading” all summer long!

Parents, you are invited to email photos of your child reading—whether it’s at home, on vacation, at the beach, or anywhere in between. These photos may be shared on school social media and will be used to create our **Crusaders Caught Reading Wall of Fame**.

Please send photos to: **Mr. Rhine** – trhine@ncak12.org or **Mrs. Williamson** - swilliamson@ncak12.org. Be sure to include your child’s name and rising grade level in the email.

Reading Rewards:

Level 1: Growing Reader - Minimal Requirement

Student reads Riding the Pony Express by Clyde Robert Bulla, Francis Marion & The Legend of the Swamp Fox by Kate Salley Palmer & completes One Pager Book Reports for each.. Student also completes their Summer Bible Project.

Reward: Backpack Tag

Level 2: Strong Reader

Student completes Level 1 and Level 2 tasks. See back of this page. Please record book titles on the back of this page.

Rewards: Backpack Tag & Free Dress Down Day on Friday, September 18, 2026.

Level 3: Reading Champion

Student completes ALL Summer Reading Challenges. Please record book titles on the back of this page.

Rewards: Backpack Tag, Free Dress Down Day for September 18 AND entered into a drawing for a Kapla 200 Box.



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Tracking Chart for Rising 3rd Graders

Directions: Record the Title of the Book

Level 1: Growing Reader - Minimal Requirement

Read Riding the Pony Express by Clyde R. Bulla & Complete a One Pager Report (parent signature): _____

Read Francis Marion & the Legend of the Swamp Fox by Kate S. Palmer & Complete a One Pager Report (parent signature): _____

Completes the Rising 3rd Grade Summer Bible Project on I Corinthians 13 (parent signature): _____

Level 2: Strong Reader - All of Level 1 and the following:

Read an Adventure Book: _____

Read a Nonfiction Book: _____

Read a Poetry or Rhyming Book: _____

Read a Parents' Choice Book: _____

Read a Biography of a Famous American: _____

Memorize Joshua 1:9 (parent signature): _____

Read a book to an Adult & send a photo to NCA: _____

Read a South Carolina History Picture Book: _____

Read a Science or Nature Book: _____

Level 3: Reading Champion - All of Levels 1 & 2 and the following:

Memorize 1 John 3:23 (Parent Signature): _____

Read a Mystery Book: _____

Read a book with a One Word Title: _____

Build a Fort and read inside (send photo to Mr. Rhine): _____

Read a Book with a Friend: _____

Read an award winning book: _____

Challenge Book - Read Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder & complete a One Pager Report (parent signature): _____

Where will reading take you this summer?

Rising 3rd Graders - One Pager Book Reports

Riding the Pony Express by Clyde Robert Bulla

The Legend of the Swamp Fox by Kate Salley Palmer

One Pager Book Report Directions

A **One Pager** is a creative way to show what you learned from a book using both **words and pictures**. Your goal is to clearly share the most important ideas from the story in a neat, thoughtful, and visually appealing way.

Please use the template on the back of this page to complete your **One Pager Book Report**. You will complete **one (1)** One Pager for each book you read, for a total of **two (2) One Pagers**. Due: **September 11, 2026**.

Your One Pager MUST Include:

Border Box (use ALL sides: top, bottom, and sides): Create a border around your paper that matches the theme of the book. The theme is a central message, lesson, or moral that the author wants you to learn from a story.

Your border must include:

- Book title
- Author's name
- Your **rating** of the book (1–5 stars)
(1 = okay, 5 = loved it!)
- **New vocabulary words** you learned with a short definition for each

Upper Left Corner Box: Draw an **important symbol** from the story

Things to consider:

- An object
- An animal
- A place
- Add a quotation from the book around your picture or a brief description of how it relates to the story

Upper Right Corner Box: Draw/Describe the **main character(s)**.

You may include:

- Character Names
- Personality Traits
- Feelings
- How the character(s) changed

Examples: shy - brave **OR** selfish - kind

Middle Box Personal Connection: Draw a picture showing how you connected with the story.

You may show:

- A character you relate to
- An event that reminds you of something from your or your family's life
- A lesson that you learned

Bottom Left Corner Box - Setting: Show where and when the story takes place.

Include:

- Pictures
- Colors
- Words or quotations

Examples: school, forest, farm, city, long ago, present day

Bottom Right Corner Box - God's Truth: Show a truth from God's Word that you noticed in the story.

Think about:

- What did the story teach about God?
- What lesson did the characters learn?
- How should we treat others?

You may include:

- A Bible verse
- Christian symbols
- Words like kindness, courage, forgiveness, love, faith

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Rising 3rd Grader Summer Bible Project

Read I Corinthians 13. In this box, write words or phrases from the verses that show God's love to others.

Now use the space below to draw pictures that show the truth you learned from the Bible verses above. Try to include the main ideas from the verses in your drawings.