



# July Literacy Calendar 3rd into 4th Grade



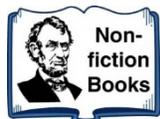
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|  |   |   |  | <p>1 Select your book choice/s from the required summer reading list. Go to the library and check out your book. Start reading!</p>  <p><a href="http://www.mtpl.org">www.mtpl.org</a></p>                              |
| <p>4 Talk to your child about the meaning of freedom. Click the link below for some interesting information about Independence Day.</p>  <p><a href="#">Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!</a></p> | <p>5 Write a note to a friend and tell him or her how you celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.</p>                                   | <p>6 Turn off the TV and read your book and then tell a friend what you read about today.</p>   | <p>7 Help your child make a list of zoo animals and sort them into different categories or colors. (Mammals, fish, etc.)</p>  | <p>8 Visit a zoo (real or virtual—online) and together, find each of the animals on your list from yesterday.</p> <p>Check out the Smithsonian National Zoological Park's <a href="#">Virtual Zoo</a></p>  |
| <p>11 Think of the most interesting animal you have ever seen. Make a list of words to describe that animal.</p>   | <p>12 Play a game with your family. How about <i>Scrabble</i> or <i>Pictionary</i></p>    | <p>13 Enjoy some riddles at the link below. Enjoy! Try them out on a friend.</p> <p><a href="#">Riddles</a></p> <p>Try to create one of your own!</p>   | <p>14 Plan the perfect imaginary summer vacation by researching it on the internet</p>                                       | <p>15 <b>National Lollipop Day (4/20)</b> What's your favorite flavor? Write a poem about lollipops.</p>   |
| <p>18 Help your child learn about different birds that live in your area by checking out a few online field guides and make a plan to go watching</p> <p><a href="#">Try this guide</a></p>         | <p>19 Read your book for 30 minutes today. Tell someone about your favorite part.</p>    | <p>20 The first UFO was reported in 1947. Find out more by clicking the UFO below</p>   | <p>21 Contact a friend and talk about the book you are reading</p>    | <p>22 Encourage your child to find a new hobby to celebrate <b>Anti-Boredom Month</b>. Consider rock collecting, story writing or arts &amp; crafts! Check out some fun ideas: <a href="#">Arts &amp; Crafts</a></p>  |
| <p>25 <b>Word Game!</b><br/>Help your child find a list of baseball teams in the sports section of the newspaper. Put them in A-B-C order.</p>    | <p>26 Look up and list the titles of books by your favorite author. See how many you and your child can read again this summer.</p>  | <p>27 If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where would you go? Look up information about this place and find an interesting fact.</p>  | <p>28 Read a poem by Jack Prelutsky. Laugh until your sides hurt!</p> <p><a href="#">Poems</a></p>   | <p>29 Encourage your child to think about keeping a journal or making a chart to keep track of all of the reading activities that he/she does. See sample <a href="#">charts</a> here.</p>                            |



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**1** Read a nonfiction book. Make a list of 5 facts that you learned and list 5 things you still want to know about that topic.



**2** Explore the **Local Library!** Find out if the local library has a weekly story time or event



**3** Play a game of **I-Spy** with your child and challenge him/her to describe unlikely clues. Play online by clicking the picture:



**4** **8/4 is National Chocolate Chip Day!** Bake some chocolate chip cookies and enjoy them while you read your book!



[Recipe #1](#) [Recipe #2](#)

**5** **CREATE** a collage to show places you visited and things that you did this summer. Use photos, magazine pictures, etc. Continue it through the end of August. See examples:

[Collage!](#)

**8** **Celebrate National Picnic Month.** Plan a picnic and bring your favorite books along. After reading, exchange summaries with a friend



**9** You say the first half of a compound word, and see if your child can finish it: air(plane), back(pack), cow(boy), etc. See link for ideas.

[Compound Words](#)

**10** Make a list of opposites. How many pairs can you list? Did you know these?

[Opposites](#)



**11** Give your child directions to find a hidden object. Have him/her follow the directions to find the object.



**12** Prepare for the pool! Book, swimsuit, book, towel, book...read a chapter after each dip in the pool.



**15** Help your child keep track of the weather and temperatures for this week. Use this [Tracking Sheet](#)



**16** Write a message to your child asking him/her a question or two. Encourage your child to write back with complete sentences as he/she responds to your message.



**17** **Senior Citizens Day** Encourage your child to trade stories with an older relative like a grandparent or great-aunt.



**18** Write a diary/journal entry at the end of the day. Describe the day's events. Add pictures.



**19** Play a game or two of mini golf to celebrate **Golf Month**. Before you go research golfing strategies of the pros!



**22** Find a simple recipe that your child will enjoy. Make a [Shopping list](#) together. Go to the store to "find" any ingredients that you might need to prepare the recipe tomorrow.



**23** Reread the recipe from yesterday and prepare the food together by following the steps carefully. Enjoy the delicious food together.



**24** Help your child **COUNT** the days until school starts. Make a list of all the things you need to do to get ready....



**25** Watch a television show together. Ask your child questions: *What happened? Did you like this show? Why or why not? What was your favorite part?*



**26** Host a family **game night** and play a word game such as *Scrabble*, *Password*, or *Boggle* with your child and friends. Celebrate the summer!



**29** Help your child write a list of things he or she wants to do this summer. Don't forget to include reading!

[100 Things to Do This Summer](#)



**30** Locate a copy of the Sunday paper. Check out the comics. Find your favorite one and make a promise to read it every week.



**31** Try out ABCya.com for some games that you can play with your child. [http://www.abcya.com/third\\_grade\\_computers.htm](http://www.abcya.com/third_grade_computers.htm)

