

June 3, 2022

Dear Incoming Third Grade Parents,

I am so looking forward to teaching your child next year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my six years in third grade! Before that, I taught 17 years in the Middle School. I learned a lot in my six years and I still have learning, tweaking, and enhancing to do over the summer months to make next year even better!

Did you know that:

- on average, children lose two months of reading skills during the summer months.
- all young people experience learning loss when they do not engage in educational activities during the summer.
- parents play a key role in filling education gaps over the summer.

In order to avoid educational skill loss over this summer, I would like each third grader to read the book, Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli. Your child may read it to you or read it on his/her own. You may even take your turn to read it to your child if necessary. You will need to purchase this book, or borrow it from a library. In order to remember the events of the story, **please have your child write a two or three sentence summary in the reading log after each chapter.**

Please send **the book and the reading log** to school with your child on the first day of school (August 29). We will complete activities pertaining to the story. The reading log will be your child's first ELA grade of the year so it is very important that it is completed and returned to school.

Thank you so much!

Kathy Barninger  
OLA third grade teacher





## Third Grade Angels by Jerry Spinelli

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### Summer Reading Log

#### Chapter 1 – Finally!

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#### Chapter 2 – The Prize

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#### Chapter 3 – Boink, Bunk

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**Chapter 4 – Tub Talk**

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**Chapter 5 – The Hat**

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**Chapter 6 – It Was True**

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**Chapter 7 – “Don’t Buy Me”**

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**Chapter 8 – Perfect**

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**Chapter 9 – Spies**

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**Chapter 10 – Angel at Home**

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**Chapter 11 – The Race**

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**Chapter 12 – Back to Bad**

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**Chapter 13 – Chipmunk**

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**Chapter 14 – Oh No!**

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**Chapter 15 – The Winner**

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**Chapter 16 – Outside, Inside**

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**Chapter 17 – Surprise**

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What was your favorite part of the book?

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Why was this your favorite part?

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(☺ I hope you are having a super summer! I will see you soon! ☺)