

Summer 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Third Grade!

My name is Mrs. Gurnee and I will be your child's Third Grade teacher at HTCA! I live in Sandy Hook with my family and black lab. After many years of teaching in public schools, I took some time off to stay home to raise my two young children. I have taught a variety of grade levels from Kindergarten through 8th grade in both the regular education classroom as well as providing special education services. When it came time to select a school for my own children, HTCA stood out as an excellent choice and I am honored to have the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful learning community!

Throughout the year, we will strengthen and expand our skills in Math, Reading, Language Arts, Religion, Science and Social Studies. In addition to academics, your child will learn independent work habits such as time management, organization, and study skills. Students will also continue to develop social skills as they learn to work together across the curriculum.

I look forward to an amazing year building a community of lifelong learners within our personalized learning environment and fostering friendship through Gospel values!

-Mrs. Gurnee

## 3rd Grade Summer Work

**Reading:** Summer is an exciting and busy time! In the midst of your summer fun, I ask that you encourage your child to read 15 to 20 minutes each day. Children who read over the summer come back to school ready to learn without experiencing as much of the "summer slide" in academic skill retention. Attached is a fun summer reading program for your child to participate in. Please return completed pages for a reward during the first week of school.

**Writing:** Keep a summer journal to record summer activities and memories. You may make one with lined paper or use a notebook! Get creative and decorate your journal! I also love to see illustrations along with student writing. I look forward to reading about student interests and summer fun when we return to school in August! Please allow your child to do their best in handwriting and spelling. I do not expect perfect writing pieces and love to see true authentic student work! Encourage your child to write at least 2 times a week. Journals may be brought into school for a reward during the first week of school.

**Math:** Basic fact practice will keep students sharp and ready to jump into our math curriculum upon return to school. Practice basic single digit addition, subtraction and multiplication facts to gear up for third grade! See the attached page with ideas for fact practice and games to play.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Supply List**

2 pocket folders - 2  
4 Composition notebooks (wide ruled)  
Washable markers - 1 set  
Colored pencils - 1 set  
Crayons - 1 set  
Pencils - 1 box  
Pencil grips  
Scissors  
1 Bottle of washable glue  
2 Glue sticks  
Pencil box or small storage container to store materials  
2 inch binder  
1 set of dividers for binder  
Student planner to record homework assignments  
Headphones (no ear buds)  
Dry erase markers and eraser  
Loose leaf package of 3 hole punched lined paper (wide ruled)

***\*Please note: Supplies will need to be replenished as the year goes on! Also, supplies may need to be added as the year goes on.***

#### **Other:**

Baby wipes  
Paper towels  
Lysol / Clorox type wipes

# Summer Reading Club

## The Rules

For every day that you read for 20-30 minutes, add a sticker to that date on the calendar. You may skip one day each week if you would like.

## The Reason

Reading throughout the summer will keep you prepared for the new school year. Instead of losing ground and forgetting what you've learned, you'll excel.

## The Reward

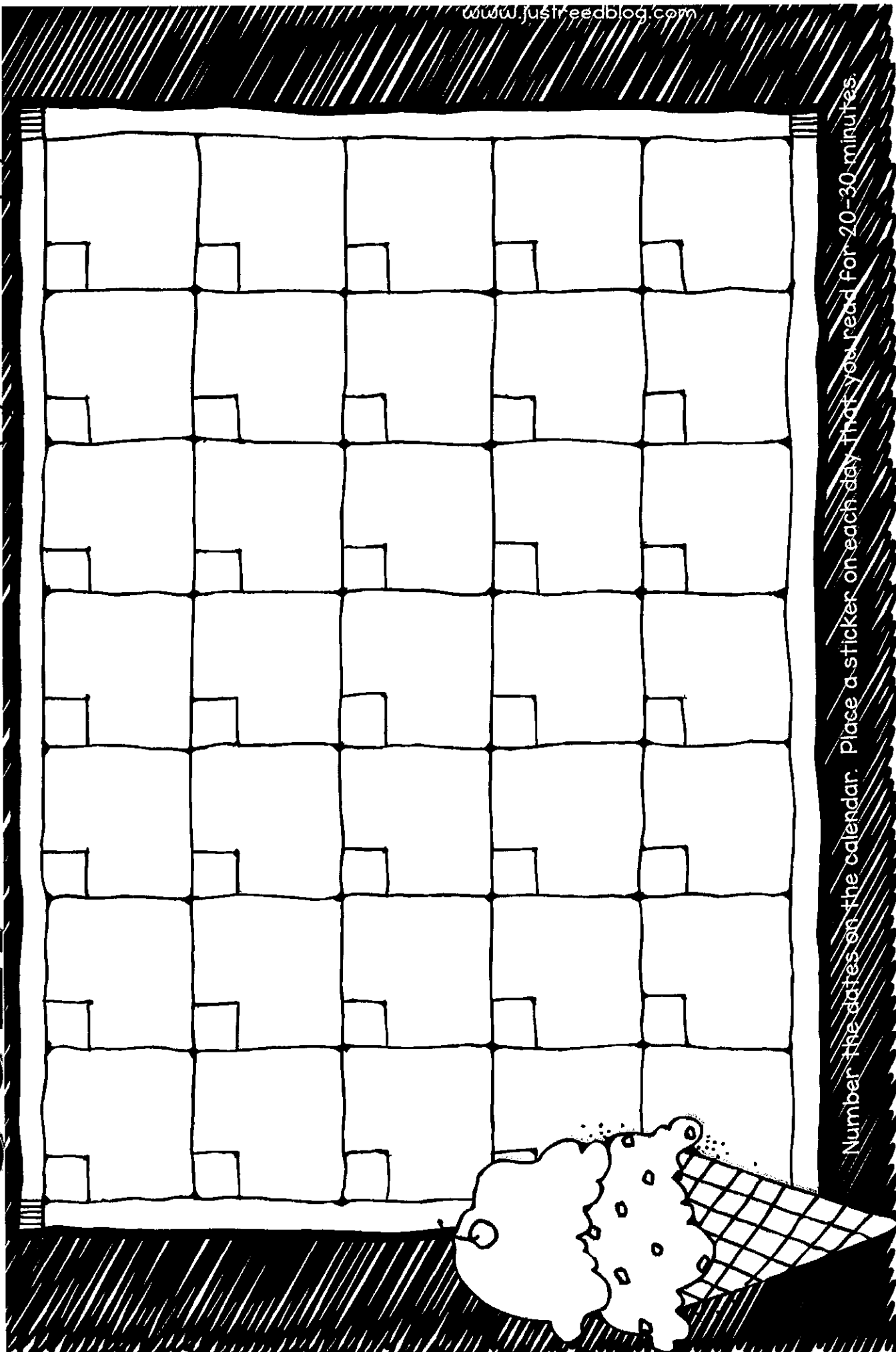
Follow the rules and return your calendar to me on the first day of the new school year. You'll earn a prize!

**JUNE** *Reading Log*

A large grid for tracking reading progress, consisting of 10 columns and 31 rows. The grid is intended for marking progress over the month of June. At the bottom left corner of the grid, there is a cartoon character with a large belly and a single finger pointing upwards. The entire page is framed by a decorative border of diagonal lines.

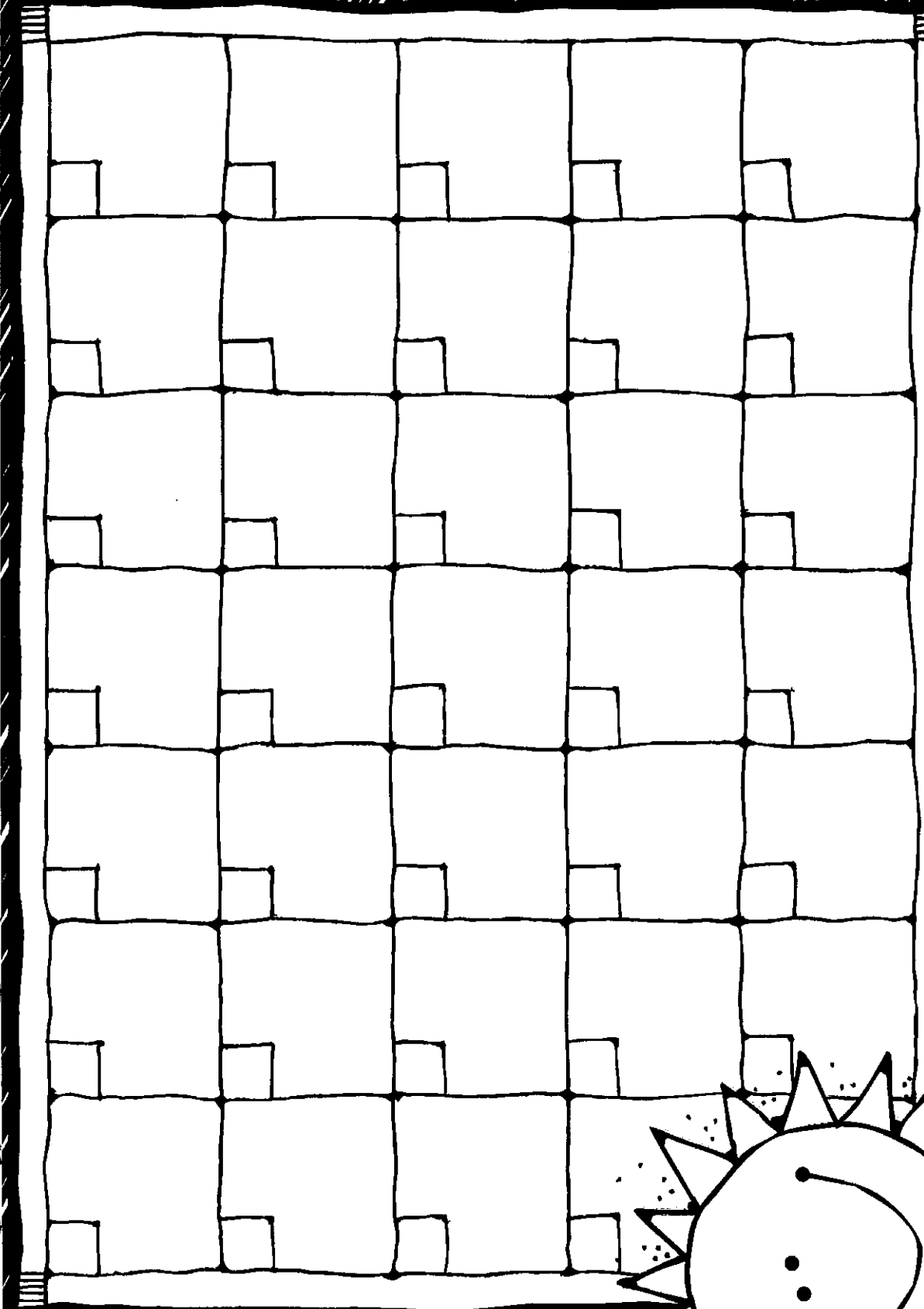
Number the dates on the calendar. Place a sticker on each day that you read for 20-30 minutes.

# JULY Reading fog



Number the dates on the calendar. Place a sticker on each day that you read for 20-30 minutes.

# AUG. Reading Log




Number the dates on the calendar. Place a sticker on each day that you read for 20-30 minutes.

