



SMM Summer Portfolio

Dear 4th Grade Graduate and Family,

Congratulations! You have worked hard and reached the end of another year. I hope you feel proud and spend lots of time this summer having fun outdoors. When you are not in the pool or at a theme park, take time to practice the skills you learned this year.

Summer learning requirements for 4th grade graduates:

- Read *What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?* By Jean Fritz and complete Vocabulary Activity and Timeline. Be ready to take an AR quiz when you return to school.
- Read a book of your choice from the Sunshine State List from either the 3rd-5th grade list or the 6th-8th grade list. Be ready to take an AR quiz when you return to school.
- Complete 10 days of math from Summer Step-Up (print pages).

Optional work to turn in to receive recognition as a Summer Scholar. You will get a certificate and a treat in August of next year.

- Write 5 journal entries from Summer Step-Up. Make sure each entry is at least 7 sentences (typed or hand-written).
- Complete an additional 10 days of math from Summer Step-Up (print pages).

If you need help accessing your Summer Step-Up account, please follow the instructions on the Plus Portals link. Additionally, the office will be open during most of the summer if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Kenefick and Mrs. Bidy

** All summer work is due August 13. Return finished work to your new homeroom teacher. **



SUMMER STEP-UP



We are excited to introduce an on-line math and ELA curriculum called **Summer Step-Up** that SMM will be using for our Summer Learning Portfolios. **Summer Step-Up** was created by one of our own teachers, Becky Kenefick, to keep students sharp and prepared for the upcoming school year. All SMM families will have access to math, reading, language arts, and writing enrichment opportunities through **Summer Step-Up**. The material has content aimed at 1st through 5th grade graduates but all SMM families are welcome to use the program.

Math

The math pages are printable PDFs with two pages for each day. Page one of each day provides practice for general math concepts. Page two of each day provides practice in basic facts. The curriculum is directly aligned to the math texts used at SMM and the math curriculum used throughout the Diocese.

Reading

The reading comprehension activities are based on high-interest books many of which are award-winning and come from the Sunshine State List. The list of books is organized into AR levels. If you are not familiar with AR levels, they generally correspond with grade level (3.0 - 3.9 levels are appropriate for many 3rd grade readers).

Writing

The writing portion of Summer Step-Up includes a list of captivating, grade-level appropriate journal prompts. Students are encouraged to let their creativity flow by drawing pictures, comics, charts, and sketches to accompany their writing.

To login:

- Go to www.SummerStepUp.com
- Click the "Log-in" button on the upper-right corner of the page
- Students enter login: SmmcsStudent and password: Summer2018
- Parents enter login: Parent2018 and password: SummerParent2018 (*Note: Parent login gives access to answer sheets.*)
- Scroll across the tabs on the top blue bar to view menus. Then choose the subject and grade level of your choice.

If you have any trouble accessing the website, please contact the school office at (407) 644-7537.

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?

By Jean Fritz
Vocabulary Activity

Directions: After reading the book:

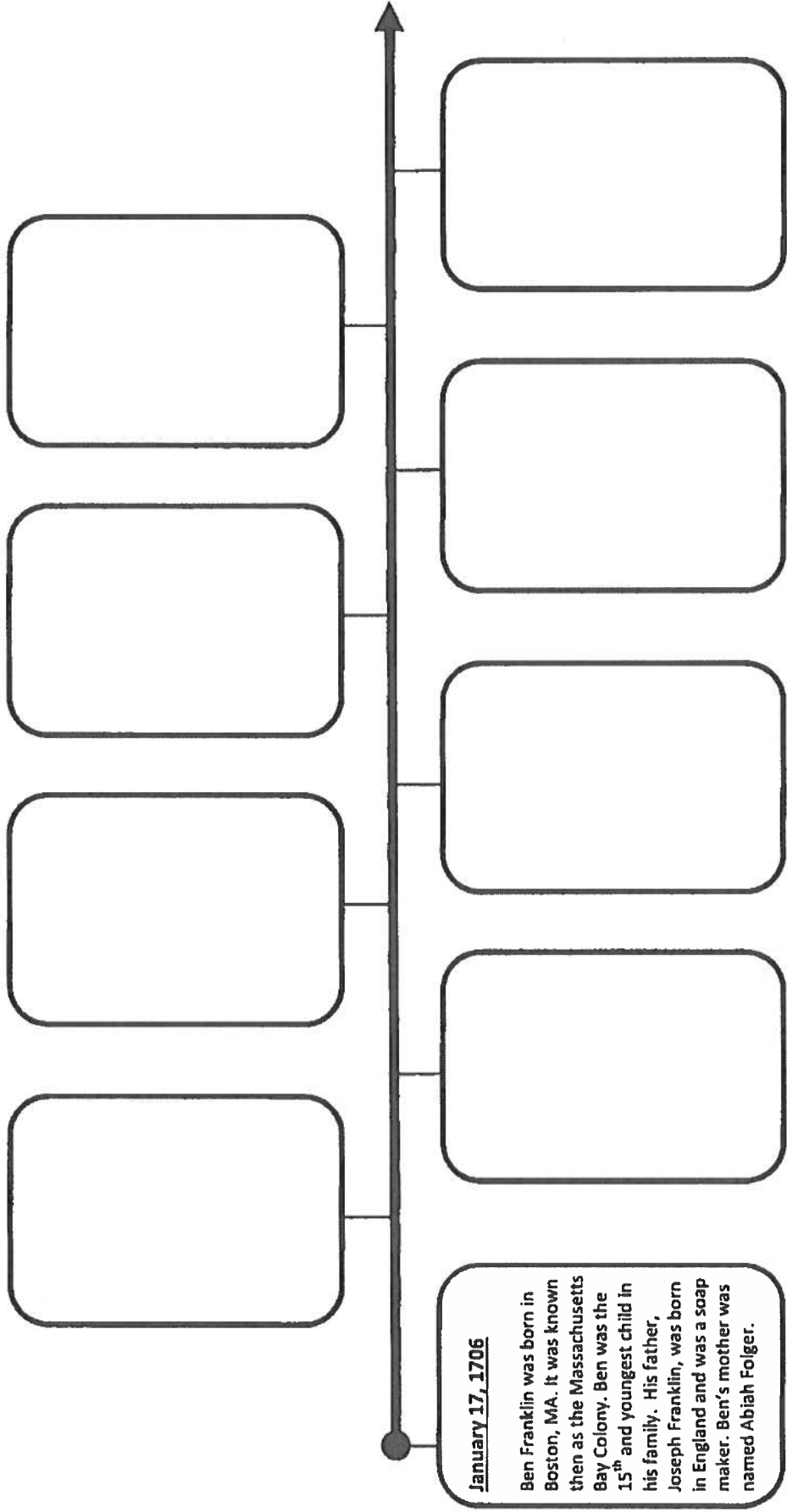
- Write the definitions for the 16 vocabulary words below on a piece of notebook paper. Be sure to include the part of speech for each word.
- Use the words and the definitions to create a game for 2-4 players. Bring your game to our classroom on the first day of school in August. Be prepared to teach your game to a small group.
- Complete an AR test for this book during the first week of school.

apprentice	lather	scarlet	cutlers
prose	contradict	opponent	grenadier
swagger	interfere	disposition	almanac
spectacles	contraption	condemn	undeniable

Name: _____

Timeline of Ben Franklin's Life

Directions: After reading What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?, choose at least 8 events from Ben Franklin's life that you find interesting and significant. Place them on the timeline below. Make sure they are in chronological order. Be sure to include the year for each event and a full description (complete sentences) of the event.





Sunshine State Young Readers Award Books 2018-2019 List for Grades 3-5



***The Ark Plan* by Laura Martin**

Five years ago, Sky Mundy's father vanished from North Compound without a trace. Now she has just stumbled on a clue that not only suggests his disappearance is just the tip of an even larger mystery, but also points directly to the surface. To find her dad—and possibly even save the world—Sky and her best friend, Shawn, must break out of their underground home and venture topside to a land reclaimed by nature and ruled by dinosaurs.



***The Doublecross: (And Other Skills I Learned as a Superspy)* by Jackson Pearce**

Everyone in twelve-year-old Hale's family is a spy going way back. They've all worked for the Sub Rosa Society, an elite organization that's so top secret that new agents aren't recruited; they're born. His parents may be the ultimate spy team at SRS, but Hale isn't your typical stealthy spy—he is, as his mother puts it, "big-boned," and as some of his classmates put it, "fat." Still, he's convinced he will someday be a great field agent. After all, it's his legacy.



***Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro**

Zoey discovers a glowing photo and learns an amazing secret. Injured magical animals come to their backyard barn for help! When a sick baby dragon appears, it's up to Zoey and Sassafra to figure out what's wrong. Will they be able to help little Marshmallow before it's too late?



***The Great Treehouse War* by Lisa Graff**

Winnie's last day of fourth grade ended with a pretty life-changing surprise. That was the day Winnie's parents got divorced and decided that Winnie would live three days a week with each of them and spend Wednesdays by herself in a treehouse between their houses, to divide her time perfectly evenly. It was the day Winnie's seed of frustration with her parents was planted, a seed that grew until it felt like it was as big as a tree itself.



***Home Sweet Motel* by Chris Grabenstein**

Eleven-year-old P. T. Wilkie may be the greatest storyteller alive. But he knows one thing for a fact: the Wonderland Motel is the best place a kid could ever live! There's only one thing the Wonderland doesn't have, though—customers. And if the Wonderland doesn't get them soon, P.T. and his friend Gloria may have to say goodbye to their beloved motel forever. They need to think BIG. They need to think BOLD. They need an OUTRAGEOUS plan.



***I Love You, Michael Collins* by Lauren Baratz-Logsted**

It's 1969 and the country is gearing up for what looks to be the most exciting moment in U.S. history: men landing on the moon. Ten-year-old Mamie's class is given an assignment to write letters to the astronauts. Only Mamie writes to Michael Collins, the astronaut who will come so close but never achieve everyone else's dream of walking on the moon, because he is the one who must stay with the ship. After school ends, Mamie keeps writing to Michael Collins, taking comfort in telling someone about what's going on with her family, one by one, they leave the house thinking that someone else is taking care of her—until she is all alone except for her cat and her best friend, Buster. And as the date of the launch nears, Mamie can't help but wonder: Does no one stay with the ship anymore?



***Lemons* by Melissa Savage**

Lemonade Liberty Witt's mama always told her: When life gives you lemons, make lemonade. But Lem can't possibly make lemonade out of her new life in Willow Creek, California—the Bigfoot Capital of the World—where she's forced to live with a grandfather she's never met after her mother passes away.

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Lights, Camera, Cook! By Charise Mericle Harper

A zesty series for fans of MasterChef Jr. and Kids Cook-off! In episode one, four talented tween chefs step into the spotlight to prove that they have what it takes to become the Next Best Junior Chef. Who will have the grits to get through week one of the competition?



Overboard! by Terry Lynn Johnson

Eleven-year-old Travis and his family are on a whale watch off the coast of Washington when disaster strikes. The boat capsizes, throwing everyone into the ice-cold chaotic waves. Separated from their families and struggling to stay afloat, Travis and twelve-year-old Marina must use all of their grit and knowledge to survive.



Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood

In a classic fantasy world of anthropomorphic rabbits, three young siblings are on the run from the villainous Gorm tribe who have killed and enslaved their clan. Podkin, once destined to be clan leader, has always been spoiled, but now he must act bravely as he, his older sister, and baby brother flee for their lives. Facing pursuit and treachery, the three collect allies in their search for refuge, until at last they are ready to fight back against the Gorm and attempt to rid the land of an evil scourge.



Spirit Week Showdown by Crystal Allen

Nine-year-old Mya Tibbs is boot-scootin' excited for the best week of the whole school year—SPIRIT WEEK! She and her megapopular best friend, Naomi Jackson, even made a pinky promise to be Spirit Week partners so they can win the big prize: special VIP tickets to the Fall Festival! But when the partner picking goes horribly wrong, Mya gets paired with Mean Connie Tate—the biggest bully in school. And she can't get out of it. Now Naomi is friend-ending mad at Mya for breaking a promise—even though Mya couldn't help it—and everyone at school is calling Mya names. Can Mya work with Mean Connie to win the VIP tickets and get her best friend back?



The Sweetest Sound by Sherri Winston

For ten-year-old Cadence Jolly, birthdays are a constant reminder of all that has changed since her mother skipped town with dreams of becoming a star. Cadence inherited that musical soul, she can't deny it, but otherwise she couldn't be more different – she's shy as can be. She did make a promise last year that she would try to break out of her shell, just a little. And she prayed that she'd get the courage to do it. When a secret recording of her singing leaks and catches the attention of her whole church, she needs to decide what's better: deceiving everyone by pretending it belongs to someone else, or finally stepping into the spotlight.



A True Home by Kallie George

When Mona the Mouse stumbles across the wondrous world of the Heartwood Hotel in the middle of a storm, she desperately hopes they'll let her stay. As it turns out, Mona is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury, and comfort. But the Heartwood Hotel is not all acorn soufflé and soft moss-lined beds. Danger lurks, and as it approaches, Mona finds that this hotel is more than a warm place to spend the night. It might also be a home.



Ugly Cat & Pablo by Isabel Quintero

Ugly Cat is dying for a *paleta*, or ice pop, and his mouse friend Pablo is determined to help him get one by scaring a little girl who is enjoying a coconut pop in the park. But things go horribly wrong when, instead of being scared, the little girl picks Pablo up and declares that he would make a great snack for her pet snake. In all of the commotion and confusion, Ugly Cat wonders if he might have accidentally swallowed Pablo himself!



Wish by Barbara O'Connor

Eleven-year-old Charlie Reese has been making the same secret wish every day since fourth grade. She even has a list of all the ways there are to make the wish, such as cutting off the pointed end of a slice of pie and wishing on it as she takes the last bite. But when she is sent to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina to live with family she barely knows, it seems unlikely that her wish will ever come true. That is, until she meets Wishbone, a skinny stray dog who captures her heart, and Howard, a neighbor boy who proves surprising in lots of ways. Suddenly Charlie is in serious danger of discovering that what she thought she wanted may not be what she needs at all.



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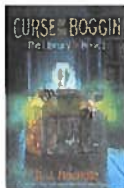
Click'd by Tamara Ireland Stone

At her summer CodeGirls Camp, Allie Navarro invents Click'd, a friend pairing app. Click'd pairs its users with others who have common interests and then sends them a scavenger hunt to find their matches. A glitch threatens to reveal private information, and Allie must work fast in the school computer lab to find a fix. Can Allie fix her app, win back her friends and get it ready for Games for Good?



A Crack in the Sea by H.M. Bouwman

A portal between two worlds opens unexpectedly. Those who travel to the second world find solace, but the Raft King wants to change all of that. Relating the tales of three sets of siblings who endure hardships, experience magic, adventures on the sea, and an enchanting second world, *A Crack in the Sea* is a unique tale where the door to the first world may never reopen.



Curse of the Boggin by DJ Machale

There's a place beyond this world where spirits tell their tales, stories that ended too soon, or don't end at all. It's a place for unexplainable things: mysteries without solutions, ghosts and a boggin. They all have a story. Marcus and his friends have found the key to unlock the Library and they need to use it. A strange man in a bathrobe haunts them; fires rage out in an instant, a creepy old lady shows up at Marcus's house. The terror is real.



The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Arturo lives in Miami playing basketball and working a few shifts at his Abuela's restaurant. When he meets Carmen, a young girl who moves into Arturo's apartment complex, his stomach is in knots. On top of the problems with his new crush, his town is being threatened by a land developer. With the help of Carmen and the book of poetry of Jose Marti left by his grandfather, Arturo discovers family bonds and community are stronger than ever.



The Eureka Key by Sarah Thomson

When middle school puzzle master Sam and history wiz Martina win a contest for a summer trip across the US, they discover they've been drafted into something vastly more extraordinary. Joining another kid on the trip, Theo, a descendant of George Washington himself, they must follow clues to find seven keys left behind by the Founding Fathers. Together the keys unlock Benjamin Franklin's greatest invention--a secret weapon intended to defend the country. Each key is hidden in a unique location around the U.S., protected with puzzles, riddles, and traps.



The Firefly Code by Megan Frazer Blakemore

Up until a new girl, Ilana, moves to Firefly Lane, Mori and her friends lived a normal life. They never questioned anything in Old Harmony, their utopian community. Questions arise about the new girl. Where Ilana says she comes from doesn't add up and her behavior is strange. Once they discover the truth they must make tough decisions about their seemingly perfect world.



First Rule of Punk by Celia C. Perez

Punk rocker, Zine maker, María Luisa is moving to Chicago with her Mexican-American mother and starting 7th grade in a new school. When she begins her first day with a rebellious start, she needs to figure out how she'll fit in and still hold on to her unique character.

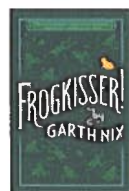
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Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park

Raffa Santana has always loved the mysterious Forest of Wonders. For a gifted young apothecary, every leaf has the potential to unleash a kind of magic. If only Raffa's father would allow him to experiment freely.



Frogkisser! by Garth Nix

Poor Princess Anya! Forced to live with her evil stepmother's new husband, her evil stepfather, has the unfortunate ability to break curses with magic kisses, AND now forced to go on the run when her stepfather decides to make the kingdom entirely his own. She is not alone, aided by a loyal talking dog, a boy thief trapped in the body of a newt, and some extraordinarily mischievous wizards.



Ghost by Jason Reynolds

Running. That's all that Castle Cranshaw aka Ghost has ever known. But never for a track team. His game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: natural talent.



The Girl Who Could Not Dream by Sarah Beth Durst

Sophie loves the hidden shop below her parents' bookstore, where dreams are secretly bought and sold. When the dream shop is robbed and her parents go missing, Sophie must unravel the truth to save them. Together with her best friend—a wisecracking and fanatically loyal monster named Monster—she must decide whom to trust with her family's carefully guarded secrets. Who will help them, and who will betray them?



How Lunchbox Jones Saved me from Robots, Traitors and Missy the Cruel by Jennifer Brown

Video game-loving Luke Abbott has no interest in joining his school robotics team. For one, he really doesn't know much about robotics. Two, the team has a record of losing. And three, his arch nemesis Missy the Cruel and the scary Lunchbox Jones are both on the team! What is with his lunchbox anyways?



Restart by Gordon Korman

Chase wakes up from a fall off the roof not knowing who he is. When he returns to school, the students know exactly who he is, or at least, who he was. Some of the students act like he is a hero, some seem scared of him, and one utterly despises him. Chase is faced with having to figure out not only who he was, but who he wants to be.



Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Julia might be short, but she refuses to let her height be her shortcoming. Encouraged by her mother to audition for the musical The Wizard of Oz, Julia quickly falls in love with the world of theater and all its characters. Over the course of the summer, Julia discovers talents she didn't know she had, forms unlikely friendships, and finds a second home in the theater. It's true what they say-- good things come in small packages.



The Van Gogh Deception by Deron Hicks

When a young boy is discovered in Washington DC's National Gallery without any memory of who he is, a high-stakes race begins to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity. As the stakes continue to rise, the boy must piece together the clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.