

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School

Summer Reading for 3rd Grade 2026-2027

Summer Reading Book: I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005 by Lauren Tarshis

Please take the time to read and discuss the story with your child. Enclosed you will find the book report form which must be completed and returned during the first week of school. Practice Multiplication Facts base 10.

Students should also continue using I-Ready and pass 2 lessons in both Reading and Math each week to help maintain their academic skills throughout the summer. Access to I-Ready will be available until July 30th.

Reading Tips:

- ☐ Read every day.
- ☐ Ask comprehension questions.
- ☐ Be a reading role model for your child.
- ☐ Take turns reading aloud.
- ☐ Praise your child for reading.
- ☐ Keep books and reading material all over the house.
- ☐ Visit the library with your child.
- ☐ Never use reading as a punishment.

Have a wonderful summer!

Your 3rd Grade Teachers

I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005

3rd Grade Summer Reading Printable Packet

Based on the book by Lauren Tarshis

Student Information

Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Date Started: _____

Date Finished: _____

Directions for Students

Read the assigned chapters carefully.

Complete each worksheet using complete sentences.

Use evidence from the story to support your answers.

Remember to check your spelling, punctuation, and handwriting.

Before You Read

Prediction Activity

Look at the title and cover of the book.

1. What do you think this story will be about?
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1. What do you already know about hurricanes?

1. What do you think the word "survived" means?

Vocabulary Page 1

Match the word to the correct meaning.

- 1. Hurricane ____
- 2. Flood ____
- 3. Rescue ____
- 4. Shelter ____
- 5. Evacuate ____

- A. A safe place during danger
 - B. To move people away from danger
 - C. A strong tropical storm
 - D. To save someone from danger
 - E. Water covering land that is usually dry
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Chapters 1-3

Reading Comprehension

1. Who is the main character?

1. Describe Barry's personality.

1. Why is Barry worried about his family?

1. What problems are happening in New Orleans?

1. Draw a picture of Barry.

Chapters 1–3

Short Response Writing

If you were Barry, how would you feel during the beginning of the storm?

Vocabulary Page 2

Use the vocabulary words in a sentence.

Words:

- debris
- dangerous
- storm
- survive

- emergency

- debris

1. dangerous

1. storm

1. survive

1. emergency

Chapters 4–6

Reading Comprehension

1. What happens when Hurricane Katrina gets stronger?

1. Why do people leave their homes?

1. What dangers does Barry face?

1. Who helps Barry during the storm?

1. How would you describe Barry's bravery?

Story Elements

Characters

List three characters from the story.

1.

2.

3.

Setting

Where does the story take place?

Problem

What major problem do the characters face?

Solution

How do the characters try to solve the problem?

Chapters 7–9

Reading Comprehension

1. What happens to Barry during the flood?

1. What makes the situation dangerous?

1. What lesson does Barry learn?

1. What would you do in Barry's situation?

1. Write one question you would ask Barry.

Creative Writing Activity

Journal Entry

Pretend you are Barry.

Write a journal entry describing what you experienced during Hurricane Katrina.

Nonfiction Connection

Hurricane Facts

1. A hurricane is a ____.
2. Hurricanes bring strong ____.
3. People prepare for hurricanes by ____.
4. One important safety rule during a storm is ____.

Compare and Contrast

Compare Yourself to Barry

How are you and Barry alike?

How are you and Barry different?

Final Book Review

Rate the Book

Color the number of stars you would give this book.



Opinion Writing

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Final Quiz

Multiple Choice

1. Where does the story take place?

A. New York B. New Orleans C. Miami D. Chicago

1. What natural disaster happens in the story?

A. Tornado B. Earthquake C. Hurricane D. Wildfire

1. What is one character trait Barry shows?

A. Laziness B. Bravery C. Dishonesty D. Meanness

1. What causes flooding in the story?

A. Snow B. Volcanoes C. Heavy storm water D. Drought

1. What is the main idea of the book?

A. Family vacations are fun. B. Storms are never dangerous. C. Courage and survival during a disaster. D. Animals belong in zoos.