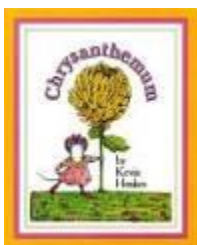


Summer Reading for rising First Graders 2022

Welcome to First Grade and Happy Summer! We are praying for all of you and hoping that you have a blessed, restful, fun summer full of many adventures! In addition to family fun we would like to encourage you to keep up the reading! Summer reading is critical, not only for **helping kids maintain learning while school is out, but also for fostering social-emotional development, discovering the joy of stories, and elevating the importance of lifelong learning.** Therefore we are asking that all students read and or be read to! To help with this goal we have created a suggested reading list below. All of the suggestions are available at the public library (just click on the title). However, please don't stop there! The more books read the better! We are also including a couple of activities you could do if you are looking for an added layer of understanding or discussion. These are not required, just ideas!

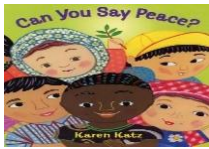


The one book we are requiring all students to read (or be read to) is Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. We will be doing several activities involving this story when we return to school in August as a follow up! Some ideas would be to read this book together, talk about any vocabulary words, discuss how Chrysanthemum felt and how she solved her problem, maybe even do a little role playing involving situations that may come up with friends! This book is a fantastic conversation starter!

Further ideas for extending learning with any summer books:

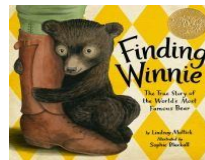
- Draw the main characters
- Draw the setting
- Create a different ending
- Act out the story in a short play
- Compare and contrast two books or characters
- Create a short "book talk" and maybe even record the student talking about the book (remember Reading Rainbow?)

We are not requiring any paper recording of books read! However, I have heard the public library is doing a summer reading program with rewards, including a Fred Nats game! Our prayer is that students will read, read, read and learn to love books as much as we do!



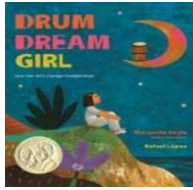
Can You Say Peace?

by Katz, Karen

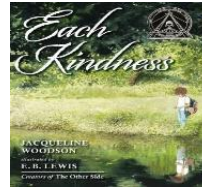


Finding Winnie

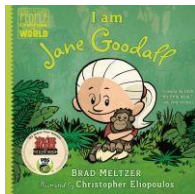
The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear
by Mattick, Lindsay



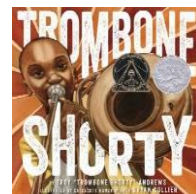
Drum Dream Girl
How One Girl's Courage
Changed Music
by Engle, Margarita



Each Kindness by
Woodson, Jacqueline



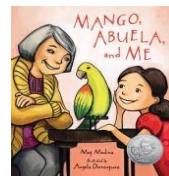
I Am Jane Goodall
by Meltzer, Brad



Trombone Shorty
by Andrews, Troy



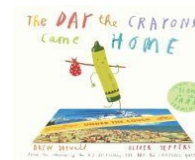
The Most Magnificent
Thing by Spires, Ashley



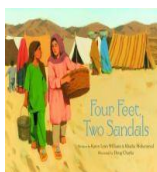
Mango, Abuela, and Me
by Medina, Meg



Peace Is An Offering by
LeBox, Annette



The Day the Crayons
Came Home
by Daywalt, Drew

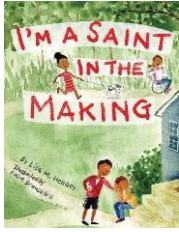


Four Feet, Two Sandals
by Williams, Karen Lynn



One Plastic Bag
Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling
Women of the Gambia
by Paul, Miranda

Our Amazing 2nd Grade Summer Reading List 2022



The book all rising 2nd grade students are required to read this summer is I'm a Saint in the Making by Lisa M. Hendey. We feel that it is a great story that our students will enjoy. This book is especially timely as 2nd grade is such an important year with our Catholic students receiving the sacraments of reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We hope that I'm a Saint in the Making is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to your summer reading. Below are a list of books and series that we think students will really enjoy and will grow their love of reading and learning through the summer. Students are asked to read at least two books from those listed below. Students are not required to keep a reading log.

Free Reads:

A to Z Mystery Series Ron Roy

Amelia Bedelia series by Peggy Parish

Basil of Baker Street (The Great Mouse Detective) by Eve Titus

Don't Throw It to Mo by David Adler

Friends for Freedom: The Story of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglas by Suzanne Slade

Frog and Toad series by Arnold Lobel

Ivy and Bean series by Annie Barrows

Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Osbourne

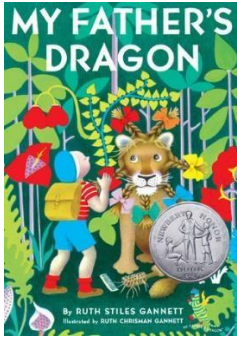
Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille by Jen Bryant

Why am I Here? A Story about Becoming the Best Version of Yourself by Matthew Kelly

Zac and Zoe Mystery Series by Mike Lupica

3rd Grade Summer Reading –

Let's Go!



Welcome to 3rd grade! This summer, all 3rd grade students will read My Father's Dragon by Ruth Stiles. We hope that students enjoy this exciting story that is a Newberry Award Winner. We'll start our 3rd grade adventure discussing this book and creating a project based on the story.

Students will also read at least two books from the list of great titles below. We hope these books ignite a continued love of reading in our students. Students are not required to complete a reading log this summer.

Any book in the "Big Nate" series by Lincoln Pierce

The BFG by Roald Dahl

The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

Any book in the "I Survived" series by Lauren Tarshis

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis

Last in a Long Line of Rebels by Lisa Lewis Tyre

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

My Name is Maria Isabel by Alma Flor Ada

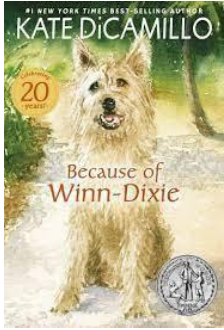
Nim's Island by Wendy Orr

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate

Stuart Little by E. B. White

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

The Fantastically Fabulous 4th Grade Summer Reading List



Prior to the start of the new school year, 4th graders will read Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. The image on the left shows one available cover of the book. This classic has been reprinted many times and another version is just fine. We look forward to diving into our literature unit discussing and completing assignments on this great book.

We hope all our students enjoy it 😊.

Students are then asked to read at least two additional books from the list below:

Dash (Dogs of World War II) by Kirby Larson

Dear America: The Winter of Red Snow by Kristiana Gregory

Finder, Coal Mine Dog by Alison Hart

Firefly Hollow by Allsion McGhee

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

Last in a Long Line of Rebels by Lisa Lewis Tyre

The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis

Matilda by Roald Dahl

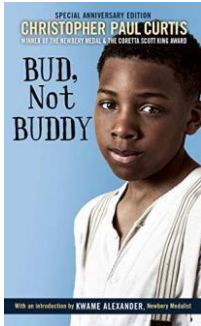
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Night of the Twisters by Ivy Ruckman

Some Kind of Courage by Dan Gemeinhart

Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Fifth Grade Summer Reading



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We hope that all our rising 5th grade students enjoy reading Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis this summer. All students will need a copy of this book to bring to school for the first two weeks of school. This will allow us to kick off our literature unit with an in-depth study of this novel.

Students will also enjoy reading at least two books from the selections below. Students are not required to complete a reading log – just enjoy the books.

Animals of God by Susan Peek

The Borrowers by Mary Norton

George Washington's Socks by Elvira Woodruff

Heroes of America: Illustrated Lives (Great Series of Biographies with lots of historical figures to choose from)

Holes by Louis Sachar

The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart

My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States by Lee Bennett Hopkins

From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg

Old Yeller by Fred Gipson

The Secret Garden by Francis Burnett

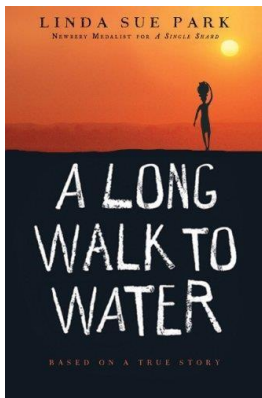
The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

Summer Reading

6th Grade 2022-2023

Welcome to middle school 6th graders! The middle school team cannot wait to get to know you as we start your journey through middle school. Below are instructions on summer reading as you prepare for 6th grade.



Step 1: Read Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park. Arrive on the first day of school prepared to discuss and complete assignments on this novel.

Step 2: With your parents, select at least two books from the reading list for your grade. During the first few days of school, you will work in class on a project for one of the books you have chosen. Nothing needs to be written during the summer and no reading log needs to be completed. Just come to school having read the novel

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6th Grade Optional Books:

7 Riddles to Nowhere by A.J. Cattapan

As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds

The Beatryce Prophecy by Kate DiCamillo

Circus Mirandus by Cassie Beasley

The Dragon's Tooth (Ashtown Burials #1) by N. D. Wilson

Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

Kepers of the Lost Cities by Sharon Messenger

Liar and Spy by Rebecca Stead

Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Mayday by Karen Harrington

Rain Reign by Ann Martin

Redwall Series by Brian Jacques

The Secret Lake: A Children's Mystery Adventure by Karen Inglis

This Side of Wild: Mutts, Mares, and Laughing Dinosaurs by Gary Paulson

Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly

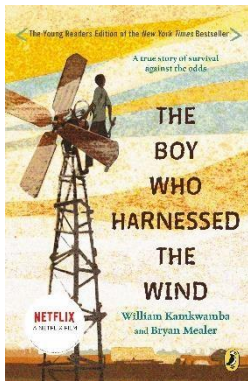
The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle by Hugh Lofting

Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Summer Reading 7th Grade

2022-2023

Below are direction for successfully completing your summer reading assignment and being ready for success at the start of the school year.



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Step 1: The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba. Arrive on the first day of school prepared to discuss and complete assignments on this novel.

Step 2: With your parents, select at least two books from the reading list for your grade. During the first few days of school, you will work in class on a project for one of the books you have chosen. Nothing needs to be written during the summer and no reading log needs to be completed. Just come to school having read the novel

7th Grade Optional Summer Reading Books:

100 Cupboards by N. D. Wilson

Amos Fortune Free Man by Elizabeth Yates

Blood on the River: Jamestown 1607 by Elisa Carbone

Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Spear

Capture the Flag by Kate Messner

City Spies by James Ponti

The Elk King: Tales from Animalia Book One by Jen Dischner

Dragonfriend by Marc Secchia

The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave Hope Girl by

Wenday Dunham Hour of the Bees by Lindsay Eagar

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Martin

Ganda Left Out by Tim Green

Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune by Pamela

Watertown Turner

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

Wake Up Missing by Kate Messner Whalesong by Robert Siegel

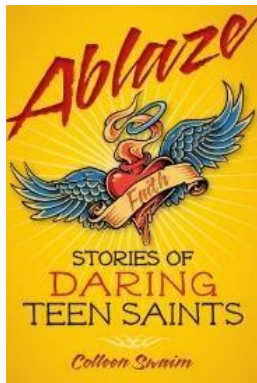
Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron by Mary Losure

A Year in the Life of a Complete and Total Genius by Stacey Matson

Summer Reading 8th Grade

2022-2023

We look forward to welcoming our “seniors” back for their capstone year at Holy Cross Academy. Below are direction for successfully completing your summer reading assignment and being ready for success at the start of the school year.



Step 1: Read [Ablaze: Stories of Daring Teen Saints](#) by Colleen Swaim. Arrive on the first day of school prepared to discuss and complete assignments on this novel.

Step 2: With your parents, select at least two books from the reading list for your grade. During the first few days of school, you will work in class on a project for one of the books you have chosen. Nothing needs to be written during the summer and no reading log needs to be completed. Just come to school having read the novel

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8th Grade Optional Summer Reading Books:

[20,000 Leagues Under the Sea](#) by Jules Verne

[The Book Thief](#) by Markus Zusak

[The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible](#) by Leon

Leyson

[Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam](#) by Cynthia Kadohata

[Ender's Game](#) by Orson Scott Card

[The Gate](#) by Nancy Carabio Belanger

[I Will Always Write Back](#) by Martin Ganda

[Listen Slowly](#) by Thanha Lai

[A Mango-Shaped Space](#) by Wendy Mass

[October Sky](#) by Homer Hicham

[Orbiting Jupiter](#) by Gary Schmidt

Perfect Blindside by Leslea Wahl

Project 1065: A Novel of World War II by Alan Gratz

The Red Scarf Girl, A Memoir of Cultural Revolution by Ji-li Jiang

Story of A Soul: The Autobiography of St Therese of Liseux by Therese
Lisieux

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

The Woman Who Split the Atom: The Life of Lise Meitner by Marissa Moss